



**AGENDA
ARTS & CULTURE NASSAU
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2024
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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 4.1 December 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - 6.1 Youth Grant Review (Confirm Grants Meet Criteria For Approval)
 - 6.2 Temporary Art Review - Summer House Realty Bench
- 7. STAFF COMMENTS**
- 8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**
- 9. ADJOURNMENT**



All members of the public are invited to be present and be heard. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate in this program or activity should contact the City Clerk at 904-310-3115 or TTY/TDD 711 (for the hearing or speech impaired).

ARTS AND CULTURE NASSAU
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 4, 2023

The Arts and Culture Nassau Committee met on December 4, 2023, at City Hall Commission Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. Present were Member Shea, Vice Chair Reid, Member Baker-Hinton, Chair Restiano, Member Freeman, Member Bean, Member Wild, Member Robinson, Member Wells, and Member Templeton.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 November 2023 regular meeting minutes.

Member Shea made a motion to approve the November 2023 regular meeting minutes.

Member Wild seconded the motion; All Aye.

Amendments to November 2023 meeting:

ADJOURNMENT, Member Wild was listed as Chair Wild, and Member Baker-Hinton was listed as Chair, this is corrected.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS, Chair Restiano corrects the \$1900 license plate revenue to be the total year-to date (as of October) the amount of \$1900.00.

Chair Restiano made a motion to approve the amended November meeting minutes.

Member Wild and Member Shea seconded the motion; All Aye.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Bicentennial Brushstrokes Mural Festival: Amelia Island Convention and Visitors Bureau representative Maurie Duggar presented an informational session regarding a Walldogs mural project. Q&A followed.

6.2 Senior Grant Review: Scott Mikelson, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation speaking, all grants meet the criteria, Board members questioned the submission from Amelia Book Festival with cost of bringing authors to EXPO, how this will specifically benefit seniors/update of application.

6.3 Future of Arts and Culture Nassau: Catherine Vorrasi, Director Parks and Recreation, as per Sunshine Law, previously held discussions with each board member individually.

Facilitation of discussion of 501c3. Member discussion was held. Member Reid made a motion for the board to pursue proposal to temporarily sunset ACN starting in March 2024 to give the new organization time to explore 501c3 status to see if it is feasible. Motion by Member Reid, second by Member Bean: All Ayes.

7. STAFF COMMENTS

Next meeting to be held January 8, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Restiano recognizes and appreciates the work of Members Reid and Member Shea, thanking them for their service.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m. Member Wild made a motion to adjourn and Member Bean seconded the motion; All Aye.



Application for Grant

Please Select One: Youth Grant Senior Grant

Date: 11-16-2023

Name of Organization Amelia Island Book Festival

Address PO Box 15286 Fernandina Beach FL 32035

FEIN 59-3747966

Is Organization located within Nassau County? Yes No

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

Calendar Year in which the funds will be expended: 2024

Contact Person: Paige Feery

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

Organization's Mission Statement:

To enhance the overall life skills of
Northeast Florida children and adults by
generating a lifelong love of book through an
appreciation of reading, writing and authors.

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

Please describe the intended project; if the grant will expand or enhance an existing program, please explain the current program and how it will be expanded or enhanced.

Free Book Festival Expo on Saturday,
February 24, 2024. A list of the featured
authors is attached. Over 100 other authors

What is the goal of this project/program?

To promote literacy with break-out sessions on
writing, presentations from authors and authors
will have books available for sale.

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

Literacy promotes reading, thinking, exploring
and creating

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

By introducing authors and promoting literacy
and having books available for sale.

Is this an ongoing project? Yes No

If the grant will be applied to program expansion, when did the project/program begin?

The Expo Book Festival was started in 2001.
 At the February 2024 Expo students will receive a book at no cost for attending the author presentation.

How has it been received by the community?

Great. Typically have 1500 visitors.
 With the expanded author list we hope to attract more visitors this year.

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

YOUTH	
Pre-school	
Primary Grades	40
Middle School	40
High School	20
Total (A)	100-
SENIOR	
55 -60	
61 -65	
66 - 70	
Over 70	
Total (A)	

Participant's residency:

Amelia Island (non Fernandina Beach)	30
Bryceville	
Callahan	20
Fernandina Beach	30
Hilliard	
Rural	
Yulee	20
Total – must agree with Total A above	100

If the grant is for program/project expansion, how has the project been funded previously?

This is the first year providing books at the Expo for students.

If the program/project is new, what is the budget for the new program?

N/A

If the program/project is for expansion or enhancement of an existing program, how will the grant funds impact the existing budget?


Being able to purchase more books if we have more funding.

