

**URGENT ADVOCACY ALERT**  
**Senate Recommends Zero Funding**  
**for Arts & Culture**  
**in First Offer to Reconcile State Budget**



**You and others must ACT this  
afternoon -- **Wednesday,**  
**April 29, 2009.****

**The House will make its first  
counter offer this evening!**

Status: The Senate members of the Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations (TED) Budget Conference Committee just made their first offer to the House members of the TED budget conference committee to work out the differences in the state budget. The legislators listed below must hear from us this afternoon to demonstrate we are paying attention and care about this issue. Please ACT NOW and get others to act on this budget issue.

The Senate's first offer, which is its original position, to the House for arts, cultural, humanities, and historical grant line items is **zero funding!!**

**YOUR IMMEDIATE ACTION IS NEEDED:**

You'll find all the members of this TED budget conference committee listed below, along with their

telephone numbers and e-mail addresses.

**1. Call and e-mail the HOUSE members of this committee first, especially Chairman Rich Glorioso's office, and thank them for their leadership. Encourage these House members to please stay firm on their position to fund the following line items and not to accept the Senate's first offer, which would result in loss of jobs throughout the state:**

**Please Stay Firm and Accept the House's Position:**

**Line item #134: Cultural and Museum Grants -- please stay firm at \$2,750,000**

**Line item #138: Historical Preservation Grants -- please stay firm at \$550,000**

**2. Once you call and e-mail the House members of this budget conference committee, please call and e-mail the Senate members' offices, especially Chairman Mike Fasano.**

**Encourage these Senators to please accept the House's position for cultural and museum grants, historical preservation grants, Florida Endowment for the Humanities, and State Touring Program. This state investment will help save jobs in Florida's creative sector throughout the state.**

**Be brief, polite, but firm in your request; and thank them for their time. You might get their answering machines, but leave a message.**

**3. Make sure your e-mail subject box includes "Please maintain House's Position for Arts, Cultural, Humanities, and Historical Grants" or something similar.**

**4. Send this e-mail to others and call your**

**colleagues, friends, and family to also follow through on this action request.**

**THEY NEED TO HEAR FROM US THIS AFTERNOON -- PLEASE ACT NOW.**

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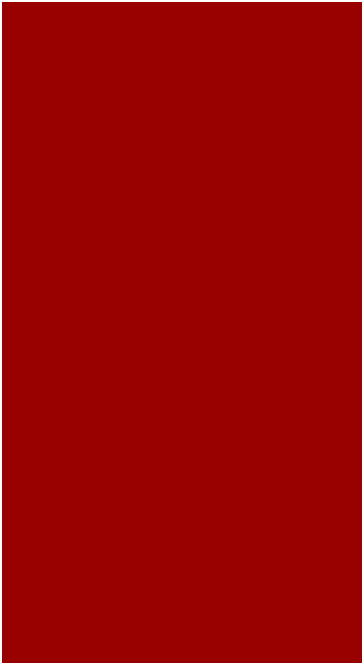
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***As always, thank you for your advocacy efforts. Your voice does make a difference.***

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