



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**City Commission Agenda Memo**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**#16-0482**

---

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

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** May 3, 2016

**TITLE:** Motion to Accept a Broward County Cultural Division Tourist Development  
Tax Grant–War Memorial Auditorium Renovations–\$377,016

---

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the City Manager to accept a Tourist Development Tax Capital Challenge Grant, in substantially the form attached, from the Broward County Cultural Council for War Memorial renovations; and to execute any required documents associated with the acceptance of such funds.

**Background**

On February 16, 2015, the Parks and Recreation Department submitted a grant application to the Broward County Cultural Tourism Division for a Tourist Development Tax Capital Challenge Grant (TDT-CCGP). Project funds may be used to acquire, construct, or renovate tourist-oriented facilities as authorized by the Local Option Tourist Development Act such as convention centers, stadiums, or auditoriums.

The TDT-CCGP grant funds will be used toward the interior renovation of War Memorial Auditorium. Renovations will include the installation of a new telescopic seating system and the replacement of the auditorium's electrical and lighting systems. Staff recommends the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the proper City officials to execute all necessary documents to receive funds and the City Manager to execute documents extending the grant term, as necessary. Three executed copies of the agreement and one original authorized signature form must be returned to the County.

**Resource Impact**

There is a positive impact to the City in the amount of \$377,016 which would allow for project implementation in FY2016. The grant is matched 2:1 with an outcome yield of \$754,032. Matching funds are identified in the FY2016 operating budget. Funds are being appropriated through companion CAM 16-0466.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Public Places Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 3: Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnerships to create unique, inviting, and connected gathering places that highlight our beaches, waterways, urban areas, and parks.
- Objective 3: Integrate arts and cultural elements into public places.
- Goal 4: Be a healthy community with fun and stimulating recreational activities for our neighbors.

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

### **Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Agreement

---

Prepared by: Carolyn Bean, Parks and Recreation

Department Director: Phil Thornburg, Parks and Recreation