

The ARTS MEANS BUSINESS *in* FLORIDA

FULLY FUND THE 2024-2025 DIVISION OF ARTS & CULTURE GRANTS

Every year, cultural organizations from around the state submit grant requests in four categories to the Florida Division of Arts & Culture. These requests are vetted and scored through a rigorous process, including a live panel review. All grants must be matched dollar-for-dollar by the organization, and twice annual reporting is required. This process happens every year, and every year, funding must be allocated during the legislative session.

This year, the Division has recommended funding **864 grants across the state** at a total investment of **\$77 million** in the 2024/2025 budget. This is a banner year with nearly 100 more grant recommendations than last year (many being first-time requests) and \$10 million more in funding.

Among the total request, there are 66 grants recommended in **Palm Beach County for a total of \$7.6 million—nearly 10% of the full funding request.**

Last year, the grant program was funded at \$43.2 million (full request was \$68 million). We need bi-partisan leadership during the legislative session to help us grow funding levels this year. Funding partnerships are **critical to a nonprofit's sustainability** and the **community's access to the arts.**

The Cultural Council for Palm Beach County and its Cultural Advocacy Alliance recommends full funding of all projects.

In addition to the Arts & Culture Grants, the Cultural Council is committed to promoting Palm Beach County as a cultural tourism destination and growing the industry in Florida.

- Support non-restrictive funding for VISIT FLORIDA to ensure Florida continues to be top of mind as a leading vacation and meeting destination.
- Oppose adding any additional uses for Tourist Development Tax (TDT) revenues. Any new uses will diminish the effectiveness of these dollars, which were established for the promotion and marketing of tourism.

RECOMMENDED ARTS & CULTURE GRANTS BY PBC DISTRICT

FLORIDA SENATE

Sen. Bobby Powell* (District 24)

Aequalis, Inc. (The Core Ensemble)	\$40,000
Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens	\$110,050
Ballet Palm Beach	\$50,000
Benzaiten Center for Creative Arts	\$90,000
Center for Creative Education	\$150,000
City of Lake Worth Beach	\$25,000
City of Riviera Beach	\$150,000
Cox Science Center and Aquarium	\$150,000
Cultural Council for Palm Beach County	\$150,000
Digital Vibez	\$35,000
District Board of Trustees of Palm Beach State College	\$150,000
Ericka Squire (individual artist)	\$25,000
Flamingo Clay Studio/ Clay Glass Metal Stone Gallery	\$25,000
For the Children	\$25,000
Friends of Mounts Botanical Garden	\$149,837
Historical Society of Palm Beach County	\$121,850
Lake Worth Cultural Renaissance Foundation	\$12,000
Memory Trees	\$25,000
Natural Movers Foundation	\$25,000
Norton Museum of Art	\$150,000 / \$240,000
Palm Beach Dramaworks	\$150,000
Palm Beach Opera	\$150,000
Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts	\$150,000
Resource Depot	\$25,000
School of the Arts Foundation	\$149,532
St Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church	\$15,000
Sunfest of Palm Beach County	\$150,000
The Armory Art Center	\$150,000
The Chamber Music Society of Palm Beach	\$90,000
The Henry Morrison Flagler Museum	\$150,000
The Lake Worth Playhouse	\$128,434
The Palm Beach Symphony Society	\$150,000
The Zoological Society of the Palm Beaches	\$150,000
Veterans Memorial & Multicultural Histories	\$25,000
Young Singers of the Palm Beaches	\$90,000
Total	\$3,621,703 36 grants

*Full Appropriations

Sen. Lori Berman (District 26)

Boca Ballet Theatre Company	\$125,000
Boca Raton Philharmonic Symphonia	\$90,000
Boynton Cultural Centre	\$75,750
Centre for the Arts at Mizner Park	\$25,000
City of Boynton Beach	\$25,000
Creative City Collaborative of Delray Beach	\$150,000
Florida Atlantic University	\$62,000
Lynn Conservatory of Music	\$150,000
Philip Butera (individual artist)	\$25,000
Society for Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing America	\$20,200
Spady Cultural Heritage Museum	\$57,966
The Morikami	\$150,000
Village of Wellington	\$150,000

Total \$1,110,666
13 grants

Sen. Tina Polsky* (District 30)

Adolph & Rose Levis Jewish Community Center	\$129,500 / \$500,000
Boca Raton Historical Society	\$90,000 / \$240,000
Boca Raton Museum of Art	\$150,000
Ron Garrett (individual artist)	\$25,000

Total \$1,134,500
6 grants

*Full Appropriations

Sen. Gayle Harrell* (District 31)

