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ANNUAL REPORT

October 2022 – September 2023

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Mission Statement:

The mission of the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County is to nurture, promote, and support a healthy, diverse, and inclusive cultural sector. We serve as cultural architects, championing and growing cultural organizations and creative professionals so that arts and culture are a part of everyday life, for everyone.

Commitment to the Cultural Sector:

We believe that everyone has cultural traditions that are inherently valuable. We seek to honor and value creative expression of all people through the work of the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County. Creating an art-filled community means seeing, celebrating, and serving all. Cultural equity is essential to a sustainable arts and cultural sector and a vibrant and thriving community.



DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS,

We're excited and honored to present the achievements of another impactful year, showcasing our unwavering commitment to supporting and celebrating the vibrant cultural community of Palm Beach County. In October 2022, we launched a new season of exhibitions at the Cultural Council with *Contemporary Art of the Latin American Diaspora*, an exhibition which showcased the diverse work and stories among Palm Beach County-based professional artists of Latin American and Hispanic descent.

We kicked off a new season of Culture & Cocktails at The Ben in Downtown West Palm Beach in November 2022, heralding an 18th season of culture, conversations, and community. Ringing in 2023, the Council unveiled its winter exhibition, *Visualizing Climate Disruption*, which offered more than 40 works from 17 artists who shared their unparalleled perspective of the constant changes within Palm Beach County's diverse ecosystem. This exhibition later traveled to Manatee Lagoon in Riviera Beach, and will be at the Miramar Cultural Centre in 2024.

On May 20, 2023, the Council held its first-ever Palm Beach County Open Studios event, inviting tourists and locals alike to visit more than 75 artist studios across the entire county to meet these creative professionals and see their work up-close. Launched in conjunction with the sixth annual Month of Shows, Art, Ideas, and Culture (MOSAIC), Open Studios was a wild success and will be expanded to two days in May 2024.

Emphasizing our support of Palm Beach County-based professional artists, the Council held its second *Artist Innovation Fellowship Showcase* in the summer of 2023, celebrating the six talented Fellows who completed their work in 2022. In 2024, we are delighted to continue this program with 10 all-new Artist Innovation Fellows and will spotlight their work in the summer of 2025.

The impact of the Cultural Council on the arts and cultural sector of Palm Beach County and its diverse roster of creative professionals is immeasurable. We are humbled and honored to serve this incredible community—but we cannot do it alone. It is only with your financial support that our initiatives flourish, enabling us to broaden our reach and deepen our impact. Together, let's build a vibrant and inclusive arts ecosystem for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Daryn M. Kirchfeld
Chair, Board of Directors

Dave Lawrence
President and CEO



Opening reception of *Contemporary Art of the Latin American Diaspora*, 2022

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



\$26,235

Paid in commissions to Creative Professionals from Gallery/Store sales

\$28,450

Paid to Creative Professionals (performing artists and visual artists) through tourism marketing activations

\$25,000

in Grants Awarded to Creative Professionals

\$5,385,653

in Grants Awarded to Cultural Organizations

128

Creative Professionals in

16

Exhibitions in the Council's Galleries

36

Artists of Color

34

Artists had never exhibited at the Council before

1

Pop-up exhibition at Manatee Lagoon in Riviera Beach, featuring

12

Artists and

1

Art Talk

5

Cultural Performances at the Council's headquarters



10

Family Saturdays sessions featuring

5

Teaching Artists and

5

Cultural Organizations in collaboration with Community Partners of South Florida

250

Children and families served by the BRIDGES program in Riviera Beach, Belle Glade, and Pahokee

75+

Artists and galleries participated in inaugural Palm Beach County Open Studios in May 2023. The event drew thousands of visitors from both in- and out-of-county.

5,878

visitors to the Cultural Council building

THE ARTS & TOURISM SUMMIT ACCESS FOR ALL

Arts & Tourism Summit: Access for All featuring

39 speakers,

4 keynotes,

9 breakout sessions,

3 Think Tank sessions,

7 cultural performances featuring

30 artists,

6 ASL interpreters,

20 SBE/MBE business vendors,

20 BIPOC visual artist vendors

1 pop-up exhibition of artists with disabilities

500+ attended over

2 days



9

Institute for Cultural Advancement (ICA) sessions featuring workshops and professional learning opportunities attended by

