



**AGENDA
ARTS & CULTURE NASSAU
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2023
12:00 PM
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
204 ASH STREET
FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**
 - 4.1 NEW MEMBERS INTRODUCED TO THE COMMITTEE AND PUBLIC.** *Kim Wild (Amelia Community Theatre) and Alexia Bean (Member At Large) to be introduced.*
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 5.1 JANUARY 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.** *Board to approve January 2023 minutes.*
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- 7. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - 7.1 ESTABLISHING TOP THREE PROJECT PRIORITIES FOR 2023.** *Board to establish and prioritize projects for 2023.*
 - 7.2 ESTABLISHING SUB COMMITTEES AND RESPECTIVE MEETING DAYS/TIMES.** *Board to establish sub committees and determine meeting days/times.*
 - 7.3 REVIEW OF YOUTH PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATIONS.** *Board to review applications to ensure criteria are met.*
 - 7.4 REQUEST TO HOST FEBRUARY ARTS LEADERS FORUM (FEBRUARY 24TH AT 10:30AM).** *Board to vote on moving forward with Arts Leaders forum in February.*

- 7.5 **REQUEST TO SUBMIT LETTER ON BEHALF OF ARTS & CULTURE NASSAU AND APPROVAL OF LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS.** *Board to vote on approval of letter and list of organizations.*
8. **STAFF COMMENTS**
9. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**



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ARTS & CULTURE NASSAU
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2023
12:00 PM

The Arts and Culture Nassau Committee met on January 3, 2023, at the City Hall Commission Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm. Present were Member Shea(left at 1pm), Member Bias, Chair Restiano, Member Joyner(left at 1pm), Member Freeman and Member Robinson Absent were Vice Chair Reid, Member Kish, Member Bean and Member Wild.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

4.1 Kim Wild, Amelia Community Theatre; Johnnie Robinson, Amelia Island Jazz Festival; Alexia Bean, City Representative

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 December 2022 Minutes

Member Joyner made a motion to approve the December 2022 Minutes, Second by Member Shea; All Aye

6. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Sunshine Law Review (City Attorney, Tammi Bach)

Postponed to future meeting due to conflict in City Attorney schedule.

7.2 Projects Discussion and Plan

Item has been rolled to February agenda with the purpose of new members can participant in the exercise.

7.3 Youth Program Grants

Member Bias will submit an ad to the newspapers to advertise the youth program grant.

7.4 Advertising Plan 2023

Chair Restiano would like to invite Megan Sawyer (County Staff) to February meeting to discuss 2022 financial report.

Chair Restiano confirmed there are three ad opportunities left from 2022.

Chair Restiano referenced a report given to him from Toni D'Amico regarding social media. The Arts and Culture website ended 2022 with 1,024 visitors and the Arts and Culture Facebook page had 4,000 visitors, 289 engaged and 17 likes.

7.5 February Arts Leaders Forum

Chair Restiano would like to host an Arts Leaders Forum with other arts leaders in the community to discuss arts and culture in the city and county. Parks and Recreation Director, Catherine Vorrasi confirmed the Parks and Recreation department can help coordinate this event. A date will be confirmed at the February 6 meeting.

7.6 Letter to Organization Leaders

Chair Restiano presented a letter addressing art organization affiliated with Arts and Culture Nassau asking for recognition within their organization while marketing. Richard would like to have this approved to be sent out.

Ms. Vorrasi noted that staff will edit the letter presented and send to organizations once approved by committee at the February meeting. Ms. Vorrasi recommended the letter be signed by all Arts and Culture Committee members.

Member Bias agreed the letter needed to be edited. Member Bias recommended the letter be sent with a digital and physical flyer option.

7.7 Establish Sub-Committees

Chair Restiano reviewed the 2023 proposed standing committee's document.

Ms. Vorrasi stated that a staff representatives must be present for all sub-committee meetings recommending they be held before or after the regular meeting each month rotating a different sub-committee each month.

Chair Restiano asked members to consider volunteering to lead or join the three proposed committee. Chair Restiano asked members to bring their answers to the February meeting.

Member Bias suggested all three committees starting at the same time.

8. STAFF COMMENTS

OneDrive was reviewed.

Staff will meet with new members to give them an orientation before February meeting.

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Restiano discussed the possibility of making at large committee member seats all county seats rather than two (2) city representatives and two (2) county representatives.

Chair Restiano asked committee members to return to the February meeting with social media feedback for Toni D'Amico.

Chair Restiano presented his S.W.O.T. document recommending the board, staff and organization to provide feedback .

