

Application Review Memo

Professional Theatre Level 3

TO: Professional Theatre Level 3
Panelists

FROM: Summer Callahan

DATE: 7/22/2020

Thank you for agreeing to serve as a grant review panelist. Your participation and public service are vital to the Division, and we are so appreciative of your desire and willingness to be a part of the panel process.

PANEL MEETING: Wednesday, September 9, 2020

TIME: 9:00:00 AM

Webinar

This Panel Notebook contains:

1. Panel Meeting Agenda
2. Application Listing
3. How to Access and Score Applications
4. 2020 – 2021 Scoring Rubric
5. About the Panelists
6. Map of Florida Counties
7. List of REDI Counties/Underserved Areas
8. Memorandum of Voting Conflict Form

Application Review

Please thoroughly review the guidelines and review criteria provided for you.

All of the applications are technically eligible; your scores will be based on thorough reading and review of each and how they meet the review criteria. Make sure you provide written comments. You are required to provide written comments for applications that you scored below the minimum eligible score of 80 points. You will be voicing your scores and making constructive comments at the meeting.

Scores and comments are due in the grant system on Wednesday, September 2, 2020

If you need any assistance or have questions regarding the application process, please don't hesitate to contact me at Summer.Callahan@DOS.myflorida.com or 850-245-6431 .



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Chair: Glenn Lochrie

Program Manager: Summer Callahan



Panel Agenda

This panel will review the following application types that have applied for the grant period of **July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021**.

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- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Introduction of Panelists and Staff
- 3) Comments from the Chair
- 4) Preliminary scoring of applications
 - a. Applicants may provide a **brief** update on the application and respond to panelist questions. Updates should only include **new** proposal information.
- 5) Public comment prior to consensus on scores
 - a. During public comment, anyone (including applicants) may speak about the applications under consideration. After public comment, panelists have an opportunity to adjust their scores before the final vote to accept all scores.
- 6) Panel Recommendations
- 7) General discussion from the panel (policies and procedures)
- 8) General Comments from the public
- 9) Closing remarks from the Chair
- 10) Adjournment

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Application List*

| # | <i>Application Number</i> | <i>Organization</i> | <i>County</i> |
|----|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| 1 | 22.c.ps.142.035 | Actors' Playhouse Productions | Miami-Dade |
| 2 | 22.c.ps.142.036 | Key West Players, Inc. | Monroe |
| 3 | 22.c.ps.142.232 | The Winter Park Playhouse, Inc. | Orange |
| 4 | 22.c.ps.142.249 | Orlando Shakespeare Theater, Inc. | Orange |
| 5 | 22.c.ps.142.254 | Garden Theatre, Inc. | Orange |
| 6 | 22.c.ps.142.263 | Riverside Theatre, Inc. | Indian River |
| 7 | 22.c.ps.142.279 | Miami New Drama | Miami-Dade |
| 8 | 22.c.ps.142.280 | Orlando Repertory Theatre, Inc. | Orange |
| 9 | 22.c.ps.142.283 | Asolo Theatre, Inc. | Sarasota |
| 10 | 22.c.ps.142.306 | Fantasy Theatre Factory, Inc. | Miami-Dade |
| 11 | 22.c.ps.142.332 | Slow Burn Theatre Company, Inc. | Broward |
| 12 | 22.c.ps.142.357 | Palm Beach Dramaworks, Inc. | Palm Beach |
| 13 | 22.c.ps.142.399 | Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe of Florida, Inc. | Sarasota |
| 14 | 22.c.ps.142.478 | Maltz Jupiter Theatre, Inc. | Palm Beach |
| 15 | 22.c.ps.142.542 | Florida Repertory Company, Inc. | Lee |
| 16 | 22.c.ps.142.556 | Gablestage, Inc. | Miami-Dade |
| 17 | 22.c.ps.142.583 | The Hippodrome State Theatre, Inc. | Alachua |
| 18 | 22.c.ps.142.647 | Area Performance Gallery, Inc. | Miami-Dade |
| 19 | 22.c.ps.142.673 | Gulfshore Playhouse, Inc. | Collier |
| 20 | 22.c.ps.142.748 | Florida Studio Theatre, Inc. | Sarasota |
| 21 | 22.c.ps.142.754 | American Stage Company, Inc. | Pinellas |
| 22 | 22.c.ps.142.764 | FreeFall Theatre, Inc. | Pinellas |

