

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: National Leadership Collaborative Planning Grant Program

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

AUTHORIZED BY: Lisa Spriggs  **CONTACT:** Jennifer Bero  **EXT.** 7125

Agenda Date <u>02/27/07</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:

Approve to partner with the University of Central Florida for pursuit of the National Leadership Collaborative Planning Grant Program, and authorize the Chairman to execute a letter supporting the partnership.

[Dept Contact: Suzy Goldman, Director of Library and Leisure Services (407) 665-1605]

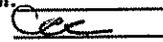
BACKGROUND:

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is offering the National Leadership Collaborative Planning Grant Program to enable libraries and museums to help people gain the knowledge, skills, and resources that enhance their engagement in the community. Funding is available to enable project teams from more than one institution to work together to plan a collaborative project.

The University of Central Florida (UCF) is pursuing the grant to further the Central Florida Memory (CFM) project. This project is a cooperative digital collection on the history of Central Florida and contains materials provided by UCF, the Orange County Regional History Center, Orange County Public Library, Rollins College, and the Museum of Seminole County History.

The Board partnered with UCF for the CFM project for past grant opportunities. As with the past application submissions, the National Leadership Grant Application requires a letter from the Board Chairman specifying support from the Board. The guidelines of the grant and the CFM project would require county staff to assist in the planning of the project only; no financial support is needed.

Staff requests the Board to approve the continued partnership with UCF for the Central Florida Memory project, and authorize the Chairman to execute a letter indicating such partnership.

Reviewed by:
Co Atty: _____
DFS: _____
Other: _____
DCM: _____
CM: 
File No. <u>CFSG07</u>

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



February 27, 2007

Dr. Anne-Imelda M. Radice
Institute of Museum and Library Services
1800 M Street, NW - 9th Floor
Washington, DC 20036-5802

RE: National Leadership Program – Collaborative Planning Grant Application
Partnership with the University of Central Florida

Dear Dr. Radice,

On behalf of the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners, I am pleased to present this letter of support provided to the University of Central Florida (UCF) for the National Leadership Collaborative Planning Grant Program. As a partner with UCF for the Central Florida Memory Collection (CFM) Project, the Museum of Seminole County History is actively involved in the efforts to explore options for using technology to expand the collection by inviting the public to participate.

Under the guidelines established for the grant, Seminole County commits to continued collaboration with other organizations in the Central Florida region, partnering as a team to plan and implement expansion of the CFM Collection project. It is the desire of the Board for this project to provide additional knowledge to the community and to be a valuable resource for those seeking to contribute and obtain historical information.

If additional information is needed to substantiate the partnership between the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners and UCF for the National Leadership Grant, please contact Jennifer Bero, Grants Administrator, at (407) 665-7125. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carlton D. Henley, Chairman
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners

cc: Selma Jaskowski, UCF Assistant Director for Systems & Technology
Suzy Goldman, Director of Library and Leisure Services
Karen Jacobs, Museum Coordinator
Jennifer Bero, Grants Administrator

Central Florida Memory - **www.CFMemory.org**

WELCOME

Central Florida Memory is a unique digital collection of material contributed by partner institutions to create a virtual place where visitors can discover what Central Florida was like before theme parks and the space program. Diaries and letters describe the region and how people survived day-by-day in this extreme and rugged environment. Maps, photographs, and postcards illustrate how the region looked in the early years and how it changed over time. Voters' registration and funeral records and city directories provide demographic information that makes the picture of the Central Florida settler come into focus.

The initial pilot project for Central Florida Memory was completed in May 2003. Expansion of the collection is made possible through a National Leadership Grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

Enjoy Central Florida Memory by browsing the collection, performing a search, or reading our Florida Stories.

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Central Florida Memory is a cooperative project begun in 2002 by three institutions: The University of Central Florida Library, The Orange County Regional History Center, and The Orange County Library System.

The long-term intent of the project is to provide an online platform and focal point for gathering, preserving, and disseminating the documents, artifacts, and stories of the history of Central Florida. Our interest is in much more than just providing access to or heightening awareness of this history. This project provides educational resources and tools to enhance the delivery of instruction of history at all levels, especially fourth grade students and teachers learning Florida history.

PROJECT FOCUS

This initial start-up phase of the project focused on Central Florida during the years 1880 - 1930, a booming time of transition from pioneer frontier, to the early development of the citrus industry, to established towns, cities, and transportation networks.

It created a prototype website, providing organized access to documents found in the holdings of the three participating institutions, to the stories these documents tell, and to educational materials to be used by teachers to inform and excite their students about this history.

WORKSHOPS

- September 30, 2005 Workshop

PROJECT FUTURE

Central Florida Memory was awarded a National leadership Grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in September 2004. With grant funding and the addition of two new partners, Olin Library at Rollins College and the Museum of Seminole County History, we are committed to adding 40,000 new images to the CFM collection. Select portions of CFM's grant proposal can be found through the following links:

Abstract | Budget Narrative | Committees 2004-12-09
| Narrative

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