200+

Creative Professionals and Cultural Organization staff

500+

Profiles in online Artist Directory

3

Art Talks and

4

Culture Talks featuring

20

Creative Professionals and Cultural Organization leaders

More than

1.1

million website sessions on palmbeachculture.com and more than

681,000

organic impressions on the Council's social media platforms



25

Cultural Organizations participated in MOSAIC (Month of Shows, Art, Ideas & Culture), the campaign generated

11.5+

million impressions,

74,000

visitors to the landing page,

18,000

referrals to partner organization websites,

5,135

new email signups, and

13

earned media placements

3

Issues of art&culture magazine distributed to

12,000+

per issue



GRANTS

\$5,410,653 in funding to 63 cultural organizations and creative professionals in Palm Beach County

The Council administers three county-funded grant programs. Categories B and C-II are supported by bed tax revenue in coordination with the Palm Beach County Tourist Development Council and are designed to support cultural tourism by funding marketing and program expenses associated with performances, exhibitions, and cultural events. Category C-I grants are funded by ad valorem tax and are designed to preserve cultural heritage through the arts and provide the opportunity for residents and students to experience diverse and innovative cultural programs and projects.

The Council also administers three artist grant programs: the Artist Innovation Fellowship Program (granted every other year); the Dina Baker Fund for Mature Female Artists; and contributes to part of a multi-county arts initiative, the South Florida Cultural Consortium.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR CULTURAL TOURISM (CATEGORY B) AWARD

Adolph & Rose Levis Jewish Community Center, Inc.	\$78,970
The Armory Art Center, Inc.	\$146,060
Boca Raton Historical Society	\$114,639
Boca Raton Museum of Art, Inc.	\$228,616
The Busch Wildlife Sanctuary, Inc.	\$131,919
Cox Science Center and Aquarium, Inc.	\$230,997
FAU Foundation, Inc.	
Dorothy Schmidt College of Arts & Letters	\$133,359
The Henry Morrison Flagler Museum, Inc.	\$222,265
Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center, Inc.	\$226,234
Loxahatchee River Historical Society, Inc.	\$113,119
Maltz Jupiter Theatre, Inc.	\$222,265
Miami City Ballet, Inc.	\$208,771
The Morikami, Inc.	\$184,560
Norton Museum of Art, Inc.	\$233,379
Palm Beach Dramaworks, Inc.	\$185,221
Palm Beach Opera, Inc.	\$224,647
Palm Beach Photographic Centre, Inc.	\$180,591
Palm Beach State College	\$150,294
The Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, Inc.	\$210,358
The Society of the Four Arts, Inc.	\$192,382
SunFest of Palm Beach County, Inc.	\$227,822
The Zoological Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc.	\$224,647
TOTAL (22)	\$4,115,286

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR CULTURAL MARKETING (CATEGORY C-II) AWARD

Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, Inc.	\$77,459
Ballet Palm Beach, Inc.	\$74,091
Boca Ballet Theatre Company	\$75,775
Boca Raton Philharmonic Symphonia, Inc.	\$74,091
Centre for the Arts at Mizner Park, Inc.	\$73,249
The Chamber Music Society of Palm Beach, Inc.	\$71,566
Friends of the Mounts Botanical Garden, Inc.	\$63,887
The Historical Society of Palm Beach County	\$73,530
The Lake Worth Playhouse, Inc.	\$71,566
Lighthouse ArtCenter, Inc.	\$75,775
Mandel Jewish Community Center of the Palm Beaches, Inc.	\$74,933
The Palm Beach Symphony Society, Inc.	\$76,898
Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, Inc.	\$78,302
Young Singers of the Palm Beaches, Inc.	\$75,495
TOTAL (14)	\$1,036,617

