



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
DIVISION OF ARTS & CULTURE

2020 - 2021  
ANNUAL  
REPORT



What. A. Year.

Everything changes, doesn't it?

That's why we've used a photo of water on the cover of this annual report for 2020-2021... because while the power of water can tear down mountains, it also creates reflection, fertile fields and deltas. It is a life source. Looking back on the past year of metaphorical floods and droughts, we must reflect on how Florida's arts and culture community has necessarily, perhaps even fundamentally, changed.

We adapted in creative, effective, and beautiful ways. Rather than waiting for audiences to return, Florida's arts and culture community created new channels to fulfill their missions by reaching audiences through inspiring and innovative methods. They went online. They went to the streets. They went to the riverfronts. They revamped, redefined and reinvented. Some, unfortunately, closed their doors for good.

Here at the Division, we also adapted, our small but mighty staff scattering as many of us performed our jobs from home. But like the artists and organizations we serve, we weren't truly separated. We came together through new methods and achieved more than we might have thought possible in such challenging times.

I can't think of the Division of Arts and Culture as simply the administrator of always much-needed funding, though grantmaking is definitely our main function. It's the primary tool through which we work to achieve the mission to advance, support, and promote arts and culture to strengthen the economy and quality of life for all Floridians. In 2020-2021, the Division didn't just continue to administer grants, we expanded them. Thanks to additional funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, 314 Florida CARES grants provided vital short-term funding from Pensacola to Key West, helping organizations to keep their doors open while they shifted, adapted, or even just waited it out. Our staff at their homes and in the office managed 841 grants. At the same time, we closed out 645 grants from 2019-2020 and processed 860 applications for 2021-2022. This means that during the fiscal year, Division of Arts and Culture staff worked on a total of 2,346 grants.

I sincerely thank our small staff. Wow: 2,346 grants, basically at once.

Of course, we performed a multitude of other functions, including partnering with other organizations to conduct surveys to quantify the closures and postponements; producing webinars to introduce new methods of engagement and thinking; becoming the home of the Department of State's new Office of International Affairs; and celebrating sculptor Nilda Comas' work as she created the statue of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, soon to take its place in National Statuary Hall, to name a few. Under the leadership of Governor Ron DeSantis, Secretary of State Laurel M. Lee and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture, we have risen to the challenges of the year and surpassed them.

I am proud of the achievements of the Division of Arts & Culture in this year of adversity and innovation, just as I am honored that we have been able to play a part in the remarkable and inspiring achievements of Florida's arts and culture community. Like water, arts and culture and the people who make it are a force of nature. Together, we can create the ground that feeds us all. Together, like water, arts and culture are an unstoppable reflection on the currents of our times.

Yours with sincere thanks and admiration,



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**17,973,012**

**In-Person  
Attendance  
at Division  
Supported  
Events**

**841 Division of Arts & Culture Grants Awarded**

**16,121,741**

**Virtual  
Attendance**

**15 NEA Partner Project Grants Awarded**

**5,074,757**

**In-Person  
Attendance by  
Children**

**314 Florida CARES Grants Awarded**

**\$18,034,246**

**Total Grant  
Awards**

**187 Volunteer Panelists**

**\$162,308,214**

**Approximate  
Return on  
Investment\***

**30 Grant Panel Meetings**

**11,277**

**Jobs Sustained**

**Approximately 4,839 Volunteer Hours Donated by Panelists**

**2,868**

**Jobs Created**



# GRANT AWARDS BY COUNTY

funded by the Florida Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts

Alachua	\$433,473	Highlands	\$39,738	Okaloosa	\$54,799
Bay	\$63,981	Hillsborough	\$910,214	Orange	\$1,979,765
Brevard	\$340,173	Indian River	\$156,597	Osceola	\$35,879
Broward	\$1,486,349	Jefferson	\$44,981	Palm Beach	\$1,628,535
Charlotte	\$6,112	Lake	\$69,615	Pinellas	\$1,897,611
Clay	\$11,958	Lee	\$320,966	Polk	\$284,251
Collier	\$420,809	Leon	\$760,160	Sarasota	\$880,338
Duval	\$586,214	Manatee	\$140,732	Seminole	\$86,897
Escambia	\$239,874	Marion	\$137,438	St.Johns	\$243,676
Flagler	\$31,885	Martin	\$70,181	St.Lucie	\$105,238
Franklin	\$52,265	Miami-Dade	\$3,702,115	Sumter	\$1,000
Gadsden	\$33,015	Monroe	\$290,286	Volusia	\$364,165
Hernando	\$2,500	Nassau	\$48,008	Walton	\$72,453

For more information, including a list of each grant and its recipient, visit <https://dos.myflorida.com/cultural/grants/grant-resources/grant-awards-recommendations/>.

For more information on Division of Arts & Culture grants and programs, visit <https://dos.myflorida.com/cultural>.



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