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

literacy rates continue to decline. Only 35% of fourth graders are reading at or above grade level. less than 20% of US teens report reading a book, magazine or news paper daily.


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

11-13-2023

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 

Please attach any additional information you consider pertinent such as brochures, etc. and forward to:

Parks and Recreation Department
2500 Atlantic Avenue Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
Attention: Scott Mikelson

Signed: 

Title: President

Printed Paige Foery

Date: 11-16-2023

Email: president@ameliaislandwalkfestival.org

Phone: 443-540-1871

(for Art & Culture Nassau use only)

Prerequisites approved:

Art & Culture Nassau Chair

Art & Culture Nassau Vice-Chair

Art & Culture Nassau Member

(for Nassau County use only)

Nassau County Senior Grants Award Committee

Grant awarded: yes no

Amount awarded: \$ _____

Date awarded _____

If Grant request declined, reason for decline:



David Baldacci
John Grisham will appear at Gala only
Melissa de la Cruz



Terah Shelton Harris
Eileen Meyer
Kevin Powers
Deborah Royce
James Spooner

Application for Grant

Please Select One: Youth Grant Senior Grant

Date: 11/16/23

Name of Organization Arts Alive Nassau, Inc.

Address 96072 Chester Road Yulee, FL 32097

FEIN 59-3122645 / 85-8012645068C-7

Is Organization located within Nassau County? Yes No

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

Calendar Year in which the funds will be expended: 2024

Contact Person: Kim Rust

Email Kimrust.artsalive@gmail.com Phone 912-409-1055 (cell)

Organization's Mission Statement:

Our mission is to provide free or low-cost music and arts education/instruction for Nassau County children who have little or no access to them.

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

Please describe the intended project; if the grant will expand or enhance an existing program, please explain the current program and how it will be expanded or enhanced.

This grant will enhance our current programming by using supporting funds for teacher's pay and supplies.

What is the goal of this project/program?

Our goal is to continue art programs in all nine Nassau County elementary schools.

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

The Arts Alive Nassau program reaches over 300 Nassau County children in exposing them to the arts, and in active participation in either art, music, dance, or theater.

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

Our program is unique in that we bring the arts to the students! We reach students in far reaching Nassau County areas who have little to no exposure to the arts.

Is this an ongoing project? Yes No

If the grant will be applied to program expansion, when did the project/program begin?

How has it been received by the community?

Our program is well received by the community and recognized by the Nassau County school system by allowing us on their campus for continued programming.

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

YOUTH	
Pre-school	
Primary Grades	550
Middle School	
High School	
Total (A)	
SENIOR	
55 -60	
61 -65	
66 - 70	
Over 70	
Total (A)	

Participant's residency:

Amelia Island (non Fernandina Beach)	70
Bryceville	110
Callahan	110 80
Fernandina Beach	110
Hilliard	90
Rural	
Yulee	90
Total – must agree with Total A above	550

If the grant is for program/project expansion, how has the project been funded previously?

If the program/project is new, what is the budget for the new program?

If the program/project is for expansion or enhancement of an existing program, how will the grant funds impact the existing budget?

set costs Arts Alive Nassau \$600 per class (10 sessions for one semester = 1 Art class at a school), so \$500 would cover the costs for at least one class.

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

The students are receiving arts instruction that is otherwise limited, or not present in the elementary school curriculum. Most students only receive music (limited) instruction as part of the Nassau County elementary school day.

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

Nov 7th, 23.

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 KR

Please attach any additional information you consider pertinent such as brochures, etc. and forward to:

Parks and Recreation Department
2500 Atlantic Avenue Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
Attention: Scott Mikelson

Signed:

Kim Rust

Title: Program Director

Printed Kim Rust

Date: 11/16/23

Email: Kimrust.artsalive@gmail.com

Phone: 912-409-1055 (cell)

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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 Senior Grants Award Committee

Grant awarded: yes no

Amount awarded: \$ _____

Date awarded _____

If Grant request declined, reason for decline:



Application for Grant

Please Select One: _____ **Youth Grant** **Date:** Nov 10, 2023

Name of Organization and Address _____ Island Art Association, 18 N. 2nd St, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

FEIN **FEIN # for IRS recognized 501-3-c Charity Corporation:** 59-235305

Is Organization located within Nassau County? **Yes** _____

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

Calendar Year in which the funds will be expended: 2024

Contact Person: Rebecca McDannold

Email rebecca.mcdannold@gmail.com **Phone** 618-531-6831

Organization's Mission Statement: Organization mission statement:

" The Island Art Association (IAA) is a non-profit volunteer organization whose mission is exclusively philanthropic and educational. Its purpose is to develop and sustain an interest, appreciation, and enjoyment in and of the arts of Nassau County, Florida."