*Applications will be reviewed in Application List order

How to Access and Score Applications in the Online Grants System

1. Log in to your account at dosgrants.com. Hint – if you are having trouble accessing your account, try resetting the password on your account using your email address. From the panels dropdown menu, click on “my panels”



My Dashboard

My Current Applications

| Application Number | Project Title | Program | Organization / User | Project Number | Status | Actions |
|--------------------|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|-----------|---|
| 20 c pr 180 466 | 34th International Hispanic Theatre Festival of Miami | Specific Cultural Project | Teatro Avante, Inc. | | Eligible | View Activity Log |
| | Nguzo Saba Institute | Cultural Facilities | Guliah Geechee Group, Inc. | | Preparing | Edit Activity Log |
| | | Cultural Facilities | Guliah Geechee Group, Inc. | | Preparing | Edit Activity Log |

My Grants

| Grant | Project Number | Organization Name | Program | Award Amount |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| 18 c pr 142 310 | 18 5 142 310 | Teatro Avante, Inc. | Specific Cultural Project | \$25,000.00 |

Associated Organization

- Teatro Avante, Inc.
- Guliah Geechee Group, Inc.
- Aequitas, Inc.

Upcoming Events

DCA 2017-2018 Final Reports
Final Reports for all Date(s): 7/30/2018 to 7/2017 - 2018 GPS/SCP grants are due July 30, 2018

DCA 2018-2019 Contracts Due
Signed Contracts & Date(s): 7/15/2018 to 7/2018 Substitute W-9 forms are due July 15, 2018

2. From the “My Panels” page, select “Review Applications” for your panel.

The screenshot shows the 'My Panels' page. At the top, there are links to 'Export to Excel' and 'Export to PDF'. Below, there is a table with columns: Panel Name, Date, Time, Meeting Type, Chair, and Actions. The first row shows a meeting on 08/24/2018 at 09:00 AM, titled 'Multidisciplinary General Program Support Level 3'. A red arrow points to the 'Review Applications' button in the Actions column.

3. Under the “Applications Review” tab, you can access the full list of applications. The applications will be reviewed in numerical order at the panel meeting. Click “Review Application” for each application to review.

The screenshot shows the 'Applications Review' tab. At the top, there are links to 'View All Scores and Comments', 'Export to Excel', and 'Export to PDF'. Below, there is a table titled 'Assigned Applications for Crawford Hillary'. The table has columns: Geographic Location of County, Application Number, Applicant, Title, Status, and Actions. A red arrow points to the 'Review Application' button in the Actions column for the first application.

4. From the review page of each application, you can access the application on the right side of the page, and the review form on the left side. If you prefer to print out the application, there is a print button at the top of the application on the right side.

The screenshot shows a web interface for reviewing applications. On the left is a review form with criteria (Excellence, Impact, Management, Accessibility), a Total score field, and a large text area for comments. On the right is the application details page, titled 'B. Contacts (Applicant Information) Page 2 of 10'. It includes a scroll bar on the right edge. Below the applicant information is a table for contacts.

1 Points to the Excellence dropdown menu.

2 Points to the Total score field.

3 Points to the 'Save' button in the comment section.

4 Points to the scroll bar on the right side of the application details page.

5 Points to the scroll bar on the right side of the application details page.

6 Points to the 'Submit' button at the bottom of the review form.

Applicant Information

a. Organization Name: Ruth Eckerd Hall, Inc.
b. FEID: 59-180528
c. Phone number: 727.791.7060
d. Principal Address: 1111 McMullen Booth Rd. Clearwater, 33759-3219
e. Mailing Address: 1111 McMullen Booth Rd. Clearwater, 33759-3219
f. Website: www.RuthEckerdHall.com
g. Organization Type: Nonprofit Organization
h. Organization Category: Other
i. County: Pinellas
j. DUNS number: 106049753

| 1. Grant Contact * | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|--------------|--|
| First Name | Last Name | Phone | Email |
| Darren | Rivera | 727.712.2761 | drivera@rutheckerhall.net |

| 2. Additional Contact * | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------------|--|
| First Name | Last Name | Phone | Email |
| Sharon | Red-Kane | 727.712.2771 | sredkane@rutheckerhall.net |

1. Enter your scores in each criteria
2. Enter comments here
3. You can save your scores and comments in the box if you would like to come back to the application later
4. Use the scroll bar to navigate through the review sheet
5. Use the scroll bar to navigate through the application
6. You must click the certification button and click submit in order to finalize your review.