Chair Restiano reviewed the year-end report he submitted to the County Manager, Taco Pope, which was forwarded to the City Manager, Dale Martin.

10. ADJOURNMENT 1:01pm

Member Freeman made a motion to adjourn, Member Bias Second; All Aye

“Our mission is to support, promote and enhance the Arts in Nassau County and to provide a framework to network and address common concerns”

- 1) Funding- more plate sales; donations, city help.
- 2) Public Art- update artist agreement; find county-wide locations
- 3) Strategic Plan for the next 5 years
 - 4) Focus groups on the County- who are we? What do we do? Suggestions that matter in your part of the County.
 - 5) Grant program update- add organizations application; add wording that with a grant from ACN you will place our logo on website and programs; consider balancing the grants by size and financial strength of the organization. Consider frequency how many grants in a period of time? Shouldn't we spread the wealth around?
 - 6) City-wide art event – build the brand and opportunity for visibility and relevance.
 - 7) Other- your thoughts

Richard Restiano

1. Strategic 5 year Plan
2. New funding sources
3. Grants for organizations needs and update on applications which state- You get a grant from ACN you put our logo on your website and program.

Summer Bias

1. Public Art- update artist agreement; find county-wide locations
2. Funding- more plate sales; donations, city help.
3. Strategic Plan for the next 5 years

Ann Freeman

- choice # 1 for Ann 6-city wide art event
 choice #2 for Ann 2-public art
 choice #3 for ann 4 focus groups around the county

Fran Shea

Project Ideas:

7. Other
 1. A synopsis of "Artists – Canvas & Sculptors" in the county should be explored and a list made that includes Name, Contact Info, and Type of Art.
 2. Our organization should also reach out to other Florida locations that display Art and are members of the "license plate" funding and explore "how they do it."
 3. I would like to see a A&C Nassau representative on the TDC (Tourist Development Council) since their organization has the outreach to Corporations, etc. Our last temporary art display was arranged by TDC and approved by A&CN. TDC is composed of mostly Hotel Executives, CEO's, etc. Go to our Face Book and see "Turtle"...Marsha posted it to A&CN Face Book page. Love it!!
 4. Before A&CN was formed, Micah's Place arranged & paid to display a figure of a shrimp which would be painted by local artists – raising money by asking businesses to pay to have the art displayed in front of their business location. Some artists were not chosen and complained to the City....that's how Arts & Culture got its beginning.

Penny Reid

My top ones:

- Public Art -- update artist agreement; find (and publicize) county-wide locations
- Funding -- continue to push license plate sales and explore further the idea of donations
- Strategic plan -- five years seems ambitious, but doable
- Grant program update



2023 Proposed Standing Committees

Strategic Planning

- 5-year vision for Arts and Culture- what will it be
- Review balance of city and county board members.
- Explore moving responsibility to County
- Focus groups around the County learn the needs
- Review website and social media

Finance

- Meet with the County to understand the funding and P&L
- Increase county share of plate fee
- Accept donations
- Create sales plan for plate sales. P.O.P. retail displays
- Review grants applications. organizations advertising ACN. Add Organization grant application. Balance funds by size, need frequency
- Establish budget procedures

Public Art Program

- Refine artist obligations, city/ county obligations costs etc.
- Review applications
- Establish “call for artist” procedures
- Work with Parks and Rec for city locations and county locations
- Get feedback from resident, visitors, Chamber of Commerce, on current installed art pieces

*Establish in 2023 two meetings for committees a month- the 10th and 15th 11:30AM. Work on Strategic 10 months. Finance 6 months. Public Art, later as needed.



Grants for Youth Programs

Purpose

Arts & Culture Nassau (ACN) grants program is intended to foster appreciation of and participation in arts and culture for the youth of Nassau County. It is our belief that fostering arts and culture appreciation among youth will create a lifelong appreciation. Grants are designed to foster youth projects in Nassau County arts and culture organizations.

Guidelines

1. Organizations applying for the ACN grant must be non-profit (501(c)3), located in Nassau County, and dedicated to arts and/or culture.
2. ACN grants are intended for use on either new or ongoing projects.
3. Projects must be geared toward youth, preferably middle or high school age.
4. Grants are limited to \$500 per organization. It is anticipated that up to four grants will be offered each year. If additional funds become available, this amount may be increased.
5. Grants to eligible organizations must be expended within a calendar year.
 - a. Grant awards will be disbursed AFTER the award organization has disbursed funds for the eligible expenditure.
 - b. The award organization must submit a reimbursement form along with a copy of the invoice(s) paid as well as a copy of the cancelled payment check(s) to receive the grant funds.
 - c. These should be submitted to: Parks and Recreation 2500 Atlantic Avenue Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 Attention: Scott Mikelson
 - d. Reimbursements can be incremental.
 - e. The organization will be expected to submit a grant close out form of how the grant funds were actually used within 2 months of the end of the calendar in which the funds were expended along with copies of the reimbursement form(s)

