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ALLIANCE

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**Suggested Points & Asks to
Edit, Personalize, and Use in Your
Communications with Your Legislators**

When? Start April 8, 2019, and continue until FCA changes the dates of action requests, messages, and points for your use.

Why? We want to RESTORE to the highest 2019-20 state-appropriation investments possible what is finalized to fund the qualified, recommended well-vetted, recommended DOS DCA matching grants.

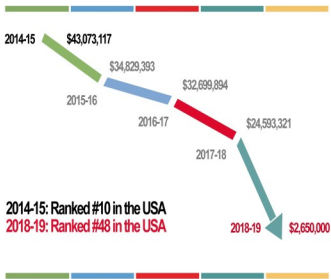
[Refer to this document](#) for details and revised requests.

APPRECIATE

Appreciate what legislators currently recommend in their respective Senate and House proposed FY 2019-20 state budgets **(columns D and E)** to partially fund some of the Florida Department of State (DOS) Division of Cultural Affairs (DCA) well-vetted, recommended 2019-2020 matching-grants.

**ASK for Their
Leadership to
Speak to Their
LEADERSHIP
RESTORE**

Ask for their leadership to help RESTORE DOS DCA appropriations to at least the **REVISED ASKS (column F)** the field requests of them NOW and THROUGHOUT their BUDGET CONFERENCE meetings AND up until the very end of this year's legislative session — **REFERENCE the budget line item numbers in your communications to legislators and ask them to speak to their respective chamber leaders about these DCA funding issues — they matter to constituents.**



Ask to restore Florida's U.S. ranking to a higher, respectable level: Florida has gone from a U.S. ranking of #10 in FY 2014-2015 when Florida invested \$43 million to fully fund all the recommended DOS DCA matching grants. It now ranks #48 in its annual appropriation investments to support the hundreds of well-vetted, accountable, and recommended matching grants administered by the Florida Department of State Division of Cultural Affairs.

**RETURN ON
STATE DOS DCA
INVESTMENTS**

\$9 to \$1 return annually to local and state government treasuries by Florida's \$4.7 billion nonprofit arts and culture industry.

Use [your county infographics](#) for annual return numbers.

**SHARE IMPACT &
WHY IMPORTANT**

Briefly share the IMPACT the DCA matching-grant cuts have on your organization and community and **WHY** these matching DOS DCA grants matter to you and your community; e.g., they help leverage the required and necessary local matching dollars needed to sustain jobs and create greater access.

Use [your county infographics](#) and some of [these facts](#) as you want.

**CONTACT
INFORMATION
ON YOUR
LEGISLATORS**

Below are links to easy access to contact information on

- [Your state senator and representative;](#)
- your senators and representatives who represent **YOUR COUNTY** — download Excel and locate your county worksheet — all your state legislators' and their staff contact information is there;
- [legislative leadership, Senate TED and House TAT members;](#) and [access to ALL here.](#)