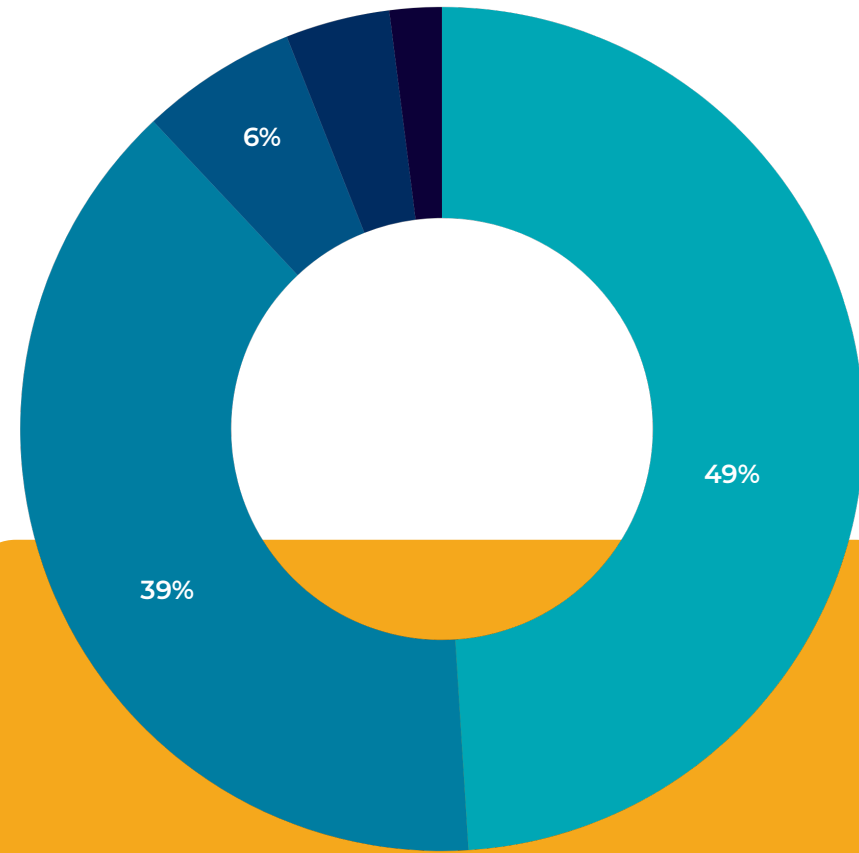
GRANTS FOR ARTISTS AWARD

Dina Baker Fund for Mature Female Artists	\$10,000
South Florida Cultural Consortium	\$15,000
TOTAL (2)	\$25,000

SMALL AND EMERGING CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS (CATEGORY C-I) AWARD

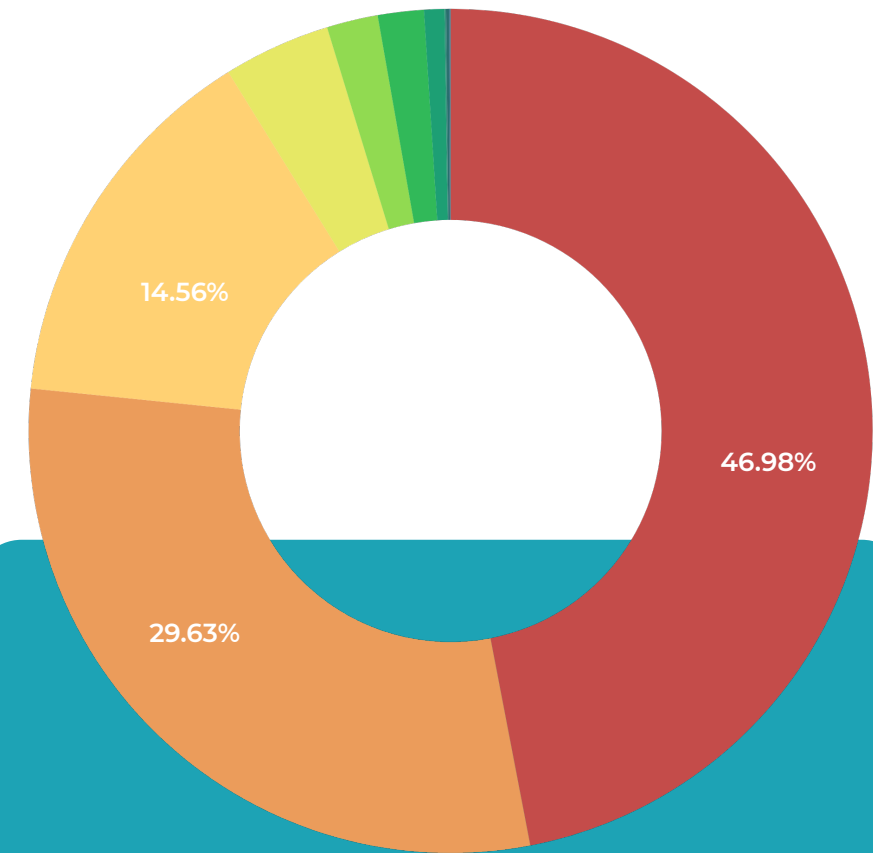
Aequalis, Inc. dba The Core Ensemble	\$15,408
Arts4All Florida, Inc.	\$15,004
Benzaiten Center for Creative Arts, Inc.	\$14,117
Boynton Cultural Centre, Inc. dba Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center	\$13,956
Caribbean-American for Community Involvement in Florida Inc.	\$4,249
Center for Creative Education, Inc.	\$15,004
The Choral Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc.	\$4,410
Dance Theater of Florida, Inc.	\$9,680
Delray Beach Arts, Inc.	\$14,601
Delray Beach Chorale, Inc., dba Schola Cantorum of Florida	\$4,517
Digital VibeZ, Inc.	\$13,714
Elevar Foundation, Inc.	\$5,028
Fiesta De Pueblo, Inc.	\$4,250
The Friends of Sandoway House Nature Center, Inc., dba Sandoway Discovery Center	\$12,826
The Lake Worth Cultural Renaissance Foundation, Inc. dba LULA Lake Worth Arts	\$4,679
Martin Luther King Jr. Coordinating Committee of West Palm Beach, Inc.	\$5,055
The Masterworks Chorus of the Palm Beaches, Inc.	\$4,033
Milagro Foundation, Inc., dba Milagro Center	\$14,682
Nat King Cole Generation Hope, Inc.	\$14,762
The Palm Beach Shakespeare Festival, Inc.	\$4,840
Resource Depot, Inc.	\$15,246
Shakespeare Troupe, Inc.	\$4,302
The Taras Oceanographic Foundation, Inc.	\$4,813
West Third Street Dance Corp. dba Debra Weiss Dance Co.	\$4,571
Youth Orchestra of Palm Beach County, Inc.	\$10,003
TOTAL (25)	\$233,750