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Submission instructions:

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Application for Grant for Youth Programs

Name of Organization Amelia Island Book Festival

Address PO Box 15286

FEIN 59-3747966

The calendar year in which the funds will be expended: 2023

Is Organization located within Nassau County? Yes ☒ No ☐

Is Organization recognized as a 501 (c) 3 by the Internal Revenue Service? ☒

Contact Person: Paige Foery

Email president@ameliaislandbookfestival.org Phone 443-540-1871

Organization's Mission Statement:

To enhance the overall life skills of Nassau County children and adults by generating a lifelong love of books through an appreciation of reading, writing and authors.

Amount of Grant request (\$500 maximum) \$ 500.00

To what project/program for youth will the grant funds be applied?

Authors In Schools

What is the goal of this project/program?

To put a book in the hands of each student in Nassau County and the author visits the school.

How does this project/program encourage youthful participation in arts and culture?

Students not only receive a book but have the opportunity to meet and engage with the author on Friday February 17, 2023.

How does this project/program relate to the organization's mission?

Nassau County Indicator shows that 36% of students are not reading on level in 3rd grade. The Authors in Schools event engages students in reading.

Is this an ongoing project? Yes ☒ No ☐

When did the project/program begin? over 5 years ago

How has it been received by the community? The program has grown since Nassau County has been growing and the community supports the program.

Please describe the number of participants for this project, this year according to the following tables:

Participant ages

Pre-school	—
Primary Grades	4674
Middle School	3750
High School	3202
Total (A)	11,626

Participant's residency - all students receive a book.

Amelia Island (non Fernandina Beach)	
Bryceville	
Callahan	
Fernandina Beach	
Hilliard	
Rural	
Yulee	
Total – must agree with total A above	11,626

Underserved youth to benefit from the grant funds

100%	Youth with Disabilities	Every student receives a book and the author visits the school
100%	Institutionalized Youth	
100%	Youth below the Poverty Line	
100%	Youth with Limited English Proficiency	
100%	Youth at Risk	

How has the project been funded previously?

Ticket Sales, Sponsorships & Grants

What is the existing budget?

190,000 for 2022-2023

How will the grant fund impact the existing budget?

The grant will help with the Authors In Schools Program. The books cost about \$100k each year and is the biggest expense.

How do you expect the project to impact or benefit your community?

Post Covid student literacy rates have dropped and getting students engaged and reading.

The Board of Directors approved submittal of this grant application at their meeting on

December 12, 2022

The organization will be expected to submit a statement of how the grant funds were actually used by March 1 of the year following the calendar in which the funds were expended. Please indicate your acceptance of this condition by your initials JS

Please attach any additional information you consider pertinent such as brochures, etc.

and forward to: Parks and Recreation 2500 Atlantic Avenue Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Attention: Scott Mikelson

Signed:

Paige Foery

Title:

President

Printed

Paige Foery

Date:

1-7-2023

Email:

Phone:

443-540-1871

president@ameliaishlandbookfestival.org.

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Prerequisites approved:

Art & Culture Nassau Chair

Art & Culture Nassau Vice-Chair

Art & Culture Nassau Member

(for Nassau County use only)

Nassau County Youth Acceleration Grants Award Committee

Grant awarded: yes no

Amount awarded: \$ _____

Date awarded _____

If Grant request declined, reason for decline



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Application for Grant for Youth Programs

Name of Organization Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival, Inc.

Address 1405 Park Ave., Suite 101, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

FEIN 59 3744 948

The calendar year in which the funds will be expended: 2023

Is Organization located within Nassau County? Yes X No

Is Organization recognized as a 501 (c) 3 by the Internal Revenue Service? Yes

Contact Person: Eric Sakurai

Email ericsakurai@comcast.net **Phone** 203-470-1672

Organization's Mission Statement:

It is the mission of the Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival to...

1. Present the world's greatest musical artists in chamber music concerts of classical and alternative genres for diverse audiences.
2. Offer music education to concert attendees, students, and aspiring young musicians.
3. Promote local businesses and tourism by attracting music lovers from Nassau County, northeast Florida & beyond

Amount of Grant request (\$500 maximum) \$ 500

To what project/program for youth will the grant funds be applied?

