



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

APPROVED
BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
VIRTUAL MEETING
APRIL 27, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.

Board Member	Attendance	10/2020 through 9/2021	
		Cumulative Attendance Present	Absent
Brian Donaldson, Chair	P	7	0
Jeff Lowe, Vice Chair	P	7	0
Ross Cammarata	P	7	0
Catherine Graham	P	7	0
Michael Marshall	P	5	2
A. Abidemi Oladipo	P	6	0
Prabhuling Patel	P	7	0
Adam Sabin	P	6	1
Johnnie Smith	P	7	0
Christopher Williams	P	5	2

Also Attending

- Chris Lagerbloom, City Manager
- John Herbst, City Auditor
- Laura Reece, Budget Director
- Aricka Johnson, Structural Innovation Manager
- Yvette Matthews, Assistant Budget Manager
- Parth Patel, Budget and Management Analyst
- Charmaine Crawford, Budget Department and Board Liaison
- Jamie Opperlee, Prototype Inc. Recording Secretary

Communications to the City Commission

None

Purpose: To Provide the City with input regarding the taxpayers’ perspective in the development of the annual operating budget; to review projections and estimates from the City Manager regarding revenues and expenditures for upcoming fiscal year; to advise the City Commission on service levels and priorities and fiscal solvency; and to submit recommendations to the City Commission no later than August 15 of each year regarding a budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Budget Advisory Board was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Roll was called, and it was determined a quorum was present.

III. Floor Open for Neighbor Input

Joseph Cox, President and CEO of the Museum of Discovery and Science, asked the Board to support their proposal for STEM programming for over 3,000 Fort Lauderdale second and fourth grade public elementary students. He discussed the learning loss caused by Covid-19 in the past year, and said STEM studies were needed.

Jennifer Gettinger, Grants Coordinator with ArtServe, said all of their activities were free and they would offer multidisciplinary exhibitions for the 2022 artistic season.

Francie Bishop Good, NSU Art Museum board member and Dave Horvitz, Chairman of the NSU Art Museum board of governors, said there were no great cities without great art museums. Mr. Horovitz stated it was essential for the City to support art organizations. He said the City's grants to NSU Art Museum for the past three years had been very important.

Elissa Mogilefsky, Docent at the NSU Art Museum, said without the City's support, the museum would not be thriving and providing the world-class outreach that contributed to Fort Lauderdale being one of the most desirable cities in which to live and work. Ms. Mogilefsky said the museum provided art education and museum experiences to thousands of low income students and welcomed hundreds of City residents at the free monthly Fort Lauderdale Neighbor Days. She stated the City's support was essential to presenting world-class exhibitions. She urged the Board to continue the City's support.

Andrew Britton, NSU Art Museum Legacy Board member, said the City's support enabled the museum to maintain operations and to present critically acclaimed exhibitions.

Lori Franke said she was invested in the Fort Lauderdale community, and asked the Board to support the NSU Art Museum. She said the museum was very important for children and funding for the programs and exhibitions was critical. She asked Board members to support the museum.

Leslie Gebaide, with the Toby Center for Family Transitions, said they provided multiple child reunification and mental health services to improve outcomes for children whose parents had separated. She said funding from Fort Lauderdale would allow them to serve

60 children and 50 parents from Fort Lauderdale. She remarked on the impact the pandemic had on families' ability to afford services.

Mignon Marshall, Docent at the NSU Art Museum, said the museum was particularly meaningful for communities of color. She noted the arts could open up previously unidentified career paths for children. She added that NSU Art Museum was uniquely positioned to embrace diversity and inclusion and unite the community.

Ann Harsh, President of the Friends of the NSU Art Museum, stated her support for the museum. She noted they had not been able to hold their annual fundraiser due to COVID-19. Ms. Harsh asked the Board to support the museum.

Rhonda Ritchie, Senior Director of Advancement at NSU Art Museum, said she was "blown away" by the museum's commitment to the community. She was impressed by what the museum was doing to support students and teachers in the Broward County school system by providing art supplies.

