



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: June 21, 2022

TITLE: Resolution Approving the Submittal of a Grant Application for \$500,000 to the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs – Cultural Facilities Grant to Aid in the Development of J. C. Carter Park Community Center – **(Commission District 3)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for grant funding of \$500,000 to the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs – Cultural Facilities Grant. This Grant requires a City match of \$1,000,000.

Background

The Florida Department of State Division of Cultural Affairs (FDOS) administers the Cultural Facilities Grant Program. The Cultural Facilities Program coordinates and guides the State of Florida’s support and funding of renovation, construction, or acquisition of cultural facilities.

The state offers levels of funding as determined by use of the facility. A multi-purpose facility that will be used for the programming, production, presentation, exhibition of any of the arts and cultural disciplines at least 85% of the time may be funded for a maximum of \$500,000. The improvements proposed for the Carter Park Community Recreation Center include multipurpose rooms, dance rooms, as well as music studios.

The grant project must be matched with 2 to 1 funding. Applications must also demonstrate support for the project as documented in writing. Municipalities must submit an executed copy of an approved resolution by the City Commission. The resolution must include the dollar amount dedicated and available to the project if the grant is awarded as well as the date the funds will be available.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with the grant application. The Grant agreement will be brought back to the City Commission for execution and appropriation if awarded.

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2022 Top Commission Priority advancing the Parks and Public Places initiative.

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2024*, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Build a healthy and engaging community
- Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, waterways, parks and open spaces for everyone

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Here*.

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element
- Goal 2: Be a community with high quality parks and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our City.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Approved Grant Pre-application Form

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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