



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.

The City of Gainesville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department (PRCA) has been designated as the Local Arts Agency (LAA) for Alachua County since 1985. As such, the 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. PRCA 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 upon the Legislative appropriation for the year. Though this grant is for general operating support and providing professional services as a LAA, the additional financial resources will be applied towards initiatives that will build local arts agencies' capacity, as well as marketing of the arts in the community and beyond.

The grant submission deadline is June 1, 2012; panel review of applications is scheduled for September, 2012, and final recommendations will be announced June, 2013. The grant award period is July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014.

There is no fiscal impact related to this grant application request. Since it is a General Program Support grant in the Local Arts Agency category not to exceed \$150,000, and the Department is the designated Local Arts Agency for Alachua County, current allocated operating funds can be used to meet the required 1:1 matching funds. No additional funds will be necessary should the grant be awarded.

The City Commission: 1) approve the submission of an application to the State of Florida, Division of Cultural Affairs Local Arts Agency grant program; 2) authorize the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department to accept the grant if awarded; and 3) authorize the City Manager or designee to execute any grant related documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.