



Capital/Facilities Program

Coordinator: [Don Blancett](#) (FL)

DRAFT PEER GROUP AGENDA

Thursday, December 6

3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

- 3:00 p.m.** Welcome and Introductions
- 3:30 p.m.** What do we have in common; where are we different?
(A round-table discussion about capital/facilities programs)

Saturday, December 8

8:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

Success Stories; Problem Solving; What Works For You And What Doesn't.

The following are general discussion topics suggested by capital/facilities managers. These are not all-inclusive, but are intended to be a starting point for discussion. The questions are loosely grouped by topic. Please feel free to add additional questions or topics of interest if you wish. To do so, email coordinator, [Don Blancett](#)

The Planning Process

- Do you provide technical assistance with architectural design and the construction process? When is an organization ready to hire an architect?
- What suggestions would you offer a community in planning for arts facilities?

Application Mechanics

- How do you solicit applications? How are applications reviewed and scored? How are grants prioritized for funding? Are grants managed by contract? What is the final report review process? What is the grant file closeout process?
- What is your application review panel process? Do you use out-of-state, in-state reviewers or a combination of the two? What are the advantages and disadvantages?

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Funding Resources and State Impact

- How do states politicize awards, especially noncompetitive grants, aka “pork barrel?”
- Does your state provide funds for the rehabilitation of historic structures? What technical assistance do you provide for this process?
- How do states meet the growing needs of a growing applicant pool with limited public resources?
- How do states balance support for new construction and, at the same time, provide renovation dollars for deteriorating buildings?
- What funding sources are available for state grants outside of the legislative process? Does your agency help organizations leverage funds for the various phases of a building project?
- How can states assist underserved/rural areas that have only limited fundraising capacity?
- Are there state laws that restrict or inhibit renovation, restoration or new construction?