Florida Division of Cultural Affairs

Scoring Rubric for

General Program Support and Specific Cultural Project Applications

(Do not use this rubric for Individual Artist or Performances on Tour)

How to use this rubric

Grant panelists will receive a copy of the rubric as a part of their panelist training materials. The rubric will be employed to ensure as fair and unbiased a panel process as possible. The scoring mechanism defines each of the four criteria scored by panelists: Excellence, Impact, Management, and Accessibility. Within each criterion, benchmark descriptions and corresponding point values are listed to serve as a guide in the scoring process.

Grant applicants can use the rubric as a guideline in completing their applications for the deadline.

Overall consideration for the applications:

| Value | Description | Score |
|-----------|--|----------|
| Excellent | Strongly demonstrates public value of arts and culture. Merits investment of State of Florida funding. | 92 – 100 |
| Good | Satisfactorily demonstrates public value of arts and culture. Merits investment of State of Florida funding. | 80 - 91 |
| Fair | Does not sufficiently demonstrate public value of arts and culture. Does not merit investment of State of Florida funding. | 61 -79 |
| Weak | Makes an incomplete and/or inadequate case for the public value of arts and culture. Does not merit investment of State of Florida funding. Information is confusing, unclear, and lacks specific details. | 0 - 60 |

Excellence (Up to 40 Points)

Panelists will consider the following application information when evaluating an application for Excellence and Innovation: responses to the Applicant Mission Statement, Proposal Description, and Support Materials

| Excellent 37 – 40 points | Good 32 – 36 points | Fair 25 – 31 points | Weak 0 – 24 points |
|--|--|---|---|
| Mission statement clearly describes organization and programs/activities fully support the mission | Mission statement describes organization and programs/activities fully support the mission | Mission statement describes organization and programs/activities do not fully support the mission | Mission statement does not clearly describe organization and programs/activities do not fully support the mission |
| Identifies clear goals and fully measurable objectives and activities | Identifies clear goals and measurable objectives and activities | Identifies goals and limited measurable objectives and activities | Does not identify goals and very minimal objectives and activities |
| Clearly describes exemplary proposed programs | Clearly describes proposed programs | Describes proposed programs | Proposed programs are unclear |
| Confident in the ability of the organization to carry out the proposal | Very minimal concerns about the ability of the organization to carry out the proposal | Concerns about the ability of the organization to carry out the proposal | Multiple concerns about the ability of the organization to carry out the proposal |
| Extensive and clearly describes partnerships/collaborations | Clearly describes partnerships/collaborations | Limited partnerships/collaborations | Minimal and unclear partnerships/collaborations |
| Support Materials clearly demonstrate exemplary programming | Support Materials clearly demonstrate programming | Support Materials demonstrate programming | Support Materials are unclear |
| Score: | | | |

Impact (Up to 30 Points)

Panelists will consider the following application information when evaluating an application for Impact: the number of proposed events, opportunities for public participation, and counties served; location of the project/programming; estimated number of individuals, youth, elders, and artists benefiting; marketing/promotion/publicity plans and audience development/expansion; and proposal impact narrative.

