

ARTS ADVOCACY for the FY25 Legislative Session
The Arts & Culture Build Florida: Every District, Every Day

For the State of Florida’s FY25 budget cycle, there are **864 programs and projects** recommended for funding through the Division of Arts & Culture totaling **\$77,343,303**.

This includes arts & culture funding for organizations, individual artists, capital projects and endowments. **Leon County has 33 recommended grants at \$2,141,119 (see attached)**

FY25 legislative session dates: Jan 9- Mar 8, 2024

Join us! Arts Advocacy Day is January 23 & 24, 2024

Tuesday, January 23

Challenger Learning Center

6:00PM - 7:00PM: Networking Reception (hors d’ouvres)

7:00PM - 8:00PM: Remarks and Film Screening in Planetarium ft. BlindCAN FilmProject

Wednesday, January 24

22nd Floor Gallery, The Capitol

10:00AM - 11:00AM: Advocacy Rally (coffee) ft. BlindCANVAS project

Advocate! Send an email, write a letter or call your legislators with this message:

“Fully fund the Department of State, Division of Arts and Culture’s vetted, recommended list of grants”.

Full platform book is [here!](#)

Capital City region legislators

HOUSE: Representative Franklin Gallop | franklin.gallop @myfloridahouse.gov & (850) 717-5009

Représentative Allison Tant | allison.tant@myfloridahouse.gov & (850) 717-5009

SENATE: Senator Corey Simmon | taylor.devonique@flsenate.gov (aide) & (850) 487-5003

When you communicate by phone, email, letter or in-person, **say what’s important in a positive way.**

The Arts & Culture Build Florida: Every District, Every Day

- **Say thank you for past support.**
- **Say what’s important in a positive way.**
Share statistics & stories of the positive impact arts & culture has on you, your family and community.
- **Be consistent** and ask to *“Fully fund the Department of State, Division of Arts and Culture’s vetted, recommended list of grants”.*
- **Share how valuable a fully funded grant is** in helping maintain, deepen, increase that impact.
- **Say thank you again.**

If you have any questions or need help preparing for advocacy, contact the **Council on Culture & Arts (COCA)** at info@tallahasseearts.org and 850-224-250 x2 or the **Florida Cultural Alliance (FCA)** at info@flca.net and 850-296-8079.



VETTED • ACCOUNTABLE • IMPACTFUL

All 864 Arts and Culture Grants are:

- Screened for eligibility by Department of State staff.
- Scored and ranked by peers, subject matter experts & non arts professionals.
- Reviewed by the Council on Arts and Culture after panel rankings.
- Required to Match Funds (from 1:1 to 10:1 depending on budget)
- Required to Report quarterly and annually



9:1 ROI In the recent economic impact study in partnership with Americans for the Arts, \$369 million in local and state taxes were generated as a result of this \$5.8 billion industry. The state’s \$41 million in grants provided during that study period leveraged those tax revenues.

Leon 33 Grants \$2,141,119

Cultural and Museum Grants

621 Gallery, Inc.	\$26,755
Enhanceability	\$18,400
Florida Art Education Association, Incorporated	\$40,000
Florida Association of Museums Foundation, Inc.	\$71,220
Florida School Music Association, Incorporated	\$64,958
Florida State University Museum of Fine Art	\$90,000
Goodwood Museum and Gardens, Inc.	\$90,000
John Gilmore Center for African American History and Culture	\$54,166
Lemoyne Art Foundation, Inc.	\$90,000
Making Light Productions	\$62,750
Opening Nights	\$146,684
Southern Shakespeare Company, Inc.	\$40,000
Tallahassee Little Theatre, Inc.	\$76,100
Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science, Inc.	\$150,000
Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra, Inc.	\$145,115
Tallahassee-Leon County Cultural Resources Commission	\$134,348
The District Board of Trustees of Tallahassee Community College	\$123,000
The Florida Music Education Association, Inc.	\$96,910
The Tallahassee Bach Parley, Inc.	\$31,656
The Tallahassee Ballet, Inc.	\$114,552
The Tallahassee Community Chorus Inc.	\$25,000
The Ringling at FSU	\$150,000
Young Actors Theatre of Tallahassee, Inc.	\$90,000

Culture Builds Florida

Ben Gunter	\$25,000
Florida State Fiddlers Association	\$10,000
Haiqiong Deng	\$20,000
Meredith Lynn	\$21,855
Perdita Ross	\$7,650
Springtime Tallahassee Festival, Inc.	\$25,000
Tallahassee Urban League, Inc.	\$25,000
The Artist Series of Tallahassee, Inc.	\$25,000
The Southeast Review	\$25,000
Theater with a Mission, Inc.	\$25,000

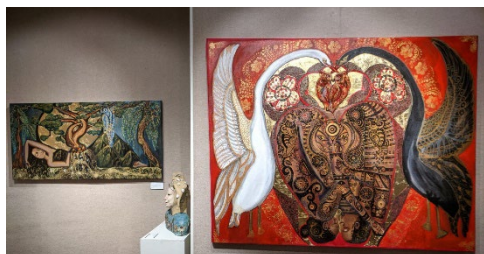
- **To fully fund Leon County's Culture Builds Florida Grants, \$4,251,098 must be appropriated.**

ARTS AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY (AEP6):

Oct 25-26 Tallahassee events with Randy Cohen, Vice President of Research, Americans for the Arts

Photo gallery is live! <https://www.tallahasseearts.org/about-coca/economic-development/>

Interview with WFSU <https://news.wfsu.org/wfsu-local-news/2023-11-14/a-new-study-shows-the-arts-in-tallahassee-has-a-multi-million-dollar-impact>



[A new study shows the arts in Tallahassee has a multi-million dollar impact](https://news.wfsu.org/wfsu-local-news/2023-11-14/a-new-study-shows-the-arts-in-tallahassee-has-a-multi-million-dollar-impact)

The economic impact of culture and the arts in nearly 400 communities as assessed by the advocacy group Americans for the Arts.

news.wfsu.org

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

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

STATE: January 24 is Arts Advocacy Day 2024

THEME: The Arts & Culture Build Florida: Every District, Every Day

SCHEDULE: TUES, JAN 23: 6-8 pm

WED, JAN 24: 10 AM -Rally on the 22nd floor, followed by legislative visits

<https://flca.net/>

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 continues to work with the County and City.

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

