

# Program Description

The Cultural Facilities Program coordinates and guides the State of Florida's support and funding of renovation, new construction, or acquisition of cultural facilities. It is intended for organizations whose mission is arts and cultural programming in one of the disciplines as defined in section 265.283(7), *Florida Statutes*.

By program definition, a cultural facility is a building where the programming, production, presentation, exhibition of any of the arts and cultural disciplines are carried out (section 265.283(7), *Florida Statutes*). These disciplines are music, dance, theatre, creative writing, literature, architecture, painting, sculpture, folk arts, photography, crafts, media arts, visual arts and programs of museums. The Program is intended for: bricks and mortar construction; renovation; or for acquisition. **Projects must fall squarely into one category, not any combination of the three.** State funding shall not be used for parking facilities, sidewalks, walkways, and trails that are the entire scope of work; landscaping; fabrication or design of exhibits (not permanently affixed to the building); nor commercial projects.

Public or private pre-K-12 schools; libraries; civic organizations; parks, recreation and leisure organizations; human service organizations; or other community service agencies do not meet the definition of arts or cultural organizations.

The Division offers two levels of funding within the Cultural Facilities Program. These levels are determined by the specific use of the facility:

- 1) A purpose-built or single use facility that will solely be used for the programming, production, presentation, exhibition of any of the arts and cultural disciplines (Section 265.283(7), *Florida Statutes*) **at least 85% of the time**. This type of facility includes theatres, performance centers, museums (including, aquariums, botanical gardens, history centers, zoos, etc.) and art centers. **The maximum request amount for this type of facility is \$500,000.**
- 2) A multi-purpose facility that will be used for the programming, production, presentation, exhibition of any of the arts and cultural disciplines (Section 265.283(7), *Florida Statutes*) **less than 85% of the time**. This type of building includes community centers, recreation centers, civic centers and municipal buildings. **The maximum request amount for this type of facility is \$200,000.** Project costs must be directly related to the arts and cultural portion of the facility.