| <i>Excellent 28 – 30 points</i> | <i>Good 24 – 27 points</i> | <i>Fair 19 – 23 points</i> | <i>Weak 0 – 18 points</i> |
|--|--|---|---|
| Provides vital cultural services to community or service area | Provides significant cultural services to community or service area | Provides cultural services to community or service area | Provides minimal cultural services to community or service area |
| Provides compelling and specific information about extensive economic impact of programs and/or projects that relate to the organization's mission | Demonstrates significant economic impact of programs/projects that relate to the organization's mission | Describes limited economic impact of projects/programs that relate to the organization's mission | Describes very minimal economic impact of programs/projects, and is not measureable |
| Extensive activities are proposed and are achievable within the grant period | Reasonable activities are proposed and these activities are achievable within the grant period | Limited activities are proposed and/or concerns about the achievability of the activities within the grant period | Very minimal activities are proposed and/or serious concerns about the achievability of the proposed activities during the grant period |
| Educational and outreach components fully serve the constituency and are appropriate for the program(s) or project(s) | Educational and outreach components serve the constituency, and are appropriate for the program(s) or project(s) | Limited educational and outreach components serve the constituency and are minimally appropriate for the program(s) or project(s) | Very minimal educational and outreach components do not serve the constituency and are not appropriate for the program(s) or project(s) |
| Very appropriate and effective marketing/promotion/publicity and audience development/expansion efforts | Appropriate and effective marketing/promotion/publicity and audience development/expansion efforts | Limited and minimally effective marketing/promotion/publicity and audience development/expansion efforts | Very limited and minimally effective marketing/promotion/publicity and audience development/expansion efforts |
| Very appropriate number of individuals benefiting from the program/project | Appropriate number of individuals benefiting from the program/project | Minimal number of individuals benefiting from the program/project | Very minimal number of individuals benefiting from the program/project |
| <i>Score:</i> | | | |

Management (Up to 20 points)

Panelists will consider the following application information when evaluating an application for Management: the applicant's reporting history and current compliance, Operating and Proposal Budget, and the responses to Evaluation Plan, Fiscal Condition and Sustainability.

| <i>Excellent 19 – 20 points</i> | <i>Good 16 – 18 points</i> | <i>Fair 13 – 15 points</i> | <i>Weak 0 – 12 points</i> |
|--|--|---|--|
| Very confident in the organization's fiscal stability and ability to carry out the proposed activities given the operating budget, grant proposal budget, and fiscal information | Very minimal concerns about the organization's fiscal stability and ability to carry out the proposed activities given the operating budget, grant proposal budget, and fiscal information | Concerns about the organization's fiscal stability and ability to carry out the proposed activities given the operating budget, grant proposal budget, and fiscal information | Multiple concerns about the organization's fiscal stability and ability to carry out the proposed activities given the operating budget, grant proposal budget, and fiscal information |
| Evaluation methods are well-defined, clear, and fully measureable, and are employed to help the organization achieve its mission and proposed programs | Measureable evaluation methods help the organization achieve its mission and proposed programs | Evaluation methods are not fully measureable and only minimally help the organization achieve its mission and proposed programs | Evaluation methods are not clear and/or measureable and do not help the organization achieve its mission and proposed programs |
| Exemplary reporting history and current compliance | Very minimal concerns about the applicant's reporting history and current compliance | Concerns about the applicant's reporting history and current compliance | Multiple concerns about the applicant's reporting history and current compliance |
| Very confident in the ability of the applicant to sustain the programs after the grant period | Very minimal concerns about sustainability | Concerns about sustainability | Multiple concerns about sustainability |
| <i>Score:</i> | | | |

Accessibility (Up to 10 points)

Panelists will award points based on demonstration of accessibility in the applicant's facility and programming. Panelists will also consider responses to the Accessibility questions and efforts towards making the proposal inclusive for all participants.

| <i>Excellent 10 points</i> | <i>Good 8 - 9 points</i> | <i>Fair 7 points</i> | <i>Weak 0 – 6 points</i> |
|--|--|--|--|
| Has completed the Section 504 Self Evaluation Workbook from the NEA in the last 2 years or for 1 st time self-evaluations the Abbreviated Accessibility Checklist | Has completed the Section 504 Self Evaluation Workbook from the NEA or the Abbreviated Accessibility Checklist in the last 5 years | Has completed the Section 504 Self Evaluation Workbook from the NEA or the Abbreviated Accessibility Checklist in the last 6 or more years | Has never completed the Section 504 Self Evaluation Workbook from the NEA or the Abbreviated Accessibility Checklist |
| Has accessibility policy, procedures and complaint processes that address non-discrimination on the basis of disability | Has accessibility policy, procedures and complaint processes that address non-discrimination on the basis of disability | Has accessibility policy, procedures and complaint processes that address non-discrimination on the basis of disability | Does not have accessibility policy, procedures and complaint processes that address non-discrimination on the basis of disability |
| Has a staff person responsible for compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act and Florida Statutes 553 | Has a staff person responsible for compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act and Florida Statutes 553 | Has a staff person responsible for compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act and Florida Statutes 553 | Does not have a staff person responsible for compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act and Florida Statutes 553 |
| Organization's programming, facilities, related materials, and communications are fully accessible | Some of the organization's programming, facilities, related materials, and communications are accessible. Plans are made to continue to improve accessibility. | Plans are made for making programming, facilities, related materials, and communications accessible | No effort is made towards making programming, facilities, related materials, and communications accessible |
| <i>Score:</i> | | | |

