



Legislation Text

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Region4: Transformation Through Imagination Grant (NB)

This item involves a budget amendment to the "Culture Builds Florida" grant from the State of Florida Division of Cultural Affairs which supported an art exhibition and related community education and engagement project titled "Region4: Transformation Through Imagination."

In 2011, the City of Gainesville was awarded a \$24,000 grant from the State of Florida Division of Cultural Affairs to collaborate with the Superfund Art Project (SAP) to mount an exhibition and create related programs that would help the public learn more about the Cabot-Koppers Superfund site and the plans for remediation of the site. The exhibition opened at the Thomas Center on March 2, 2012, ran through April 28, 2012, and won many positive comments from the media and public. A traveling exhibition of photographic blowups of the exhibition's artwork and text materials is currently on a 5-city Florida/Georgia tour and the original exhibition is being remounted in Tallahassee in October.

The budget for the grant matched the State award of \$24,000 with \$9,000 in City funds; \$5,000 in outside support raised by the Superfund Art Project (Formed in 2008, SAP is a creative public outreach component of the Protect Gainesville's Citizens group); and \$10,000 in-kind support. Unfortunately, the \$5,000 support from the Superfund Art Project was not realized as they were unable to secure the promised contributions due to difficult economic times. Project expenses were exceeded by \$1,053 as a result of costs related to technology installations. It should be noted however, that actual in-kind support by the University of Florida, Superfund Art Project, Project Curator for the project, exceeded its \$10,000 budget by over \$22,500.

City Grant Procedure #26 states: "All grant amendments which increase the amount of the local match above the amounts(s) originally approved by the City Commission, or which significantly change the total grant amount or substantially change the purpose of the grant, must be presented to the City Commission for approval."

In compliance with the City Grant Procedure #26, it is therefore requested that the Region4: Transformation Through Imagination budget be amended to reflect an additional expense of \$6,053. The funds to cover the additional expense are in the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs budget. This amendment does not affect the final grant report that has been filed with the State of Florida.

The City Commission direct that the "Region4: Transformation Through Imagination" grant budget be amended to reflect an additional expense of \$6,053.