

MEMORANDUM

October 20, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

VIA: James Slaton, Interim City Manager

FROM: Jennifer D'hollander, Museum Manager

RE: Florida Humanities Community Project Grant Application

SYNOPSIS:

A grant application to the Florida Humanities Council for \$5000. The grant would require a 1:1 matching city contribution of \$5,000 in FY 2020-2021. The Museum will cover the cost of the match from monies raised by additional proposed contributed gifts from Duke Energy, Mountain Lake Community Service, and Citizen Bank & Trust.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve a grant application to the Florida Humanities for funding that will be allocated to the creation of the new Lake Wales African American Archive in 2021.
2. Authorize approval of grant contract by the Interim City Manager, if awarded.

BACKGROUND:

The Florida Humanities Council sponsors community based projects, facilitates important conversations among Floridians, and shines a spotlight on Florida's history, art, and culture. Established in 1973, FHC is an independent, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For over forty years we have developed and funded public programs that tell the stories of both Florida and those unique individuals that call this state their home. FHC is funded by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs.

If our application is approved, the grant money will be used to create a new African American Archive that includes to research the history, conduct oral histories, establish relationships, and create a permanent home for the history and stories of the African-American community and its people in Lake Wales.

The grant program is a renewable award with an approved application. Any grant funds received from this application would be applicable from December 1, 2020 – December 1, 2021. The grant requires a minimum 1:1 match of funds. The Museum will cover the cost of the match from monies raised by additional proposed contributed gifts from Duke Energy, Mountain Lake Community Service, and Citizen Bank & Trust. Grant requests have already been submitted these organizations.

OTHER OPTIONS:

Do not apply for this grant. No appropriations needed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$5000 in matching funds in FY 2020-2021. See attached fiscal impact statement.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft grant application
Fiscal impact statement