Stefanie Sass said she supported the NSU Art Museum.

Bonnie Clearwater, Director of NSU Art Museum, said she was touched by the community's support. She stated the City's support for the last three years had been essential to their success. Ms. Clearwater stated the museum was helping rebuild the community after the pandemic. She recalled they had asked the City how they could help and subsequently created programming for the children in Parks and Recreation centers whose parents were working. She thanked the City for its support and asked that it continue.

Yolanda Perez, member of the NSU Art Museum Planned Giving Advisory Board, discussed how diversified the museum was, and how it attracted national media attention. She noted the museum provided free art education and museum experiences for low income students and welcomed City residents at the monthly free Fort Lauderdale Neighbor Days. She said the City's support was crucial to the museum's ability to continue providing these opportunities.

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

A. Continuation of Non-Profit Organization Grant Application Review

Chair Donaldson explained how Board members would cast their votes. He stated Board members would base their votes on the amount requested and their conversations at the joint meeting with the City Commission.

Chair Donaldson reported the Museum of Discovery and Science had decreased their request from \$285,000 to \$214,800. He said Board members should consider the return on investment for taxpayers. Chair Donaldson stated organizations scoring six or seven would be recommended and those scoring eight or higher would be highly recommended.

Board members voted and the results were as follows:

Social Welfare and Elderly Programs:

Broward Partnership for the Homeless - 10
211 First Call for Help For Broward Inc. – 9
Areawide Council on Ageing of Broward County – 7
SOS Children’s Villages Florida – 9
Gilda’s Club South Florida – 8
Lighthouse of Broward County Inc. – 7
Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Broward County – 8
Children’s Home Society of Florida - 9
Broward Housing Planning Community Land Trust – 1
A Child is Missing Inc. – 10
Canine Assisted Therapy – 4
Winterfest Inc. – 3
FAIR Foundation Inc. – 2
Sunshine Circle - 4

Educational Programs:

Early Learning Coalition of Broward County – 9
Helping Abused, Neglected, Disadvantaged Youth – 7
Junior Achievement of South Florida – 10
Fort Lauderdale Independent Training Education – 8
Pace Center for Girls – 7
Jack and Jill Children’s Center – 7
Museum of Discovery and Science – 5
Boys and Girls Club of Broward County – 8
Kids in Distress Inc. – 8
FLIPANY – 2
Oasis of Hope Community Development Corporation – 0
South Florida Symphony Orchestra – 4

Arts, Culture and Historical Programs:

Broward County Film Society Inc. – 7
Fort Lauderdale Historical Society Inc. - 5
Nova Southeastern University – NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale – 1
Broward Performing Arts Foundation Inc. – 6
Miami Gay and Lesbian Film Festival Inc. – 5
ArtServe Inc. – 2*
Master Chorale of South Florida Inc. – 3
Bonnet House Inc. – 1

*Mr. Lowe recused himself because he is President of the Board of Directors for ArtServe

B. Recommendations of Non-Profit Applications to City Manager

Staff tabulated the results.

Board members expressed their appreciation to all of the organizations that had applied for funding and for staff's support during the process.

Motion made by Mr. Camarata, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the following recommendations to the City Manager for Fiscal Year 2022 funding of non-profits and to communicate this to the City Commission. In a roll call vote, motion passed 10-0.

Highly recommended:

Broward Partnership for the Homeless	\$	50,000
211 First Call for Help For Broward Inc.	\$	25,000
SOS Children's Villages Florida	\$	50,000
Gilda's Club South Florida	\$	50,000
Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Broward County	\$	15,000
Children's Home Society of Florida	\$	5,000
A Child is Missing Inc.	\$	15,000
Early Learning Coalition of Broward County	\$	50,000
Junior Achievement of South Florida	\$	33,900
Fort Lauderdale Independent Training Education	\$	25,000
Boys and Girls Club of Broward County	\$	25,000
Kids in Distress Inc.	\$	11,512
Total:	\$	355,412

