



Legislation Text

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A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing application for a Florida Department of State, African-American Cultural and Historical Grant toward design, renovation, or installation honoring the contributions and culture of African-Americans in Coral Gables.

The Florida Department of State has issued guidelines for the African-American Cultural and Historical Grants program. The unique opportunity is part of a continuing effort to help promote equitable access to cultural resources.

The State of Florida grant opportunity is funded by the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program, as authorized by the Department of the Treasury, and administered by the Florida Division of Arts and Culture and Florida Division of Historical Resources.

Program Description: The purpose of this grant program is to provide funding for construction projects at facilities in Florida that highlight the contributions, culture, or history of African-Americans. Priority shall be given for, but is not limited to, projects that:

- encourage the design or construction of a new facility or the renovation of an existing facility in an area with great cultural significance in which no facility exists;
- enhance the beauty or aesthetic value of facilities named for significant African-Americans; or,
- restore facilities on the National Register of Historic Places.

Coral Gables' Golden Gate neighborhood and the MacFarlane Homestead Historic District, a nationally registered Black historic district, have a prominent place in the City's early beginnings and deserve to be highlighted.

There is no match requirement for grant funding requests up to \$500,000. A cash match of 50% of funds requested from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 is required. For a public art project, staff recommends matching funds up to \$150,000 from the Art Acquisition fund.

The application is due by Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. and the start of the Grant period if awarded is July 1 of the state fiscal year in which requested grant funding is appropriated by the Florida Legislature (anticipated, 2022).

Municipal applicants applying for a grant with a match requirement are required to submit a dated and signed Resolution that includes the dollar amount dedicated and available to the project if the grant is awarded, and the date the funds will be available.