The funds will be applied to our concert for youth to be held on March 11, 2023, in Maxwell Hall at the Memorial United Methodist Church in downtown Fernandina Beach, FL. The title of the concert is "Musical Adventures with Babar, Ferdinand, & Skywalker."

What is the goal of this project/program?

The goal of this project is to present classical music for children of all ages and backgrounds to enjoy. This year we have chosen to present a concert which we have called: "Musical Adventures with Babar, Ferdinand the Bull & Star War's Skywalker."

How does this project/program encourage youthful participation in arts and culture?

This Family Concert features the enchanting musical tales of Babar the Elephant, Ferdinand the Bull, and Star Wars. This delightful program is narrated by Amelia Island's own author, columnist, raconteur and local historian, Dickie Anderson. Performing on the piano are Julie Coucheron and the Festival's Artistic Director, William Ransom, along with violinist Helen Hwaya Kim. Dancers will be choreographed by Susan Dodge, director and founder of the Amelia Island Dance Festival. Children (and adults of all ages) will especially enjoy these lively tales that combine both music and dance.

How does this project/program relate to the organization's mission?

The program is geared to present great musical artists to diverse audiences and promotes local businesses and tourism by attracting music lovers from Nassau County, northeast Florida, and beyond. Since it is geared toward children, it will also offer music education to local students and aspiring musicians.

Is this an ongoing project? Yes X No

When did the project/program begin? 2018

How has it been received by the community?

Our past concerts in our Young Patrons Program have included Saint-Saëns's Carnival of the Animals, "The Legend of Peer Gynt" (featuring Grieg's music), and Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf. These concerts have been extremely well attended, and the audiences were very enthusiastic about the performances. The children especially loved the music and were lively participants.

Please describe the number of participants for this project, this year according to the following tables:

Participant ages

Pre-school	6
Primary Grades	48
Middle School	47
High School	24
Total (A)	125

Participant's residency

Amelia Island (non Fernandina Beach)	13
Bryceville	1
Callahan	6
Fernandina Beach	53
Hilliard	0
Rural	0
Yulee	52
Total – must agree with total A above	125

Underserved youth to benefit from the grant funds

13	Youth with Disabilities
0	Institutionalized Youth
0	Youth below the Poverty Line
0	Youth with Limited English Proficiency
0	Youth at Risk

How has the project been funded previously? By private donations and ticket sales.

What is the existing budget?

The existing budget totals \$3,000, with the following breakout of costs: Artist fees \$2,000, Production fees \$500, Miscellaneous fees \$500.

How will the grant fund impact the existing budget?

It will offset the cost of the artist and production fees.

How do you expect the project to impact or benefit your community?

This family project involves two youth organizations in Nassau County, the AICMF and Susan Dodge's Amelia Island Dance Festival. In addition, the program will be narrated by Amelia Island's own author, columnist, raconteur and local historian, Dickie Anderson. This concert will bring together multiple artistic performances by world renowned musicians and local art/music loving students. What a great opportunity for our community!

The Board of Directors approved submittal of this grant application at their meeting on

01/09/2023

The organization will be expected to submit a statement of how the grant funds were actually used by March 1 of the year following the calendar in which the funds were expended. Please indicate your acceptance of this condition by your initials SSB

Please attach any additional information you consider pertinent such as brochures, etc. and forward to: Parks and Recreation 2500 Atlantic Avenue Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
Attention: Scott Mikelson

Signed: 

Title: Executive Director

Printed Eric Sakurai

Date: 1-9-23

Email: ericsakurai@comcast.net

Phone: 203-470-1672

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Prerequisites approved:

Art & Culture Nassau Chair

Art & Culture Nassau Vice-Chair

Art & Culture Nassau Member

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Nassau County Youth Acceleration Grants Award Committee

Grant awarded: yes no

Amount awarded: \$ _____

Date awarded _____

If Grant request declined, reason for decline

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Application for Acceleration Grant for Youth Programs

Name of Organization Amelia Island Dance Festival

Address 1751 Lisa Ave, Fernandina Bch, FL 32034

FEIN 83-3443363

The calendar year in which the funds will be expended: 2021

Is Organization located within Nassau County? Yes ☒ No ☐

Is Organization recognized as a 501 (c) 3 by the Internal Revenue Service? Yes

Contact Person: Susan Dodge

Email info@ameliaislanddance Phone 646-642-3121
festival.org

Organization's Mission Statement: (will attach full statement)

Amelia Island Dance Festival endeavors to bring the joy and artistry of dance to historic Amelia Island through the professional presentation of the best in classical and contemporary dance. ~~But~~

The organization seeks to serve and engage the wider public through extensive dance education and community outreach programs.