FINANCIALS



Revenues

- 49% Grant Revenue
- 39% Palm Beach County Contract for Services
- 6% Contributions, Membership, Sponsorship
- 4% In-Kind
- 2% Foundations and Other



Expenses

- 46.98% Grant Distribution
- 29.63% Marketing & Cultural Tourism
- 14.56% Personnel
- 4.10% In-Kind
- 1.96% Programs, Service & Advocacy
- 1.76% Building & Depreciation
- .78% Development
- .06% Education
- .11% Administration
- .06% Grants Management

FINANCIALS

Statement of Activities

Revenues and Other Support	2023	2022
Grants:		
Palm Beach County Category B Grant Program	4,046,224	3,975,955
Palm Beach County Category CI and CII Grant	1,282,716	847,238
State of FL license plate	36,139	36,690
Other grant income	55,000	20,000
Tourist Development Council	4,427,286	3,246,162
State of FL - Division of Arts & Culture	150,000	78,882
Other Support:		
Contributions and sponsorships	455,743	370,250
Membership	198,484	213,404
Foundation grant	48,500	240,000
Investment income	48,448	(82,850)
Other income	81,910	285,753
In-kind program support	461,960	487,513
Total Revenues and Other Support	\$11,292,410	\$9,718,997
Expenses		
Grant distribution	5,298,937	4,842,599
Personnel – all departments	1,642,682	1,606,304
Marketing – Palm Beach County cultural tourism	3,342,557	2,195,416
Service and advocacy to the cultural sector	221,629	191,180
Arts education	6,247	14,630
Grants	6,987	6,638
Administration	11,886	10,365
Development – exhibitions and events	88,069	33,052
Building costs and depreciation	198,491	187,092
In-kind expenses – offset to in-kind contribution	461,960	487,513
Total Expenses	\$11,279,445	\$9,574,789
Increase (decrease) in Net Assets	\$12,965	\$144,208

Statement of Financial Position

Assets	2023	2022
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	544,755	578,979
Receivables	1,116,846	854,611
Prepaid expenses & other	40,765	35,085
Total Current Assets	\$1,702,366	\$1,468,675
Long-term Assets:		
Long-term investments	836,360	689,952
Furniture and equipment	38,897	20,422
Robert M. Montgomery, Jr. building	2,537,102	2,614,094
Operating right-of-use assets, net	9,591	—
Total Long-term Assets	\$3,421,950	\$3,324,468
Total Assets	\$5,124,316	\$4,793,143
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	238,788	235,122
Accrued expenses	76,690	97,596
Grants payable	41,179	56,133
Deferred revenue	41,000	—
Current portion of operating lease obligations	3,408	—
Total Current Liabilities	\$401,065	\$388,851
Long-term Liabilities:		
Operating lease obligations	5,994	—
Contract Reserve	1,000,000	700,000
Total Long-term Liabilities	\$1,407,059	\$1,088,851
Net Assets	\$3,717,257	\$3,704,292
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$5,124,316	\$4,793,143

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