Busch Wildlife Sanctuary	\$150,000 / \$137,297
Maltz Jupiter Theatre	\$150,000 / \$500,000
Lighthouse ArtCenter	\$150,000
Loggerhead Marinelife Center	\$150,000
Loxahatchee River Historical Society	\$150,000
Palm Beach Shakespeare Festival	\$20,000
The Masterworks Chorus of the Palm Beaches	\$13,530
Village of Royal Palm Beach	\$150,000 / \$200,000

Total \$1,770,827
11 grants

*Full Appropriations

RECOMMENDED ARTS & CULTURE GRANTS BY PBC DISTRICT

FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Rep. John Snyder (District 86)

Busch Wildlife Sanctuary	\$150,000 / \$137,297
Lighthouse ArtCenter	\$150,000
Loxahatchee River Historical Society	\$150,000
Maltz Jupiter Theatre	\$150,000 / \$500,000
Palm Beach Shakespeare Festival	\$20,000

Total \$1,257,297
7 grants

Rep. Mike Caruso (District 87)

Aequalis, Inc. (The Core Ensemble)	\$40,000
Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens	\$110,050
Ballet Palm Beach	\$50,000
Cultural Council for Palm Beach County	\$150,000
Digital Vibez	\$35,000
Flamingo Clay Studio/ Clay Glass Metal Stone Gallery	\$25,000
Historical Society of Palm Beach County	\$121,850
Loggerhead Marinelife Center	\$150,000
Norton Museum of Art	\$150,000 / \$240,000
Palm Beach Dramaworks	\$150,000
Palm Beach Opera	\$150,000
Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts	\$150,000
Resource Depot	\$25,000
School of the Arts Foundation	\$149,532
St Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church	\$15,000
Sunfest of Palm Beach County	\$150,000
The Armory Art Center	\$150,000
The Chamber Music Society of Palm Beach	\$90,000
The Henry Morrison Flagler Museum	\$150,000
The Lake Worth Playhouse	\$128,434
The Palm Beach Symphony Society	\$150,000
Veterans Memorial & Multicultural Histories, Inc.	\$25,000
Young Singers of the Palm Beaches	\$90,000

Total \$2,644,866
24 grants

Rep. Jervonte "Tae" Edmonds (District 88)

Center for Creative Education	\$150,000
City of Riviera Beach	\$150,000
Ericka Squire (individual artist)	\$25,000
Friends of Mounts Botanical Garden	\$149,837
Natural Movers Foundation	\$25,000

Total \$499,837
5 grants

Rep. David Silvers* (District 89)

Benzaiten Center for Creative Arts	\$90,000
City of Lake Worth Beach	\$25,000
Cox Science Center and Aquarium	\$150,000
District Board of Trustees of Palm Beach State College	\$150,000
For the Children	\$25,000
Lake Worth Cultural Renaissance Foundation	\$12,000
The Zoological Society of the Palm Beaches	\$150,000

Total \$602,000
7 grants

**Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations*

Subcommittee (Democratic Ranking Member)

**Full Appropriations*

Rep. Joe Casello (District 90)

Boynton Cultural Centre	\$80,500
City of Boynton Beach	\$25,000
Creative City Collaborative of Delray Beach	\$150,000
Spady Cultural Heritage Museum	\$57,966

Total \$313,466
4 grants

RECOMMENDED ARTS & CULTURE GRANTS BY PBC DISTRICT

FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Rep. Peggy Gossett-Seidman (District 91)

Adolph & Rose Levis Jewish Community Center	\$129,500 / \$500,000
Boca Ballet Theatre Company	\$125,000
Boca Raton Historical Society	\$90,000 / \$240,000
Boca Raton Museum of Art	\$150,000
Boca Raton Philharmonic Symphonia	\$90,000
Centre for the Arts at Mizner Park	\$25,000
Florida Atlantic University	\$62,000
Lynn Conservatory of Music	\$150,000
Ron Garrett (individual artist)	\$25,000
Total	\$1,586,500 11 grants

Rep. Kelly Skidmore* (District 92)

Philip Butera (individual artist)	\$25,000
The Morikami	\$150,000
Total	\$175,000 2 grants

*Full Appropriations

Rep. Katherine Waldron (District 93)

Memory Trees	\$25,000
Society for Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing America	\$20,200
Village of Wellington	\$150,000
Total	\$195,200 3 grants

Rep. Rick Roth (District 94)

The Masterworks Chorus of the Palm Beaches	\$13,530
Village of Royal Palm Beach	\$150,000 / \$200,000
Total	\$363,530 3 grants

TOTAL RECOMMENDATION IN PALM BEACH COUNTY:
\$7,637,696
66 GRANTS

The Cultural Council for Palm Beach County is the only organization solely dedicated to supporting arts and culture in The Palm Beaches, Florida's Cultural Capital®. In its sustaining effort to foster growth of the cultural sector, the Council provides support services to cultural organizations and creative professionals, administers over \$7 million annually in public and private grant programs, advocates for cultural funding, enhances local arts education, and promotes cultural tourism.

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