Professional Theatre Projects GPS

Level 3



Panelist Bios

Murray Chase

Sarasota County

- Producing Executive Director, Venice Theatre, 25 years
- Former president, American Association of Community Theatre
- Since 2010, host of biennial AACT WorldFest, America's international community theatre festival

Dan Chesnickaa

Polk County

- Producing Director and former board member of Theatre Winter Haven,
- Co-founder and CEO of a product development company
- Inventor of Hitch Critters, Truck Antlers, and a few other novelty products that have sold hundreds of thousands of units and are responsible for millions of chuckles.
- Twelve years of experience at Walt Disney World, including: developing Disney's Keys to the Kingdom and Disney's Family Magic tours; being on the opening team of Disney's Wide World of Sports; leading Disney's Animal Kingdom's Guest Relations and Main Entrance Operations; and serving as a leader in Destination Disney, a team that examined budding technology in the late 90's and built the foundation for initiatives such as Fastpass, Magic Bands, and Magic Your Way.

Nathanael Fisher

Walton County

- Producing Artistic Director and Co-Founder of Emerald Coast Theatre Company

Casey Hagwood

Leon County

- Member of Actors' Equity Association and serves on 4 union committees, Professional member and Membership Committee member of the Stage Managers' Association, and participant in the USITT Management Commission
- Specialized Teaching Faculty, School of Theatre, Florida State University
- Previously, Resident Production Stage Manager, Seven Angels Theatre and Merrimack Repertory Theatre; member of management team, Idaho Shakespeare Festival and Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival; and Student Life Technician, Glicker-Milstein Theatre, Barnard College of Columbia University

- Stage manager for Laughter and Reflection with Carol Burnett, Palace Theatre
- M.F.A., Stage Management, University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music; B.A., Theatre and Spanish, University of North Carolina-Wilmington

David Jenkins

Hillsborough County

- Producing Artistic Director, Jobsite Theater. Resident theater company at the Straz Center in Downtown Tampa
- Interdisciplinary Instructor, Judy Genshaft Honors College at the University of South Florida
- PhD, Communication (Performance Studies, Rhetoric, Social Change), University of South Florida. MFA, Acting, University of Florida

Mitzi Maxwell

Orange County

- Executive Director, Mad Cow Theatre
- Former Project Director, Universal Studios
- BFA, Tisch School of the Arts, New York University

Sherrie Moody

Charlotte County

- Executive Director, Charlotte Players, Port Charlotte, Florida
- Previously, Facility Manager and Theatre Manager, Cultural Center of Charlotte
- B.S., Organizational Management, Goshen College

