

**ARTS AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY (AEP6): Final survey collection:** 864 surveys collected (108% of goal), including 230 DEI surveys (103% of goal). 98 organizational surveys approved. (33% increase from AEP5).

**AEP6 rollout:**

**Oct 12:** Virtual launch of AEP6 results

**Oct 24-26:** site visit from Randy Cohen, Americans for the Arts

**Oct 25: AEP6: Tallahassee/Leon County Findings**

Presentation of local AEP6 results by Randy Cohen

**City Commission** 5-min presentation of AEP6 results & proclamation

**AEP6: State of the Arts in Florida**

Presentation of the statewide AEP6 results, with local highlights, by Randy Cohen

**Oct 26:** Meetings with legislators and commissioners

**FEDERAL: NEA, NEH & Funding for Arts Agency FY25 budget recommendations intact**

<https://www.americansforthearts.org/news-room/americans-for-the-arts-news>

**STATE:** COCA attended and gave remarks at the Oct 5 Leon County Delegation meeting

SAVE THE DATE! January 24 is Arts Advocacy Day 2024

**LOCAL:** The City did not allocate additional funds for the FY24 Cultural Grant program in their FY24 budget. In September, as part of its annual program plan update, COCA submitted a request with the County, with the City copied, to use TDT for a portion of its general operating support, then re-grant that portion of general operating revenue through the FY24 Cultural Grant program. This request aligned with the County contract and the Cultural Plan. In late October, the County responded, requesting more information. COCA responded and anticipates further communication by the end of November.

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**OTHER FEDERAL: ARTS + SOCIAL IMPACT EXPLORER** <https://ww2.americansforthearts.org/explorer>

**Ongoing Creative Economy Legislation:**

- **AEAF/Arts Education for All Act (HR 5581)** supports universal arts ed from pre-K through 12th grade.
- **CREATE Act (HR 6381 / S.3521)** aligns policy to serve those that make our creative economy prosper.
- **PLACE Act (HR 6569 / S.3560)** bolsters local creative economies and workers in creative industries.
- **CERA/Creative Economy Revitalization Act (HR 5019 / S. 2858)** grants-creative workers/public projects.
- **PATPA/Performing Artist Tax Parity Act of 2021 (S. 2872)** for arts workers to deduct business expenses.
- **21CFWP/21st Century Federal Writers Project Act (HR 3054)** will authorize a new grant program & create a nationally administered archives for the commissioned writing.
- **STAR/Saving Transit Arts Resources Act (HR 2380)** local transit authorities control art/non-functional landscaping in federally funded transit projects and historical/heritage societies and

