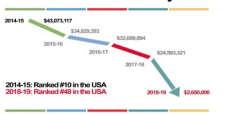


Start on 3-26-2019: ASK your [legislators](#) to please SPEAK to their respective chamber leaders, appropriation chairs, and Senate TED and TAT chairs NOW to let them know we

1. APPRECIATE the steps the Senate and House have taken -- as of 3-22-2019 -- to restore partial funding for some of the 664 Florida Department of State (DOS) Division of Cultural Affairs' (DCA) well-vetted, recommended 2019-20 matching grants. All 664 DOS DCA matching-grant applicants went through a rigorous application and review process to be recommended for funding. Share your impact story/stories of how the DCA cuts have impacted your organization and/or county. [Refer to county infographics](#).
2. ASK them to PLEASE NOT REDUCE — during all their respective budget-amendment and conference and final processes — the appropriations they currently recommend in their proposed budgets (see table below) that would partially fund some of the DOS DCA 2019-20 664 well-vetted, recommended matching grants. This is what happened last year when legislators took money from the DOS DCA matching-grant-appropriation categories to fund legislative and other projects/programs in the state budget, leaving very little for Cultural and Museum matching grants and zero for the other three DCA-grant-funding categories.
3. ASK them to please RESTORE and fund under the Florida Department of State (DOS) Division of Cultural Affairs (DCA) the REVISED appropriation-investment REQUESTS RECOMMENDED under Column F below— reference the budget #s in your emails:

A. DOS DCA Matching-Grant Funding Categories — click name below to access 2019-20 ranked list for that specific-funding category:	B. State-Appropriation Investments Made in FY 2018-2019 to Fund DOS DCA Matching Grants:	C. State-Appropriation Investments NEEDED TO FULLY FUND 664 DOS DCA Well-Vetted, Recommended matching grants:	D. HOUSE BUDGET as of 3-22-2019 RECOMMENDS — not final numbers:	E. SENATE BUDGET as of 3-22-2019 RECOMMENDS — not final numbers:	F. Suggested REVISED & RESTORE APPROPRIATION REQUESTS Below as of 3-25-2019:
1. Cultural and Museum Matching Grants Budget line item #3201	\$2,650,000	\$42,101,119 needed to fully fund 478 well-vetted & recommended matching grants	\$7,376,221 would fund about 17.5% of each of the 478 well-vetted & recommended matching grant amounts	\$12,300,000 would fund about 29% of each of the 478 well-vetted & recommended matching grant amounts	\$27,593,312 revised request would fund approximately 65.5% for each qualified grant; in FY 2014-15, appropriated at \$24,166,047
2. Culture Builds Florida Matching Grants Budget line item #3200A	0	\$2,980,028 needed to fully fund 132 well-vetted & recommended matching grants	\$2,980,028	\$2,980,000	\$2,980,028 please maintain this amount now in both the Senate and House proposed budgets
3. Cultural Facilities Matching Grants Budget line item #3207A	0	\$12,499,777 needed to fully fund 37 well-vetted & recommended matching grants	\$0 for ranked 2019-20 DOS DCA list — recommend \$1,903,804 to fund four legislative projects	\$5,970,000 would fund first 18 on ranked list and partially fund #19	\$12,499,777 please accept Senate's proposal and add \$6,529,777 so all 37 on DCA ranked Cultural Facilities List are funded.
4. SUBTOTALS: Please RESTORE & INVEST. Elevate Florida to a higher & respectable national ranking.	\$2,650,000 Florida's national ranking went from 10 to 48 in five years: 	\$61,660,924 needed to fully fund 664 well-vetted & recommended matching grants throughout FL would rank FL 6 in U.S.	\$10,356,249 16.7% of C.4. would rank FL 35 in U.S.	\$21,250,000 34.4% of C.4. would rank FL 20 in U.S.	\$43,073,117 Rows 1+2+3 (if #3 is fully funded) 69.8% of C.4 would rank FL 8 in U.S. FY 2014-15 appropriations were \$43,073,117 that fully funded all DCA grants that year.

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