Jerome Shannon

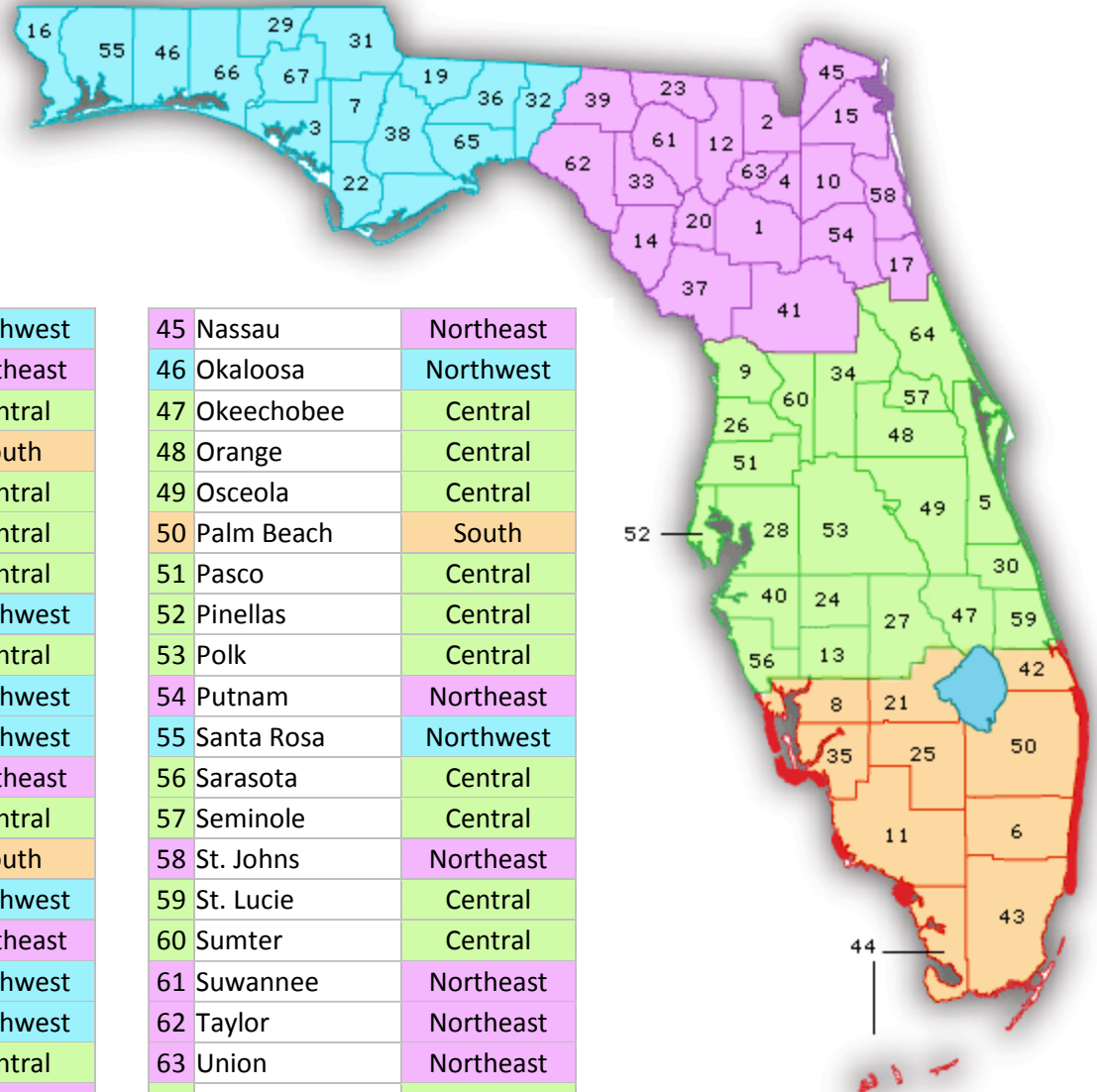
Escambia County

- Artistic Director/Principal Conductor, Pensacola Opera (il Trovatore)
- Guest Conductor, Shreveport Opera (Marriage of Figaro, Man of La Mancha)
- Previously guest conductor with San Diego Opera, Washington National Opera, Nashville Opera, Tulsa Opera, San Antonio Opera, Shreveport Opera, Anchorage Opera, Fresno Grand Opera, Opera Naples, Opera Roanoke, Lake George Opera, Chautauqua Opera, and Ash Lawn-Highland Festival
- B.M., Piano Performance with emphasis on Coaching and Accompanying, West Virginia University

Jennifer Steele
Walton County

- Executive Director, Cultural Arts Alliance of Walton County, Santa Rosa Beach, Florida
- Previously worked in development office in Atlanta's Center for Puppetry Arts and co-founded and served as Managing Director of the Seaside Repertory Theatre
- Member, Visit Florida's Culture, Nature, Heritage and Rural Committee, served as Chair of Walton County's RESTORE committee, and member of Walton County Tourist Development Council
- Awarded the TDC Van Ness Butler, Jr. Hospitality Award
- B.F.A, Valdosta State University