Recommended:

Areawide Council on Ageing of Broward County	\$	127,842
Lighthouse of Broward County Inc.	\$	35,000
Helping Abused, Neglected, Disadvantaged Youth	\$	100,000
Pace Center for Girls	\$	5,000
Jack and Jill Children's Center	\$	60,000
Broward County Film Society Inc.	\$	20,000
Broward Performing Arts Foundation Inc.	\$	25,000
Total:	\$	372,842
Grand total:	\$	728,254

C. Communications to Commission – Non-Profit Grant Process

Ms. Reece had drafted a communication that included an explanation of the process and invited Board members to provide input to accompany the recommendation to the City Commission.

VII. Communications to/from the City Commission

None

VIII. Board Member Comments

Ms. Reece said the May 12 meeting would need to be a regular meeting and Board members agreed.

Ms. Crawford informed the Board that Human Resources, Finance and Transportation and Mobility would be presenting at the May 12 meeting. Chair Donaldson requested that Board members be provided with the packets a week prior to the meeting and Ms. Reece agreed to provide them as soon as they were available from the departments.

Chair Donaldson asked Board members to provide staff with questions for department heads by the Monday prior to the meeting and that Board members receive all responses the day before the meeting.

IX. Adjourn

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Budget Advisory Board FY 2022 Nonprofit Grant Funding Recommendations

Organization Name	Project Title	Amount Requested	Total Budget Advisory Board Members Recommending	Overall Budget Advisory Board Recommendation
Social Welfare and Elderly Programs				
Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Inc.	Central Homeless Assistance Center (CHAC) Shelter Operations Program	\$50,000	10	Highly Recommend
First Call for Help of Broward, Inc. dba 211-Broward	2-1-1 Broward General Helpline and Touchline	\$25,000	9	Highly Recommend
Areawide Council on Aging of Broward County, Inc. (ACABC)	Fair Share 2022	\$127,842	7	Recommend
SOS Children's Villages Florida	Residential Services	\$50,000	9	Highly Recommend
Gilda's Club South Florida, Inc.	Cancer Support: Strengthened by Action	\$50,000	8	Highly Recommend
Lighthouse of Broward County, Inc.	Vital Living Program for Seniors	\$35,000	7	Recommend
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Broward County	Broward Bigger Better Stronger	\$15,000	8	Highly Recommend
Children's Home Society of Florida	Clinical Counseling	\$5,000	9	Highly Recommend
A Child Is Missing, Inc.	A Child is Missing Alert Program	\$15,000	10	Highly Recommend
Social Welfare and Elderly Programs Total		\$372,842		

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Educational Programs				
Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc.	School Readiness Child Care Match Funding Pool Contribution	\$50,000	9	Highly Recommend
Helping Abused Neglected Disadvantaged Youth (HANDY) Inc	LIFE (Life skills, Independent living, Foundation building, Education)	\$100,000	7	Recommend
Junior Achievement of South Florida	JA BizTown & JA Finance Park	\$33,900	10	Highly Recommend
Fort Lauderdale Independence Training Education (FLITE) Center	Supporting One United Resource Center (SOURC)	\$25,000	8	Highly Recommend
Pace Center for Girls	No Girl Left Behind	\$5,000	7	Recommend
Jack and Jill Children's Center	Early Childhood Education Program	\$60,000	7	Recommend
Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County	Youth Development Program	\$25,000	8	Highly Recommend
Kids In Distress, Inc. (KID)	Full STEAM Ahead	\$11,512	8	Highly Recommend
Educational Programs Total		\$310,412		
Arts, Culture, and Historical Programs				
Broward County Film Society, Inc.	36th Annual Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival	\$20,000	7	Recommend
Broward Performing Arts Foundation, Inc.	Arts for Action: Black Voices	\$25,000	6	Recommend
Arts, Culture, and Historical Programs Total		\$45,000		
Total Recommended Funding for FY 2022		\$728,254		