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.
## 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 $150,000
- 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

### 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

### 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

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## RECOMMENDED ARTS & CULTURE GRANTS BY PBC DISTRICT

### 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
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- **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

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### 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

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### FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

#### Rep. Peggy Gossett-Seidman (District 91)

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**Total** $1,586,500  
11 grants

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**Total** $195,200  
3 grants

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**Total** $363,530  
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**Rep. Kelly Skidmore* (District 92)**

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**Total** $175,000  
2 grants

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### TOTAL RECOMMENDATION IN PALM BEACH COUNTY:

**$7,637,696**  
66 GRANTS

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