Florida Counties



Alphabetical List of Florida Counties

| Id | County | Region |
|----|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Alachua | Northeast |
| 2 | Baker | Northeast |
| 3 | Bay | Northwest |
| 4 | Bradford | Northeast |
| 5 | Brevard | Central |
| 6 | Broward | South |
| 7 | Calhoun | Northwest |
| 8 | Charlotte | South |
| 9 | Citrus | Central |
| 10 | Clay | Northeast |
| 11 | Collier | South |
| 12 | Columbia | Northeast |
| 13 | DeSoto | Central |
| 14 | Dixie | Northeast |
| 15 | Duval | Northeast |
| 16 | Escambia | Northwest |
| 17 | Flagler | Northeast |
| 18 | Franklin | Northwest |
| 19 | Gadsden | Northwest |
| 20 | Gilchrist | Northeast |
| 21 | Glades | South |

| | | |
|----|--------------|-----------|
| 22 | Gulf | Northwest |
| 23 | Hamilton | Northeast |
| 24 | Hardee | Central |
| 25 | Hendry | South |
| 26 | Hernando | Central |
| 27 | Highlands | Central |
| 28 | Hillsborough | Central |
| 29 | Holmes | Northwest |
| 30 | Indian River | Central |
| 31 | Jackson | Northwest |
| 32 | Jefferson | Northwest |
| 33 | Lafayette | Northeast |
| 34 | Lake | Central |
| 35 | Lee | South |
| 36 | Leon | Northwest |
| 37 | Levy | Northeast |
| 38 | Liberty | Northwest |
| 39 | Madison | Northwest |
| 40 | Manatee | Central |
| 41 | Marion | Northeast |
| 42 | Martin | Central |
| 43 | Miami-Dade | South |
| 44 | Monroe | South |

| | | |
|----|------------|-----------|
| 45 | Nassau | Northeast |
| 46 | Okaloosa | Northwest |
| 47 | Okeechobee | Central |
| 48 | Orange | Central |
| 49 | Osceola | Central |
| 50 | Palm Beach | South |
| 51 | Pasco | Central |
| 52 | Pinellas | Central |
| 53 | Polk | Central |
| 54 | Putnam | Northeast |
| 55 | Santa Rosa | Northwest |
| 56 | Sarasota | Central |
| 57 | Seminole | Central |
| 58 | St. Johns | Northeast |
| 59 | St. Lucie | Central |
| 60 | Sumter | Central |
| 61 | Suwannee | Northeast |
| 62 | Taylor | Northeast |
| 63 | Union | Northeast |
| 64 | Volusia | Central |
| 65 | Wakulla | Northwest |
| 66 | Walton | Northwest |
| 67 | Washington | Northwest |

Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Eligible Counties and Communities

The counties and communities listed below qualify for assistance from REDI agencies and organizations as defined in s. 288.0656(6)(b).

A county or community may request a Waiver or Reduction of Match, for grant programs, in writing by using the appropriate form supplied by the awarding agency. Completed forms must be submitted to the awarding agency, or district office of the awarding agency, for review and approval.

Rural Areas of Opportunity (RAO – previously referred to as RACEC)

Per s. 288.0656(7)(a), F. S., REDI may recommend to the Governor up to three rural areas of opportunity. The Governor may by executive order designate up to three Rural Areas of Opportunity (RAO). Rural Areas of Opportunity (RAO) are priority assignments for REDI. All state agencies and departments shall use all available tools and resources to the extent permissible by law to promote the creation and development of each catalyst project and the development of catalyst sites.

The following counties and communities are designated as Rural Areas of Opportunity.

- **Northwest Rural Areas of Opportunity** – re-designated by Executive Order 15-133
 - All communities within Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, Wakulla, Washington, **and** the area north of the Choctawhatchee Bay and intercoastal waterway in Walton County, is designated as a Rural Area of Opportunity including the City of Freeport, DeFuniak Springs, and Paxton.
- **South Central Rural Areas of Opportunity** – re-designated by Executive Order 16-150
 - All communities within, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee Counties, **and** the Cities of Pahokee, Belle Glade, and South Bay (Palm Beach County), and Immokalee (Collier County).
- **North Central Rural Areas of Opportunity** – re-designated by Executive Order 18-158
 - All communities within, Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor and Union.

Note: During the 2014 Legislative Session HB 7023, approved by Governor Scott on 6/20/14, renamed “Rural Areas of Critical Economic Concern” to “Rural Areas of Opportunity.” The change went into effect 7/1/2014. Rural Area of Opportunity designation only applies to the counties and communities as noted above.