Amount of Grant request (\$500 maximum) \$ 500

To what project/program for youth will the grant funds be applied?

Creative Movement workshops for the community offered free.

What is the goal of this project/program?

To give the opportunity to children that can't afford dance or movement classes.

How does this project/program encourage youthful participation in arts and culture?

The students will develop their own unique style and language through movement. The students will come together to develop a theme and present a performance, this will encourage empowerment and build confidence.

How does this project/program relate to the organization's mission?

To build community outreach and create a wider public awareness of the art of dance

Is this an ongoing project? Yes ☒ No ☐

When did the project/program begin? 2020 (on zoom) 2021 in person

How has it been received by the community?

The participants have enjoyed the classes greatly because they have learned new ways to express themselves

Please describe the number of participants for this project, this year according to the following tables:

Participant ages

Pre-school	
Primary Grades	12
Middle School	10
High School	
Total (A)	

Participant's residency

Amelia Island (non Fernandina Beach)	
Bryceville	
Callahan	
Fernandina Beach	12, 10
Hilliard	
Rural	
Yulee	
Total – must agree with total A above	22

Underserved youth to benefit from the grant funds

	Youth with Disabilities
	Institutionalized Youth
✓	Youth below the Poverty Line
	Youth with Limited English Proficiency
	Youth at Risk

How has the project been funded previously?

Grant and private fundraising

What is the existing budget?

\$ 1,800

How will the grant fund impact the existing budget?

Help us keep building the program

How do you expect the project to impact or benefit your community?

Help expose children to the creative experience that cannot afford the class

The Board of Directors approved submittal of this grant application at their meeting on

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Attention: Scott Mikelson**

Signed:

Title: _____

Printed _____

Date: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

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Prerequisites approved:

Art & Culture Nassau Chair

Art & Culture Nassau Vice-Chair

Art & Culture Nassau Member

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Nassau County Youth Acceleration Grants Award Committee

Grant awarded: yes no

Amount awarded: \$ _____

Date awarded _____

If Grant request declined, reason for decline

ISLAND ART ASSOCIATION



18 N 2nd ST. PO BOX 1251 FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32035-1251 PH 904-261-7020 FAX 904-261-1074

10 January 2023

Mr. Scott Mikelson
Parks and Recreation
City of Fernandina Beach
2500 Atlantic Avenue
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Scott,

On behalf of the Island Art Association, we are pleased to submit the enclosed grant application for youth programs. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this program which promotes art and culture to the youth in our community.

Should you need any additional information about the Island Art Association, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Abbott', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Abbott, President
Island Art Association
Fernandina Beach, FL

johnabbott06@gmail.com
404.895.0310

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Application for Grant for Youth Programs

Name of Organization

ISLAND ART ASSOCIATION

Address

18 N. 2ND STREET

FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034

FEIN

FEIN: 59-2353054

The calendar year in which the funds will be expended: 2023

Is Organization located within Nassau County? Yes ☒ No ☐

Is Organization recognized as a 501 (c) 3 by the Internal Revenue Service? ☒

Contact Person:

JOHN ABBOTT, President

Email

Island Art Association
johnabbott06@gmail.com
404.895.0310

Organization's Mission Statement:

An all-volunteer organization, the Island Art Association is organized exclusively for philanthropic and educational purposes to develop and sustain an interest, appreciation and enjoyment in and of the arts in Nassau County, Florida.

Amount of Grant request (\$500 maximum) \$ 500

To what project/program for youth will the grant funds be applied?

Our new program, which the IAA is launching this year, is called **Art 5 Ways** where teenagers will work with one of our Exhibiting Artist/teachers in various media and topics including watercolors, pastels, mixed media, oils and photography.

What is the goal of this project/program?

The goal of the **Art 5 Ways** project is to introduce and experience art-making in a safe studio setting using professional materials and processes.

How does this project/program encourage youthful participation in arts and culture?

The **Art 5 Ways** sessions are designed to expose students to a variety of art media and techniques, some of which may not be taught in the high school art classes. We also realize that not all students get to "enroll" in high school art classes and this is a chance for those students to experience the arts first-hand in the IAA's Art Education Center. The Island Art Gallery features the work of 49 exhibiting artists. Students will have the opportunity to meet with some of these artists to talk about art and art careers.

How does this project/program relate to the organization's mission?

The **Art 5 Ways** project is an extension of the IAA's long-standing commitment to encourage and sustain the visual arts in Nassau County.

Is this an ongoing project? Yes _____

No ☒

When did the project/program begin?

New, Summer 2023

How has it been received by the community?

