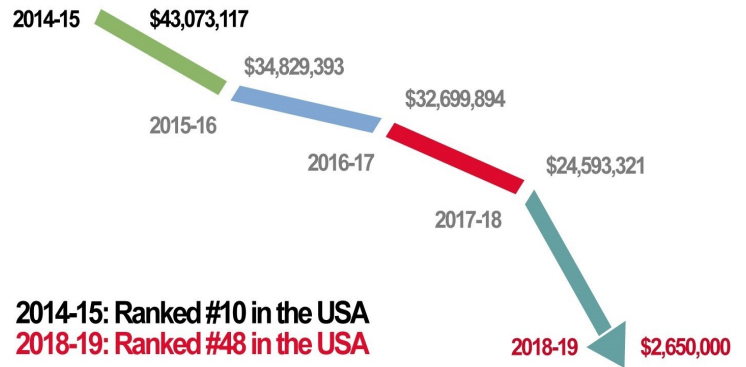


“Support for the production, distribution, and infrastructure of the arts is critical to success in tourism, attracting business interests, economic development, and quality of life issues.”

National Conference of State Legislatures

1 State investments in the Florida Department of State Division of Cultural Affairs (DCA) matching grants have gone from full funding in 2014-2015 to a 94% cut in 2018-2019.



2 Sustainability & Accessibility Are Dependent On Funding Partnerships

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- Admissions / Fees / Dues
- Foundation Support
- Corporate Support
- Individual Contributions
- Government Grants

Decline in DCA matching grants based in HIGHLANDS County:

| Florida Fiscal Year: | # of DCA matching-grants recommended: | Total qualified for in DCA-matching grants: | # of DCA matching-grants funded: | Funded by Florida Legislature: | % that the State Funded: |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>2014-2015</u> | 1 | \$ 17,066 | 1 | \$ 17,066 | 100% |
| <u>2015-2016</u> | 3 | \$ 56,816 | 3 | \$ 47,652 | 84% |
| <u>2016-2017</u> | 5 | \$ 195,000 | 5 | \$ 187,033 | 96% |
| <u>2017-2018</u> | 7 | \$ 173,915 | 7 | \$ 127,219 | 73% |
| <u>2018-2019</u> | 6 | \$ 205,100 | 1 | \$ 5,775 | 3% |
| Subtotals: | 22 | \$ 647,897 | 17 | \$ 384,745 | 59% |

4 148 Arts-Related Businesses in Highlands County Employ 322 People

Highlands County 2017 Dun & Bradstreet Report

Florida 2017 Dun & Bradstreet

3 \$9 to \$1 Return to Local & State Government Treasuries

In Fiscal Year 2014-2015 when the Florida Legislature invested 100%, Florida's arts and cultural nonprofits generated \$201,165,000 back to LOCAL government treasury; \$291,176,000 back to STATE government treasury for a total of \$492,341,000 returned to government treasuries.

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5 Please work to support FULL FUNDING INVESTMENTS for the Florida Department of State Division of Cultural Affairs' matching-grants programs. Thank you.