Economically Distressed Rural Counties

“Economically distressed” counties with a population of 75,000 or less, or an “economically distressed” county with a population of 125,000 or less which is contiguous to a county with a population of 75,000 or less.

Qualified counties:

Baker, Bradford, Calhoun, Columbia, DeSoto, Dixie, Flagler, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Glades, Gulf, Hamilton, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Nassau, Okeechobee, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Wakulla, Washington and Walton.

Designated Rural Communities Located in an Urban County:

A “community” not located in a designated rural county must meet **all** the following criteria to be eligible for a waiver or reduction of match:

- 1) Have an **employment base** focused on traditional agriculture or a resource-based industry (**Please Note:** land designated as agriculture does not qualify) **AND**
- 2) Be an unincorporated federal enterprise community **OR** an incorporated rural city with a population of 25,000 or fewer; **AND**
- 3) Be located in a county not defined as rural.

Upon verification of the top three qualifiers, communities must:

- 4) Have at least three or more of the economic distress factors identified in paragraph (c) and verified by the department.

The following communities meet the criteria as stated above and are designated as “rural” communities under s. 288.0656(2) (e) 4, F.S. ***Designation for the following communities expires on the corresponding dates shown below:***

| Cities/Towns (County): | Expiration Date: | Expiration Date: | Expiration Date: |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Astatula (Lake) | May 25, 2020 | Jay (Santa Rosa) | November 27, 2019 |
| Center Hill (Sumter) | January 31, 2019 | Mascotte (Lake) | April 5, 2019 |
| Dundee (Polk) | March 21, 2019 | Pierson (Volusia) | July 24, 2019 |
| Fellsmere (Indian River) | March 10, 2019 | Umatilla (Lake) | December 16, 2019 |
| Fort Meade (Polk) | February 9, 2020 | Webster (Sumter) | May 25, 2020 |
| Frostproof (Polk) | May 15, 2020 | | |
| Haines City (Polk) | May 15, 2020 | | |
| Hawthorne (Alachua) | July 28, 2019 | | |

FORM 8A MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR STATE OFFICERS

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|----------------------------------|--|
| LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME | NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE |
| MAILING ADDRESS | NAME OF STATE AGENCY |
| CITY COUNTY | MY POSITION IS: <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> APPOINTIVE |
| DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED | |

WHO MUST FILE FORM 8A

This form is for use by any person serving at the State level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, committee, or as a member of the Legislature. It applies to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing and filing the form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

ELECTED OFFICERS:

As a person holding elective state office, you may not vote on a matter that you know would inure to your special private gain or loss. However, you may vote on other matters, including measures that would inure to the special private gain or loss of a principal by whom you are retained (including the parent or subsidiary or sibling organization of a principal by which you are retained); to the special private gain or loss of a relative; or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. If you vote on such a measure or if you abstain from voting on a measure that would affect you, you must make every reasonable effort to disclose the nature of your interest as a public record in a memorandum filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who shall incorporate the memorandum in the minutes. If it is not possible for you to file a memorandum before the vote, the memorandum must be filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting no later than 15 days after the vote.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only your father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with you as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

A member of the Legislature may satisfy the disclosure requirements of this section by filing a disclosure form created pursuant to the rules of the member's respective house if the member discloses the information required by this subsection, or by use of Form 8A.

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APPOINTED OFFICERS:

As a person holding appointive state office, you are subject to the abstention and disclosure requirements stated above for Elected Officers. You also must disclose the nature of the conflict before voting or before making any attempt to influence the decision by oral or written communication, whether made by you or at your direction.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only your father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with you as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:

- You must complete and file this form (before making any attempt to influence the decision) with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who will incorporate the form in the minutes.
- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION OR VOTE AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

DISCLOSURE OF STATE OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, _____, hereby disclose that on _____, 20 ____ :

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more)

- ☐ inured to my special private gain or loss;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, _____ ;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, _____ ;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of _____ , by
whom I am retained; or
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of _____ , which
is the parent, subsidiary, or sibling organization of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a public officer, who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of this section by disclosing the nature of the interest in such a way as to provide the public with notice of the conflict.

Date Filed

Signature

NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.