

# Krysten Bennett

Public Affairs Consultant



Having served as a Public Affairs Consultant with Langton Associates from 2004-2010, Krysten once again joined the Langton family in 2016. During her original tenure, she secured more than \$5.8 million in Federal, State and Foundation funds for local government projects and non-profit entities with public agency partners and has added more than \$4 million to that total since her return.

Having earned a degree from Emory University with a focus on Arts Administration, Krysten began her career in the Development Office of Atlanta Ballet, overseeing the company's government grants, including annual allocations from the City of Atlanta Office of Cultural Affairs, Fulton County Arts Council, Georgia Council for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. In addition to her work with cultural institutions affiliated with Langton Consulting clients, she has served as a grant writer for non-profit arts entities including, but not limited to the Jacksonville Children's Chorus, LaVilla School of the Arts, Riverside Arts Market, Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, Mandarin Art Festival and The 5 & Dime, A Theatre Company, a number of whom she continues to work with as an active volunteer in a variety of administrative capacities.

Though cultural programming, historic preservation and environmental preservation are areas of strong personal interest, Krysten's past grant writing successes include the topics of education, library services, parks and recreation, social services and emergency management.

Following the 2004 Hurricane Season, during which Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne impacted nearly all of Langton Consulting's local government clients, Krysten became the firm's expert in the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), which provides funding for jurisdictions included in Presidentially-declared disasters to implement wind retrofit, emergency back-up power and flood mitigation projects to protect critical facilities and the public at-large from potential damages related to future storm events. Since 2004, Krysten has led the Langton Consulting team in submitting HMGP application requesting more than \$35 million, \$20 million of which were submitted in response to 2017's Hurricane Irma.

Perhaps her most notable project as a consultant with Langton was the multi-year facilitation of the Palm Beach County Homeless Advisory Board and its seven working committees, for which she assisted in the development of and, subsequent authoring of the *Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness in Palm Beach County*, adopted by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners in September of 2008. The cornerstone of the Plan was the development of the Senator Philip D. Lewis Center, the County's first

homeless resource center, which opened in 2012 and was partially funded with the assistance of Langton's grant-writing team.

**Education**

Associate of Arts in Business Administration, University of North Florida

Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies, Emory University