



Legislation Text

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Florida Division of Cultural Affairs General Program Support, Local Arts Agency Grant (NB)

This item requests approval by the City Commission for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (PRCA) to apply to the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs for a Local Arts Agency grant.

Since being designated as the Local Arts Agency (LAA) for Alachua County in 1985, the City of Gainesville Parks Recreation and Cultural Affairs' Department, Cultural Affairs Division, has applied a number of times to the State of Florida Division of Cultural Affairs (DCA) for a general program support grant in the LAA category. Cultural Affairs qualifies as a Level III organization and can apply for the highest level of funding, \$150,000. With diminished State funds for culture; however, grant awards at this level can be as low as 10% of the requested amount or not awarded at all, depending on the Legislative appropriation for the year. For FY 2013-2014, based on the proposed House and Senate budgets, PRCA is projected to receive \$33,626 from last year's request. Though this grant is for general operating support; the additional financial resources, should they be awarded for the FY 2014-2015 request will be applied to initiatives that will build local arts agencies' capacity, as well as marketing of the arts in the community and beyond.

The grant submission deadline was June 1, 2013; panel review of applications is scheduled for September 9, 2013; final recommendations will be announced in June 2014. The grant period is July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015.

PRCA is applying for a General Program Support grant in the LAA category not to exceed \$150,000. Current Cultural Affairs operating funds can be used to meet the required 1:1 matching funds. No additional funds will be necessary to facilitate this request.

The City Commission: 1) authorize the City Manager to accept the grant if awarded; and 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to execute any grant related documents subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.