



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#18-0473

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

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

DATE: May 15, 2018

TITLE: Resolution Approving the Submittal of a Florida Cultural Facilities
Matching Grant Application for War Memorial Auditorium Phase II
Renovations - \$200,000

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a matching grant application to the Florida Department of State Division of Cultural Affairs and to execute any required documents associated with the application.

Background

The Cultural Facilities Program coordinates and guides the State of Florida's support and funding of renovation, new construction, or acquisition of cultural facilities. Applicants must provide a two-to-one match for the amount of grant requested. Municipalities must submit an executed copy of an approved resolution by a city commission with the application materials. The resolution must include the dollar amount dedicated and available to the project if the grant is awarded and the date the funds will be available. The submitted resolution must be dated and signed by an authorizing official. Funding, as indicated by the resolution, must be made available within 90 days of the start of the grant award period.

Cultural Facilities projects have a grant period of 23 months. The grant period start date is July 1, 2019 and the grant period **end date** is June 1, 2021 unless an end date extension is approved by the Division.

War Memorial is entering Phase II of project renovations. In its current condition, the venue is locked into the "trade show" model and does not live up to its full potential. Interior renovations will allow the facility to be used for a wider variety of cultural arts events, attract a greater number of tourists auditorium's position as a tourist destination. Funding as requested via this grant will support components of the Phase II renovations including auditorium audience seating, rear projection systems and screening. Staff will submit a grant application in the amount of \$200,000 which must be matched by \$400,000. Total project costs of this submission are \$600,000.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with the grant application. If awarded, the grant will be brought back to the City Commission for execution and appropriation.

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 Community*.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

Exhibit 2 – Grant Guidelines

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