



20-21 Budget Released

Dear Arts and Cultural Leaders,

Today Governor DeSantis officially signed the budget for Florida's Fiscal Year 20-21.

His determination on the Legislature's four recommended line items that we were advocating for are (in order of appearance in the budget):

line item 0114 ACE Grant (in DOE): \$110,952 - Vetoed

line item 3179A Culture Builds Florida Grants: \$2,881,168 - Vetoed

line item 3180 Cultural and Museum Grants appropriation: \$13,600,000 - Approved

line item 3186 Cultural Facilities: \$3,778,871 - Vetoed

Link to 20-21 Veto list <https://www.flgov.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/2020-Veto-List.pdf>

Obviously, this is not good news for everyone and we know this will be devastating to many. It will be important to assess the impact of these budget decisions as we strategize for a new season of advocacy.

You should know that during the time between the end of session in mid-March and today, our lobbying firm, Capital City Consulting, and the Secretary of State, Laurel Lee, kept in communication with the Governor and his staff to be certain that they were aware of the importance of these funds to organizational survival and jobs of Floridians.

Your advocacy work during session was essential in achieving the funds that were approved. Thank you all. And please be sure to thank your House and Senate members, the Secretary of State and the Governor for the programs that were approved.

Please know that we are continuing to search and share resources, convene gatherings, and listen to you as we not only craft strategy for the upcoming election and legislative seasons, but also navigate the new health, social and economic climate with Florida's most creative, inspired and resilient innovators, you.

Jennifer Jones

