

CHALLENGE GRANT PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Challenge Grant Program supports significant cultural projects designed as new initiatives or programs of a unique or innovative nature.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Public entities (i.e., state agencies, county governments, municipalities, school board districts, community colleges or universities) and not-for-profit corporations (active status under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and 501(c)(3) or (4) Internal Revenue Service designation required); applicant must be a cultural organization; consortia are permitted.

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE

Grants.

AVAILABLE FUNDING

There are four funding levels. The minimum grant request (or award) is \$10,000; the maximum grant is \$250,000.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Annual state legislative appropriations.

APPLICATION PROCESS/DEADLINES

The annual deadline is in the fall and the grant period is July 1 through June 30 of the following year. Applications are evaluated by a peer-review panel with funding recommendations reviewed by the Florida Arts Council and presented to the secretary of state for approval. A listing of recommended grants is then submitted to the Legislature during the next regular session for funding consideration.

MATCHING/OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Match requirements vary. Applicant organization(s) must be able to demonstrate local, regional or statewide impact of existing programs.

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