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Applicants to Division of the Arts Grants Programs,

The Office of Cultural Development is committed to supporting arts and culture in our state. Our agency understands that public funding in the arts is crucial to the continuation and advancement of the work that you do for the cultural economy of Louisiana.

This was a very critical year in funding for all state agencies. The Division of the Arts sustained budget reductions to operations, the Decentralized Arts Funding (DAF) program and a significant cut to the Statewide Arts Grants appropriation. In the face of these challenging economic times, our office had to evaluate our grant programs and make some very difficult funding decisions.

Unfortunately, with limited available funding, it is necessary for us to temporarily suspend the following State Arts Grant programs for FY2011: Stabilization-Entry, Capacity Building, Career Advancement, Fellowships, and Arts-In-Education.

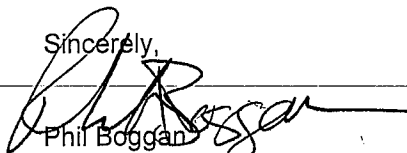
We know these cuts will seriously impact our constituents. Our staff will provide any assistance and do all that we can to keep you aware of other opportunities through the Office of Cultural Development, other state agencies, foundations or federal agencies. Please contact the Regional Development Agencies in your area for more information about the Decentralized program.

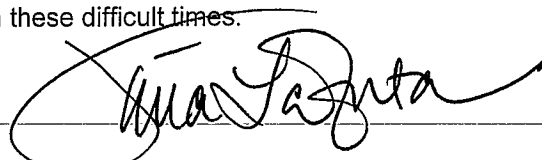
Recommendations for funding will be announced today by email for grant requests in Stabilization-Institution and the Stabilization-Advancement category.

If you have any questions, please contact your program officer or the Division of the Arts directly at (225) 342-8180.

Thank you for your understanding in these difficult times.

Sincerely,


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