



May 15, 2018

To: Mayor Teresa Jacobs
- AND -
Board of County Commissioners

From: Terry Olson
Arts and Cultural Affairs Administrator

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Subject: FY 2018 Cultural Facilities Funding Recommendations
Discussion Agenda Item – May 22, 2018

The approved FY 2018 Arts & Cultural Affairs Grants Program budget funds two main programs: Cultural Tourism (CT) and Cultural Facilities (CF). Both programs provide money from the Tourist Development Tax (TDT) collections for eligible arts organizations to promote tourism and to construct, extend, enlarge, remodel, repair, improve or equip a 501(c)(3) museum, or publicly owned museum or auditorium.

On May 22, 2018, I will be presenting the FY 2018 Cultural Facilities grant award recommendations for approval.

Background — Cultural Facilities Funding Recommendations:

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Council spent years creating and fine-tuning the application and procedures for the funding support of cultural facilities. In finding a process that complies with state law for the use of TDT revenues and meets the Council's goals of elevating Central Florida's art and culture to a status befitting a world-class community, the Council examined numerous criteria to make funding recommendations.

Five members of the Advisory Council and four industry experts served on the Cultural Facilities Review Panel to evaluate and score the three eligible applications submitted for funding this year. After site visits, a thorough review by every review panel member and intense discussion regarding the impact to be made by these projects, the funding recommendations listed are presented unanimously by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Council. Their recommendation supports funding three proposals based on eligible score rankings.

Recommended Grant Awards:

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Council recommends the following three Cultural Facilities projects for funding from accounting line number 4430-035-0990-8610 for a total of \$1,236,650.

- 1) Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center of Florida for “Holocaust Center of the Future – Architectural & Design Service Phase (phase I).” The proposed FY 2018 funding for this project is \$500,000; the total budget for this project is \$1,059,723.
- 2) Orlando Ballet for “Loch Haven Dance Center Construction.” The proposed FY 2018 funding for this project is \$500,000; the total budget for this project is \$2,155,840.
- 3) Orlando Science Center for “Orlando Science Center Visitor Experience Renovation Project.” The proposed FY 2018 funding for this project is \$236,650; the total budget for this project is \$496,965.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of proposed Cultural Facilities grants as recommended by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Council in the amount of \$1,236,650.

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C: Ajit Lalchandani, County Administrator
Eric Gassman, Deputy County Administrator