

ADVOCACY ALERT

Last Minute Increase for Division of Cultural Affairs

From Sherron Long at the Florida Cultural Alliance, our statewide arts and culture advocacy organization:

The House and Senate leadership agreed to increase the following two line items in the state's FY 2009-2010 budget over what was recommended last week. This is what is currently proposed and will be included in the state's FY 2009-2010 budget:

*Cultural and Museum Grants -- \$2,500,000
Historical Preservation Grants -- \$550,000*

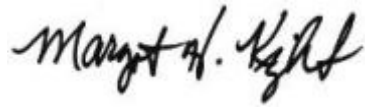
We, of course, will feel more secure with these numbers when we see them in the printed version of the proposed FY 2009-2010 state budget, which should be available on the Web late today or early tomorrow.

We know these amounts are not at the levels they were a few years ago, but we're grateful legislative leadership acknowledged the importance of these resources to our state and decided to add some additional funds to these line items.

We have many people to thank, including YOU, for all your hard advocacy work.

Great news from Sherron, who is tireless in advocating for the arts in Florida. The Florida Cultural Alliance website has a wealth of information at <http://www.flca.net/>.

Thank you for your advocacy efforts.
Your voice *does* make a difference.



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