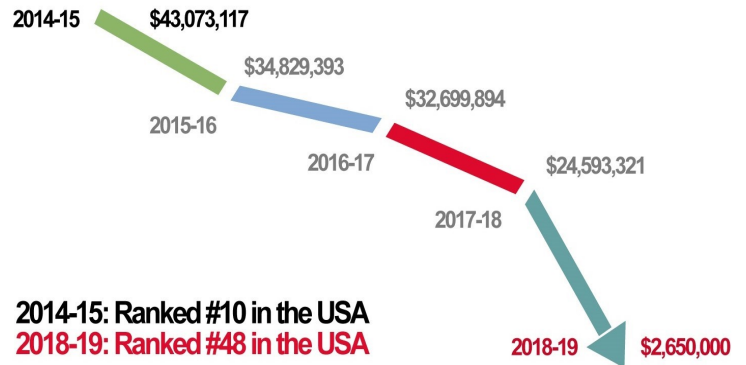


“Support for the production, distribution, and infrastructure of the arts is critical to success in tourism, attracting business interests, economic development, and quality of life issues.”

National Conference of State Legislatures

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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.



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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 LEE 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>	8	\$ 770,640	8	\$ 770,640	100%
<u>2015-2016</u>	10	\$ 984,130	10	\$ 663,767	67%
<u>2016-2017</u>	11	\$ 637,367	11	\$ 391,255	61%
<u>2017-2018</u>	18	\$ 2,207,558	17	\$ 1,393,498	63%
<u>2018-2019</u>	14	\$ 1,189,502	11	\$ 58,258	5%
<b>Subtotals:</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>\$ 5,789,197</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>\$ 3,277,418</b>	<b>57%</b>

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1,906 Arts-Related Businesses Based in Lee County Employ 5,866 People

Lee County  
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\$9 to \$1 Return to Local & State Government Treasuries

In Fiscal Year 2014-2015 when the Florida Legislature invested 100%, Lee County-based arts and cultural nonprofits generated

\$7,565,000 back to LOCAL government treasury; \$11,238,000 back to STATE government treasury for a total of \$18,803,000 returned to government treasuries.

[Arts & Economic Prosperity 5 Lee County Study](#)  
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Please work to support FULL FUNDING INVESTMENTS for the Florida Department of State Division of Cultural Affairs' matching-grants programs. Thank you.



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