

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: International Cultural Exchange Program Grant Application

DEPARTMENT: Fiscal Services **DIVISION:** Grants Administration

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Agenda Date <u>01/24/06</u> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work Session <input type="checkbox"/> Briefing <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing – 1:30 <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing – 7:00 <input type="checkbox"/>
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MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approval to submit a grant application to the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, for the International Cultural Exchange Grant Program.

[Dept Contact: Suzan Bunn (407) 665-2901]



BACKGROUND:

To enhance our relationship with County Wicklow, Ireland, an initiative is detailed in the Seminole County Strategic Plan for the development of an arts and cultural exchange. During their visit last year, the County Wicklow Art Commission agreed to pursue the exchange of art between the two counties. Seminole County has an "Arts in Public Places" program, as does County Wicklow.

The International Cultural Exchange Grant Program is being offered by the State to support exchanges of artistic and cultural merit. The intent of the grant parallels our initiatives to pursue international cultural exchange projects of arts organizations, which include museums, theatres, dance companies, sister city organizations, art centers, and others.

Applicants may request up to \$25,000. Request board approval to submit an application for the International Cultural Exchange Grant Program.

Note: The attached grant requires no match.

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**GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW FORM – ABSTRACT
GRANTS ADMINISTRATION DIVISION**

FUNDER: Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs

DATE DUE: February 8, 2006

PROJECT TITLE: Seminole County/County Wicklow Art Exchange

DEPARTMENT: Tourism Development

PROJECT INITIATOR(S): Suzan Bunn, Director of Tourism Development

PROJECT MANAGER/PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Suzan Bunn

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This grant would create an art and cultural exchange between Seminole County and its sister County Wicklow. Seminole County artists would have the mechanism to exhibit and potentially sell their artwork in County Wicklow Ireland, and visa-versa. This program would also expand Seminole County residents' exposure to international (Irish) artwork. A component of this program could tie into the Seminole County School System, the Seminole County Museum, as well as the Tourism industry.

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$ 25,000

MATCHING FUNDS (IF APPLICABLE): N/A

SOURCES OF MATCH: N/A

THIS PROPOSAL IS A:

NEW GRANT CONTINUATION GRANT SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT

GRANT FUNDING IS: COMPETITIVE ENTITLEMENT CONTRACT