The **Art 5 Ways** project is one component of the IAA's summer art series for children and youth. We have conducted summer art camps for primary and middle school students for the past ten years. The summer camps serve about 30 campers per week. For the past two years, we have also conducted a week-long mural camp for middle and high school students. While the week-long mural camp was very successful, with 12 to 15 participants, the **Art 5 Ways** program will offer a broader exposure to the arts and serve a greater number of student artists.

Please describe the number of participants for this project, this year according to the following tables:

Participant ages

Pre-school	—
Primary Grades	—
Middle School	—
High School	75
Total (A)	75

The **Art 5 Ways** project, scheduled for mid-June 2023, targets high school students throughout Nassau County. Our two July 2023 week-long summer art camps serve area primary and middle school students.

Participant's residency

Amelia Island (non Fernandina Beach)	10
Bryceville	5
Callahan	5
Fernandina Beach	25
Hilliard	5
Rural	5
Yulee	20
Total – must agree with total A above	75

Each year, the IAA awards grants for art supplies to the Nassau County High School art teachers. Through our contacts with these teachers we hope to attract a diverse balance of high school artists from throughout the County. While we are anticipating 15 students per session, our Art Education Center can accommodate up to 20 students.

Underserved youth to benefit from the grant funds

	Youth with Disabilities
	Institutionalized Youth
✓	Youth below the Poverty Line
✓	Youth with Limited English Proficiency
✓	Youth at Risk

How has the project been funded previously?

Our summer art series is funded through donations, grants and general revenue from our gallery and workshops.

What is the existing budget?

The budget for the **Art 5 Ways** program is \$2,000 which includes teacher stipends, art materials and supplies for the five sessions.

How will the grant fund impact the existing budget?

The ACN grant will help ensure that we can meet our expectations for a rewarding art experience for a diverse, inclusive group of student artists.

How do you expect the project to impact or benefit your community?

Nassau County is a vibrant arts community with many exciting offerings in both the visual and performing arts. The **Art 5 Ways** project is an opportunity for student artists to pursue creativity and self-expression in becoming the next generation of advocates for art and cultural endeavors in our community.

The Board of Directors approved submittal of this grant application at their meeting on

January 9, 2023

The organization will be expected to submit a statement of how the grant funds were actually used by March 1 of the year following the calendar in which the funds were expended. Please indicate your acceptance of this condition by your initials

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Please attach any additional information you consider pertinent such as brochures, etc. and forward to: Parks and Recreation 2500 Atlantic Avenue Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
Attention: Scott Mikelson

Signed:



Title: President

Printed John Abbott

Date: 10 January 2023

Email: johnabbott06@gmail.com

Phone: 404.895.0310

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Prerequisites approved:

Art & Culture Nassau Chair

Art & Culture Nassau Vice-Chair

Art & Culture Nassau Member

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Nassau County Youth Acceleration Grants Award Committee

Grant awarded: yes no

Amount awarded: \$ _____

Date awarded _____

If Grant request declined, reason for decline

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Application for Grant for Youth Programs

Name of Organization West Nassau Historical Society

Address PO Box 1758 Callahan FL 32011

FEIN 55-088-4532

The Calendar year in which the funds will be expended: 2023

Is Organization located within Nassau County? Yes X No

Is Organization recognized as a 501 (c) 3 by the Internal Revenue Service? X

Contact Person: John Hendricks

Email jhendricks459@aol.com Phone 904 635-1288

Organization's Mission Statement: Our mission is twofold: to discover, highlight and promote the rich and diverse history and culture of Nassau County, especially the western half; and also to maintain and upkeep of the historic 1881 Callahan Train Depot. The Historical Society achieves both goals by hosting cultural events as Railroad Day, Hobo Day, history tours, museum displays, art shows and art classes, using the historic Callahan Depot as the main venue for these events. By hosting these many events within the walls of the 142-year-old depot and museum, we are exposing our members, volunteers, and participants to both our rich history and culture that is Nassau County.

Amount of Grant request (\$500 maximum) \$500

To what project/program for youth will the grant funds be applied? We will apply the grant towards our fifth annual student-oriented summer art classes scheduled over a 2-week period in the summer of 2023. Our inaugural 2019 were a huge success with 28 students enrolling and our two sets of classes in 2021 were well attended despite the ongoing COVID pandemic. Our 2022 classes were a success, also. Monies from the grant will cover the purchasing art supplies such as canvases, paints, brushes, as well as increased Facebook and Newsprint advertising.

