

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Historic Museum Grant Application

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

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Agenda Date <u>12/12/06</u>	Regular <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consent <input 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"/>		

MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

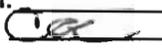
Approve to submit a grant application to the Florida Department of State/Division of Historical Resources for the Historic Museum Grant Program, and authorize the County Manager to execute supporting documents.

BACKGROUND:

Seminole County is anticipating construction of a multi-purpose education building in expansion of the Museum of Seminole County History. To assist with funding the cost of construction, staff submitted an application to the Florida Arts Council for their Cultural Facilities grant program. Seminole County ranked 38th on the list of 47 applicants, which placed us at \$16.3M in the running total. Total funding for the 2007 grant cycle will be determined by the Florida Legislature in the Spring of 2007. The Florida Legislature approved \$15M in total funding for the 2006 grant cycle. Funding over the past 5 years has been unpredictable, ranging from \$0 to \$16M.

The Florida Department of State/Division of Historical Resources is currently offering the Historic Museum Grant program for public educational exhibits. The program supports the development and presentation of exhibits on the history of Florida through the use of artifacts, graphics, audiovisual components, text panels, and educational elements. Contingent upon implementation of the museum expansion, staff would like to pursue the Historic Museum grant to fund a hand-painted mural, a backdrop for a farming exhibit to be displayed in the new building.

If the grant is awarded, the mural will depict the big citrus freeze of 1894/95, and will illustrate the planting, picking, packing, and shipping of celery, an industry which exploded as a result of the historic freeze. (Please see the attached abstract for additional information regarding the mural and coordinating exhibit.)

Reviewed by:
Co Atty: _____
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Other: _____
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File No. <u>CFSG02</u>

The proposed application would request \$35,000 with a 50% match requirement. Match funds are proposed to be accommodated by the FY 2006/07 funds budgeted for the construction of the new building.

Request Board approval to submit a grant application to the Florida Department of State/Division of Historical Resources for the Historic Museum Grant Program, and authorize the County Manager to execute supporting documents. *The application submission deadline is December 15, 2006.*

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

FUNDER: Florida Department of State/Division of Historical Resources

DATE DUE: December 15, 2006

PROJECT TITLE: Hand-Painted Mural: "Seminole County: When Celery Was King"

DEPARTMENT: Library and Leisure Services

PROJECT INITIATOR(S): Suzy Goldman, Library and Leisure Services Director; and
Karen Jacobs, Museum Coordinator

PROJECT MANAGER: Suzy Goldman and Karen Jacobs

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: After the big citrus freeze of 1894/95, the mucky dirt that
remained proved to be the life saver for those who had lost their groves in Seminole County.
When tall stalks of celery rose from the ground in record numbers, Seminole County thrived in
its new industry, becoming the Celery Capital of the World.

Citrus groves and celery fields will be depicted in a hand-painted mural in the Museum of
Seminole County History budgeted for construction in FY 2006/07. The west wall will show
producing and frozen orange groves. The north wall, divided into 10 foot sections, will recreate
the planting, picking, and crating of celery completed by hand. Handmade tools will adorn the
mural, creating a 3-D effect. The automatic mule train and shipping by railroad and steamships
will also be shown. Donated antique tractors, buggies, and farm wagons will give a flavor of
days gone by, when celery was king.

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$35,000

MATCHING FUNDS: \$35,000

SOURCES OF MATCH: FY 06/07 Budgeted Funds

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$70,000

THIS PROPOSAL IS A:

- NEW GRANT CONTINUATION GRANT SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT

GRANT FUNDING IS:

- COMPETITIVE ENTITLEMENT CONTRACT