



Alaska State Council on the Arts Regulatory Reform Plan

Section 1: Baseline Number is 112 of 355 regulations, or 31.54%

- The established baseline consists only of discretionary regulatory requirements as defined under AO360.
- Mandatory requirements (those required by statute, federal law, or court order) are excluded.
- The baseline does not include any potential reductions to guidance materials or documents currently.
- The baseline exceeds 25% to allow for a contingency due to error or omission in the revision work ahead.

Scope of Discretionary Requirements

- Discretionary requirements included in the baseline are drawn from:
 - Alaska Administrative Code regulations.
 - Materials incorporated by reference within those regulations.
- Guidance documents and supporting materials will be reviewed after initial regulation reforms are drafted, to ensure alignment with updated regulations.

Updates Since Baseline Establishment

- ASCA anticipates adding to the baseline count in Q3 FY2026, with stakeholder meetings for public input on the Career Opportunity Grant. Although not in the original baseline count, this grant regulation is outdated.

Section 2: Stakeholder Engagement

Stakeholder meetings were published on ASCA's website on 9/9/2025 and posted on the State of Alaska Online Public Notices on 10/9/2025 and 10/17/2025 and archived on 11/30/2025 and 12/31/2025. There were no oral or written public comments received in any of the stakeholder meetings, by email or hand delivered.

Approve	Stakeholder Meeting Date & Time	Public Comment Period
20AAC 30.405 Review Criteria in Master Artist and Apprentice Grants	11/5/2025 9am	10/9/2025 to 11/10/2025
20AAC 30.040 Review Criteria in Operating Support Grants	11/5/2025 10am	10/9/2025 to 11/10/2025
20AAC 30.470 Review Criteria in Workshop Grants	11/5/2025 11am	10/9/2025 to 11/10/2025
20AAC 30.983 Materials Adopted by Reference	11/12/2025 9am	10/17/2025 to 11/17/2025
20AAC 30.985 Definitions	11/12/2025 10am	10/17/2025 to 11/17/2025
20AAC 30.520 Limitations in Arts in Education Program	11/20/2025 9am	10/17/2025 to 11/25/2025
20AAC 30.522 Review Criteria in Arts in Education Program	11/20/2025 10am	10/17/2025 to 11/25/2025
20AAC 30.827 Review Criteria in Arts Education Incentive Grant	11/20/2025 11am	10/17/2025 to 11/25/2025

Section 3: Proposed Regulatory Reform Plan

The Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA's) timeline to meet AO360 regulatory reform and reduction requirements is in two phases and in coordination with the ASCA Board of Trustees and the Department of Law (DOL). The work to complete public notices, public comment, and adoption steps for approved packages will be ongoing.

1. 15% Regulations to be revised:

February 6, 2026

Finalize inventory of regulations to meet the 15% threshold

March 20, 2026

At the Q4 FY2026 Alaska State Council on the Arts Board of Trustees Meeting, members consider, provide feedback and approve inventory of regulations identified for revision.

April 30, 2026

At the Q4 FY2026 Interim Alaska State Council on the Arts Board of Trustees Meeting, members consider, provide feedback and approve staff recommendations for revision. Baseline will be recalculated at this time, including guidance documents and materials in the total 15%.

May 15, 2026

Submit internal revisions to the Department of Law for review in June, July, August.

September 1- September 30, 2026

Public Comment Period on Proposed Regulation Package. ASCA may notice comment period earlier pending review timeline by Department of Law.

October 9, 2026

At the Q2 FY2027 Interim Alaska State Council on the Arts Board of Trustees Meeting, members consider public comment and feedback, approve Final Regulations Package and inventory of regulations for the next Phase 10% reduction.

October 2026

Final Regulation Packet transmitted to Lt. Governor.

2. 10% Regulations to be revised:

November 2026

At the Alaska State Council on the Arts Board of Trustees FY2027 Annual Meeting, members consider, provide feedback and approve inventory of regulations identified for revision and stakeholder meeting schedule.

December 2026

Stakeholder meetings to invite public comment. ASCA will revise guidance and supporting materials to align with Phase 1 15% revisions.

January 2027

Finalize inventory of regulations to meet the 10% threshold

March 2027

At the Q4 FY2027 Interim Meeting, Alaska State Council on the Arts Board of Trustees Meeting, members consider, provide feedback and approve staff recommendations for revision. Baseline will be recalculated at this time, including guidance documents and materials in the total 10%.

April 2027

Submit internal revisions to the Department of Law for review in May through July.

August 1- August 30, 2027

Public Comment Period on Proposed Regulation Package. ASCA may notice comment period earlier pending review timeline by Department of Law.

September 2027

At the Q2 FY2028 Alaska State Council on the Arts Board of Trustees Meeting, members consider public feedback, approve Final Regulations Package and inventory of regulations for the 10% reduction/revision.

October 2027

Final Regulation Packet transmitted to Lt. Governor.

November 2027

ASCA will revise guidance and supporting materials to align with 10% revised regulations.

Section 4: Approved Deadline Extensions

Currently, ASCA has not requested any extensions to current deadlines.

Section 5: Submission

By signing below, the Commissioner affirms that the Alaska State Council on the Arts proposed regulatory reform plan has been thoroughly reviewed and approved.

The Commissioner's signature verifies that the plan aligns with AO360 requirements, reflects the Division's priorities for regulatory reduction and revision, and authorizes submission to the Department of Law for preliminary review and subsequent consideration by the Alaska State Council Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Deena M. Bishop', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Deena M. Bishop, Ed.D.
Commissioner

cc: Todd D Smoldon, Director, Governor's Office
Catherine Lujan, Special Assistant, Governor's Office
Benjamin Brown, ASCA Chair

Enclosures: AO360 ASCA Regulation Reform Plan Spreadsheet