

## VOICE YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE FLORIDA DIVISION OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

The Florida State Division of Cultural Affairs provides much needed grants to Miami-Dade County's arts organizations. The impact of these funds is enormous – Miami-Dade has the largest number of grants recommended through the State's competitive review process (137 grants) and if grants were funded fully at their recommended levels, Miami-Dade groups would receive about 20% of the entire State arts budget (\$10.2 million).

### CURRENT HOUSE AND SENATE POSITIONS ON THE ARTS BUDGET -COMPARISON CHART

Budget Line Item	Competitive Grant Program	Recommended by the Department of State Division of Cultural Affairs	House Budget	Senate Budget
3139	Culture and Museum Grants (for annual support)	\$35,519,347	\$11,391,124	\$18,190,046
3138A	Culture Builds Florida (for specific projects)	\$2,320,109	\$2,230,109	\$2,320,109
3144A	Cultural Facilities (for capital projects)	\$11,591,554	\$11,591,554	\$7,211,940
	Cultural Endowment (for State matches)	\$3,120,000	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$55,551,010</b>	<b>\$25,039,787</b>	<b>\$27,722,095</b>

Once budget conference meetings begin, contact your Florida representatives and senators.

**1. Ask your Legislators to support the Florida Senate's current recommendation \$18,190,046 for Cultural and Museum matching grants (3139 budget line item) -- 105 are based in Miami-Dade County.**

The Senate's recommendation of \$18,190,046 would fund the 480 recommended grants under Cultural and Museum Grants at 51% of what these 480 recommended grantees qualify for under this program; the House recommends only 31% of the qualified grant amounts at \$11,128,124. To honor all 480 qualified grant amounts recommended under Cultural and Museum Grants, \$35,519,347 must be appropriated for budget line item 3139.

**2. Thank the House for its recommendation to fully fund all 36 Cultural Facilities Grants (budget line item 3144A) at \$11,591,554; encourage the Senate to accept the House's recommendation to provide full funding for all 36 recommended Cultural Facilities Grants.**

The Senate recommends \$7,211,940 for this category, which funds the first 22 on the ranked list of 36 Cultural Facilities' Grants. Miami-Dade has 7 recommended grants on this ranked list. All 7 would receive funding under the House's recommendation and 4 would receive funding under the Senate's current appropriation recommendation.

**3. Thank both the Senate and House for their appropriation recommendation of \$2,320,109 for Culture Builds Florida matching grants (3138A).**

This appropriation will fund all 110 on ranked list under this category at the qualified grant amounts for all 110. Miami-Dade County has 24 grants under this category.



Contact your legislators, especially Chairman of House Appropriations Chairman [Carlos Trujillo](#), House Speaker pro tempore [Jeanette Nunez](#), and Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation Chairman [Jose Felix Diaz](#). Miami-Dade legislators need to hear from you now and throughout the legislative process.

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