

State Advocacy Alert #16

Division of Cultural Affairs Preliminary Budget for FY2009-10



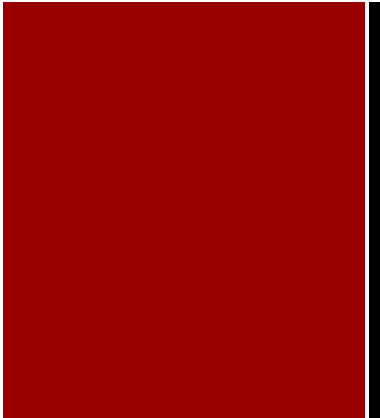
Secretary of State Kurt Browning has submitted a FY09-10 budget request for the Division of Cultural Affairs to the Governor's office. The amount, \$25,040,300, is 58% of the FY08-09 request of 43,142,030, but a huge increase over last year's actual appropriation of \$7,094,400. As usual, the request will go to the Legislature for any changes and approval after the Governor has made his recommendations. The final FY09-10 budget will not be voted on until the spring.

In this time of economic constraints, we applaud the Secretary of State for continuing to recognize the importance of funding for the arts. Keep in mind that the Division of Cultural Affairs has already sustained huge cuts: the FY06-07 budget was \$32.6 million and the FY07-08 budget was 12.5 million. Please take a moment to send Secretary of State Browning a thank you for his support.

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As always, thank you for your advocacy efforts. The next few years will be financially difficult for all sectors of the economy, and our officials need to know that you value their support for arts and culture. Your voice *does* make a difference.

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