MAYOR'S COUNCIL *on the* ARTS



September 8, 2026

Annual Presentation to Lakeland
City Commisioners

Summary



Supported the City’s Annual Budget Target Areas



Generated Significant Economic Impact



Enhanced Quality of Life for Residents



Target Area: Culture

Lakeland Symphony Orchestra

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Approved and onboarded three new Citizens as voting members of the Arts Council.



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Enhanced trust in governance by collaborating with City Attorney and City Managers Offices to review and improve bylaws, policies, and grant procedures.



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Granted 10 nonprofits a total of $363,000 for arts programming.





Economic Impact

Polk Theatre

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Total Grant Awards $363,000

Total Industry Impact $9,898,000
Americans for the Arts Economic Impact Calculator

2,600% Return on Investment

.04% of City Expense Budget



Florida Children's Museum

Economic Impact

	Local Government Revenue	State Government Revenue
LKLD Arts Industry Spending	$505,414	$558,748




Quality of Life
Lakeland Community Theatre



Arts Education

Harrison School for the Arts

Quality of Life



AGB Museum of Art





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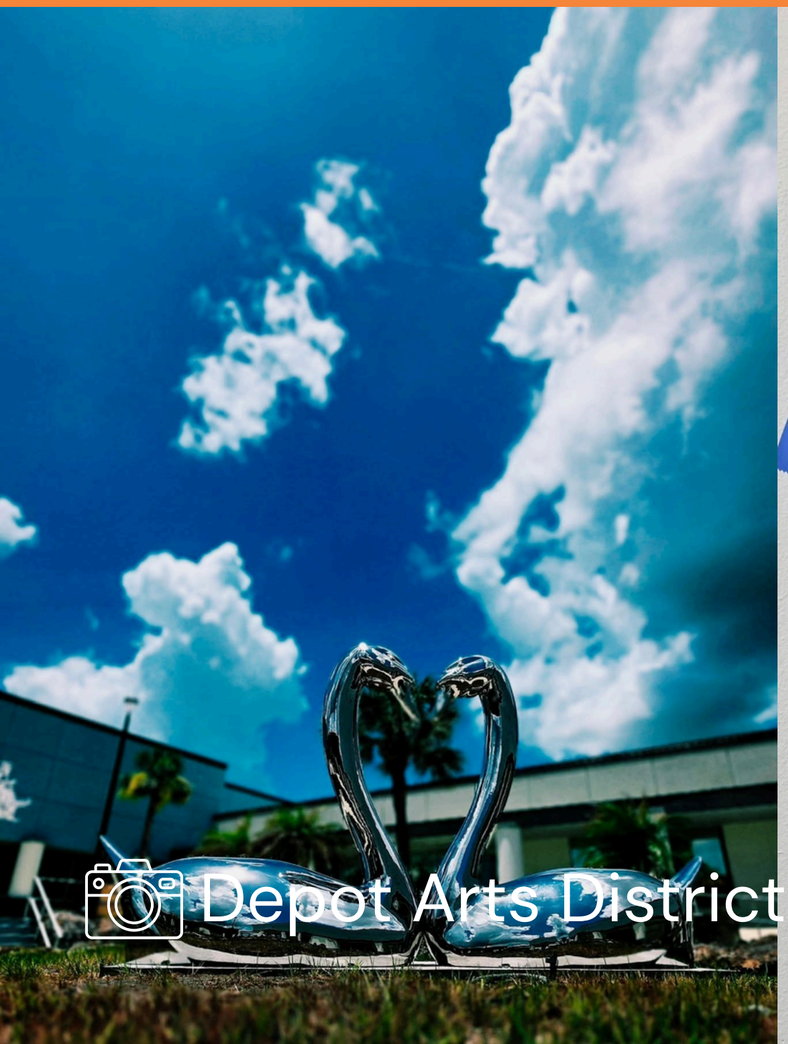


Bonnet Springs Park





Quality of Life



Depot Arts District





And so much more.

Arts Community Needs Assessment

Thank you for creating with us.