**Pre-Read for Dec. 20 Board of Directors’ Meeting**

**Amy’s Update:**

Thanks to C.M. Crescimbeni’s assistance, we were able to obtain a spot on the agenda of the Duval Delegation’s Dec. 10 organizational meeting to advocate for state funding for arts and culture through the grant programs of the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Cultural Affairs.

Please see a link to WJCT’s coverage: <http://news.wjct.org/post/duval-delegation-elects-new-leadership-hears-constituents-city-hall-meeting>

**CSGP Update:**

The Cultural Council’s contract with the city for CSGP has been executed and first quarter payment received this week (week of Dec. 10). Direct deposits to Cultural Service Grantees that are in compliance are scheduled for early next week (week of Dec. 17).

A Compliance Workshop for 2018-2019 Cultural Service Grantees was held on Dec. 12.

A CSGP Task Force will meet this month to review grant process evaluation results and serve as a sounding board for potential changes.

In 2019, Cultural Council staff will begin piloting monthly in-office help sessions for cultural organizations and artists. Tentatively titled, “Office Hours,” this initiative, along with new convening opportunities for CSGs to network, are still in the planning stages. If any board member would like to assist with “Office Hours,” please contact Amy Palmer.

Thanks to the board members who attended the CSGP Appreciation Mixer on Nov. 29!