What is the goal of this project/program? The goal is to encourage school-aged children to explore their artistic interests through several art media in a historic building setting. Each of the 3 classes will be geared toward a specific age group and will focus on different art media such as painting and drawing. Each assignment will use our history as a theme which will connect the history with culture. The 2-week period will be capped off by us hosting a public ice cream social where the students will display their finished art work.

How does this project/program encourage youthful participation in arts and culture? The goal is to invite school-aged children to explore their artistic interests through several art media inside a historic building setting. We are fortunate to have several retired art teachers and professors in the area that are willing to teach these classes. Retired Stony Brook art professor and Historical Society member Elizabeth Karoly taught our inaugural classes. Retired Nassau County art teacher, Erica Dodge, taught our 2nd and 3rd sets of classes. Each of the 3 art classes are geared toward a pre-assigned age group so the itinerary of each class will be designed with their age in mind. Topics such as railroads or historic structures will connect the children to the history and culture of the area. The 2-week period is capped off by us hosting a public ice cream social where the students are encouraged to display their finished art work.

How does this project/program relate to the organization's mission? By using history as a theme for the assignments, our summer student art classes allows school-aged children to explore their artists interests while our history as a learning tool. The Ice cream Social/Art Exhibition brings students, children, parents and adults to a cultural event inside our train depot and museum where our history artifacts, photos and map are a rich backdrop to the students' displayed art works.

Is this an ongoing project? Yes ☒ No ☐

When did the project/program begin? ☐ Summer 2019 ☐

How has it been received by the community? Our inaugural art classes in 2019 were a huge success with 28 children attending. The second was delayed by the COVID breakout, so both the 2nd and 3rd classes were held in 2021 and well attended. More children who were unaware of the summer art classes attended the Ice Cream Social and Exhibition and showed interest in attending our 2022 and 2023 classes. Attendance were near 20 students each year, not bad considering covid was still a major concern. The classes were also covered by our local newspapers. The final art show exhibition at our summer ice cream social was well attended.

Please describe the number of participants for this project, this year according to the following tables:

Participant ages

Pre-school	0
Primary Grades	12
Middle School	12
High School	12
Total (A)	36

Participant's residency

Amelia Island (non Fernandina Beach)	1
Bryceville	4
Callahan	8
Fernandina Beach	1
Hilliard	6
Rural	12
Yulee	4
Total – must agree with total A above	36

Underserved youth to benefit from the grant funds

x	Youth with Disabilities
	Institutionalized Youth
x	Youth below the Poverty Line
x	Youth with Limited English Proficiency
x	Youth at Risk

Our classes are open to all students who are in the age range of each class regardless of their background. We have historical society members who are willing to assist any youth who cannot afford the class fees

How has the project been funded previously? The 2019 Children's Summer Art Classes were funded by class fees, in-kind donations and monies from our general fund. The 2020 classes (postponed until winter 2021), 2021 and 2022 youth art classes were both funded in part by Art and Culture Nassau Grants. Any expenses over \$500 were paid through our general fund.

What is the existing budget?

\$250. Art supplies such as canvas, paints, brushes, etc.

\$125. Print newspaper advertising.

\$125. Facebook advertising.

\$100 Food and Refreshments for student art work display during Ice Cream Social

\$150 Class instructors' honorarium

\$750 Total

How will the grant fund impact the existing budget?

The \$500 arts and culture grant would cover the cost of art supplies and advertising (a majority of the budget) for the 2-week summer class period

How do you expect the project to impact or benefit your community?

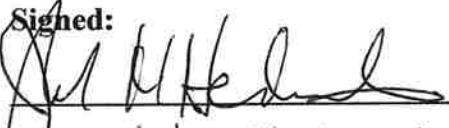
We feel our past summer youth art classes were a success because it provided a venue for students, especially those from the Westside and rural areas, to experience art and history in a warm and inviting setting. Ms. Karoly, a seasoned and talented art professor, and Erica Dodge, a retired and seasoned art teacher, provided each student with hands-on instruction and insightful knowledge that these students may not have been able to receive otherwise. Our ice cream social/art exhibition provided a means for these art students to display their works in a public setting with historical society members, family and friends. We are confident our 5th annual summer children art classes will do the same.

The Board of Directors approved submittal of this grant application at their meeting on
___December 8, 2022_____

The organization will be expected to submit a statement of how the grant funds were actually used within 2 months of the end of the calendar in which the funds were expended. Please indicate your acceptance of this condition by your initials __JH__

Please attach any additional information you consider pertinent such as brochures, etc. and forward to: Parks and Recreation 2500 Atlantic Avenue Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 Attention: Scott Mikelson

(See attached pics of last 3 youth art classes.)

