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**Executive Director’s Report – May 2019**

**Major Program Reports**

Director of Public Art Report

Grants Administration Report

Artist and Community Service Report

**Resource Development and Fundraising**

LEAP – Planning continues for this 4-day event.  Milestones include:

* Secured location for Arts Awards
* Developed process for selecting award winners
* Finalized sponsorship package
* Raised approximately $15K of $200K toward LEAP

**External Relationships**

Presented to Downtown Chamber of Commerce about CCGJ as LAA (Local Arts Agency)

Presented to Downtown Vision, Inc. about CCGJ as LAA and Public Art Projects

Presented to Leadership Jacksonville about CCGJ as LAA, Public Art Projects, and potential of arts for positive community impacts.

Presented to Flagler College Arts Administration Minor class. Discussed role of LAA, careers, and importance of arts advocacy.

Presented to Black Knight

Participated in United Way’s Cocktails and Conversations

Completed Leadership Jacksonville New Leaders Summit

Met with leaders of the following organizations: MOSH, MOCA, Main Library, FemArt, Teco Energy, WJCT, Jewish Family & Community Service, Don’t Miss a Beat, Art Republic.

Interviewed with Melissa Ross on WJCT.

Met with Council Member Guilliford.

Coordinated Advocacy work for Florida DCA on behalf of Northeast Florida arts and cultural organizations. Team representing three CSG’s along with CCGJ staff developed a plan for regional advocacy. CCGJ distributed over 75 messages to regional state representatives and staffers; created a social media campaign; and submitted source material for TU editorial and op-ed.

DCA Funding History:

* FY 2014-15 $43,073,117
* FY 2018-19 $2,650,000
* FY 2019-20 $21,250,028 (Governor Ron DeSantis has not signed off on FY 2019-20 funding yet)

Serving as internship site for Florida State University. Hosting Student Lilly Mauti, graduate student.

**Highlights**

Met with Mayor Curry, Sam Mousa, and Brian Hughes

Awarded cultural Internship program for up to 90 Duval County 16 to 21-year-old students

Serving on Art Ventures Panel for Community Foundation

Hosting a grant workshop in partnership with NEA, NEH, Florida DCA, and Georgia Council for the Arts

Continuing to meet with individual board members.