

ADVOCACY ALERT

Division of Cultural Affairs is Zero-Funded

Last night Sherron Long from the Florida Cultural Alliance sent this news:

Well, it looks as if there will be zero appropriations for the Division of Cultural Affairs' grant line items in the state's Fiscal Year 2009-2010 state budget and zero appropriations for the Division of Historical Resources' Historical Preservation Grants line item.

The House accepted the Senate's earlier recommendation today to zero out these cultural and historical grant line items in next year's state budget.

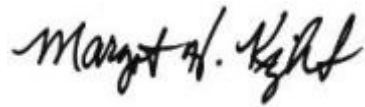
We'll keep you posted if things change; however, unless a miracle occurs, it appears the arts, cultural, humanities, and historical grant line items will receive no appropriations in FY 2009-2010.

Please know your advocacy efforts have been and continue to be greatly appreciated. We'll keep you posted as this year's legislative session comes to an end.

Well, let's work for a miracle. As a last effort, please call or email Representative Dean Cannon immediately to ask him to pull a rabbit out of a hat. If funding for the Division of Cultural Affairs goes away, it may be years before we can get it reinstated in the budget. Singers, dancers, artists, musicians, writers, arts educators, arts administrators, arts audiences and arts lovers - please contact Representative Cannon. Don't let Florida abandon the arts!

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