Signed:  Title: DIRECTOR
Printed John H Hendricks Date: 12-5-2023
Email: Jhendricks459@Aol.com Phone: 904 635 1288

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Prerequisites approved:

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Grant awarded: yes no

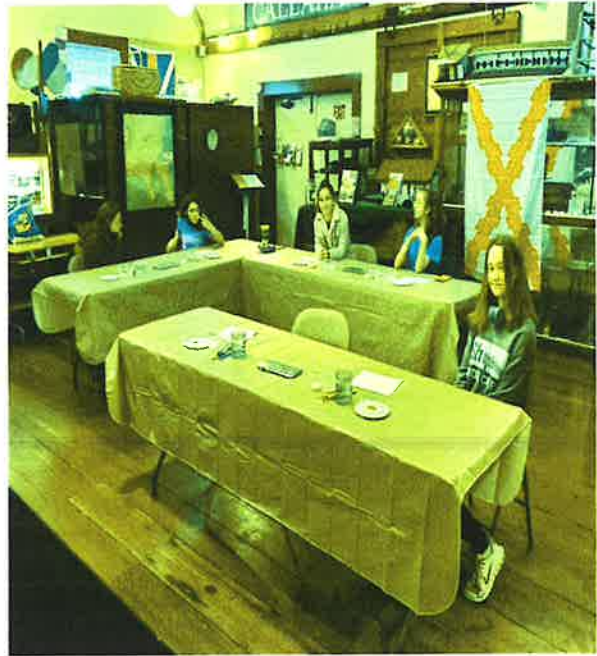
Amount awarded: \$ _____

Date awarded _____

If Grant request declined, reason for decline

Pictures of the 2021 Youth spring art class
(Postponed from summer of 2020 because of COVID)

Ages 13-17



Ages 5-7, 8-12



Pictures of 2021 Youth Summer Art Classes

Ages 13-17



Ages 8-12



Ages 5-7



Ice Cream Social music and art exhibition - July 23, 2021

Both Youth 2021 Spring and Summer art students were allowed to exhibit.



Pictures of 2022 Youth Summer Art Classes
And artwork exhibit during our Ice Cream Social





February 6, 2023

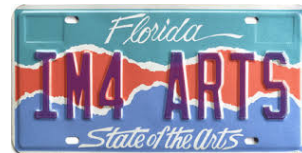
Dear Organization Leader(s):

The Arts and Culture Nassau Committee is proud to be recognized this year by Nassau County and the City of Fernandina Beach for 15 years of support and promotion of the arts. We offer grants to organizations like yours who provide programs for seniors, adults, and the youth in our community. Specifically, our grants support the organizations in terms of infrastructure, supplies, printing, and related needs for programs and productions. These grants are currently funded through the sale of “State of the Arts” specialty license plates purchased by Nassau County residents.

As we look to expand and increase our funding and support of arts organizations in the county, we look to the very patrons, volunteers and audience participants that make up your customer base. Your patrons and volunteers are the ones most likely to proudly display an “ART” supporting license plate. For us to continue and grow to help you, we are looking to appeal to this arts audience.

The Arts & Culture Nassau Committee is requesting that our logo be included on your website and wherever possible in your marketing and promotional efforts.

We are very interested in further discussing this with you. Our Chairman, Richard Restiano will contact you in the coming weeks to find out if you’re able to help us with our initiative to generate additional funding for the arts. We hope we can work together to have a stronger reach the arts audience. As you plan the new season, please help us spread the word, so we can continue supporting Arts and Culture in Nassau County.



Sincerely,

Members of The Arts & Culture Nassau Committee

Amelia Community Theatre- ameliacommunitytheatre.org

Amelia Island Book Festival-

Literacy | Amelia Island Book Festival | Florida

Amelia Island Jazz Festival-ameliaislandjazzfestival.com

Amelia Island Museum of History-ameliamuseum.org

Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival-ameliachambermusic.org

Friends of the Nassau County Library-fernandinafol.org

Island Art Association-islandart.org

West Nassau Historical Society-wnhsfl.org

Amelia Island Singers- ameliaislandsingers.com

Amelia Island Quilt Guild-aiquilters.com

Amelia Island Writers Assoc.-ameliaislandwriters.org

Amelia Island Dance Festival-ameliaislanddancefestival.org

Arts Alive Nassau-artsalivenassau.org

Amelia Island Opera-ameliaislandopera.org

Blue Fire Theatre-bluefiretheatre.org

Country Star Quilters-countrystarquilters.org

Story and Song Center for Arts and Culture- StoryandSongArts.org

Friends of Fort Clinch- fortclinch.org