



## Interoffice Memorandum

June 8, 2023

### AGENDA ITEM

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings  
-AND-  
County Commissioners

THRU: Carla Bell Johnson, Deputy County Administrator *CB*  
County Administrator's Office

CONTACT: Terry Olson, Administrator  
Arts and Cultural Affairs Office

SUBJECT: **June 20, 2023 – Discussion Agenda Item**  
FY 2024 State of the Arts, Budget Recommendations from the Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Council, and FY 2023 Cultural Facilities Funding Recommendations

At the June 20, 2023 Board meeting, staff will present the annual state of the arts and the FY 2024 budget recommendations from the Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Council. The presentation will also include the Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Council recommendations for FY 2023 Cultural Facilities funding.

#### **Background – Cultural Facilities Funding Recommendations:**

The FY 2023 Arts and Cultural Affairs Grants Program budget funds three main programs: Cultural Tourism, Cultural Facilities, and Blockbuster. These programs provide funding from the Tourist Development Tax (TDT) collections for eligible arts organizations to promote tourism and to construct, extend, enlarge, remodel, repair, improve, maintain, operate promote or equip a 501(c)(3) museum, publicly owned museum, or auditorium.

In finding a process that complies with state law for the use of TDT revenues and meets the Advisory Council's goals of elevating Central Florida's art and culture to that befitting a diverse, world-class community, the Advisory Council established numerous criteria to make appropriate funding recommendations. Five members of the Advisory Council and four industry experts served on the Cultural Facilities Review Panel to evaluate and score the eligible applications submitted for funding this year.

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The four applicants who had applied in 2020, but were not reviewed due to COVID-19 impacts on funding availability, were allowed to apply again this year. After site visits, a thorough review by every Cultural Facilities Review Panel member and intense discussion regarding the impact to be made by these projects, the four projects were presented to the Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Council for their consideration. The Advisory Council unanimously recommended approving the requested funding for all four applicants totaling \$1,572,179.

- 1) Downtown Arts District for renovation project: CityArts Courtyard Renovation Project. The proposed FY 2023 funding for this project is \$318,539; the total budget for this project is \$637,077.
- 2) Friends of Mennello Museum of American Art for construction project: Building Our Future: The Expansion of the Mennello Museum of American Art. The proposed FY 2023 funding for this project is \$500,000; the total budget for this project is \$1,000,000.
- 3) Orlando Ballet for equipping project: Harriett's Orlando Ballet Centre Lobby, Auditorium and Studios Theatrical Audio and Security Package. The proposed FY 2023 funding for this project is \$253,640; the total budget for this project is \$507,280.
- 4) Orlando Science Center for renovation project. Visitor Parking and Renovations Enhancements. The proposed FY 2023 funding for this project is \$500,000; the total budget for this project is \$1,097,133.

**Cultural Facilities Recommended Funding:**

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Council recommends approval of four FY 2023 Cultural Facilities projects in the amount of \$1,572,179.

**ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of FY 2023 Cultural Facilities Funding Recommendations by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Council in the amount of \$1,572,179.**

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c: Byron W. Brooks, AICP, County Administrator