The gallery houses the works of more than 45 Nassau County artists, and the Educational Center is utilized for classes, workshops and scheduled events for both exhibiting members and over 225 associate artist members, other local organizations affiliated with the arts and the general public.

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

Please describe the intended project; if the grant will expand or enhance an existing program, please explain the current program and how I will be expanded or enhance.

The project: Art 5 Ways a new project. The Island Art Association has a robust long term youth program in place for area youth for both the school term time frame and for summer break. The community has fully embraced the existing programs as all sessions are repeatedly full. However, we have noticed a gap in opportunity for high school students desiring more specific art related study during the summer and who have aged out of the current programs. The Island Art Association has a robust long term youth program in place for area youth for both the school term time frame and for summer break. The community has fully embraced the existing programs as all sessions are repeatedly full. However, we have noticed a gap in opportunity for high school students desiring more specific art related study during the summer and who have aged out of the current programs. The goal of this program is to close the gap as an ongoing project.

What is the goal of this project/program? The goal of this program is to close the above gap and would be an ongoing project.

IAA would like to implement a new weeklong summer camp for these high school students maximizing their exposure to various art media, processes, and 5 instructors with unique styles. The concept, called Art 5 Ways, would bring in professional artist instructors, one each day, who would teach a different art media or process. All supplies would be provided allowing the students to take their art materials home for further exploration. Parents appreciate having minimal finite costs for art supplies the student will already know how to use.

This art program model has been used successfully before at IAA with adults who wished to expand their experiences in the arts. We think it will fit nicely teaching high school students. Our plan is to make this an ongoing youth program, encouraging experimentation and knowledge expansion regarding the arts.

As a part of the program students are also given interactive tours of the gallery displays. Open discussions with the professional artists are held about the art, techniques used, styles, and other inquiries from the students feeding their curiosity about art creation, processes, or the business of art as a further study or future careers.

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

This art program model has been used successfully before at IAA with adults who wished to expand their experiences in the arts. We think it will fit nicely teaching high school students. Our plan is to make this an ongoing youth program, encouraging experimentation and knowledge expansion regarding the arts. As a part of the program students are also given interactive tours of the gallery displays. Open discussions with the professional artists are held about the art, techniques used, styles, and other inquiries from the students feeding their curiosity about art creation, processes, or the business of art as a further study or future careers.

We find these programs expand art knowledge and appreciation beyond the actual students since parents, extended family, classmates, teachers from their schools and neighbors typically become involved when student work from the camps is displayed in the gallery after the camp. Student art receptions are very popular and entertaining to the general public. Segments of the population that would not ordinarily engage the visual arts leave the displays with new insights and appreciation of the work.

Having their artwork well displayed in a public venue is extremely encouraging to the student and engages the public in a mutually beneficial way.

During the camp and exhibits, we concurrently inform parents about and encourage these same students to apply for the annual IAA scholarships they might otherwise not know exist.

If the grant will be applied to program expansion, when did the project/program begin?

Summer of 2024. The project will be held during school summer break in our adjoining IAA Education Building. A maximum of 12 students will be accepted. The camp is advertised to the general public and via the county schools.

How has it been received by the community? The community has fully embraced the previous existing programs as all sessions are repeatedly full. We expect the same for this program.

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

YOUTH	
Pre-school	
Primary Grades	
Middle School	
High School	12
Total (A)	
SENIOR	
55 -60	
61 -65	
66 - 70	
Over 70	
Total (A)	

Participant’s residency: Unknown until sign ups. All areas are eligible to participate

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

If the grant is for program/project expansion, how has the project been funded previously?

Not Applicable: New program

If the program/project is new, what is the budget for the new program?

The budget for the weeklong program is \$1500. The requested \$500 is for \$100 stipends for each of the 5 professional artist teachers. The remaining \$1,000 amount is for supplies.

If the program/project is for expansion or enhancement of an existing program, how will the grant funds impact the existing budget? New independent program

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

As stated, some of our students and others who have not yet attended IAA programs have expressed disappointment new programs are not currently available as they age out of one program and are too young for others. We expressly hope the Arts and Culture Council can assist us in filling this gap by partially funding the launch of the Art 5 Ways program.

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

_____.

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 RM.

Please attach any additional information you consider pertinent such as brochures, etc. and forward to:

Parks and Recreation Department
2500 Atlantic Avenue Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
Attention: Scott Mikelson

Signed:

Rebecca McDonald

Title: Grants Chair

Printed _____

Date: 10.13.2024

Email: rebecca.mcdonald

Phone: 618 531 6831

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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 Senior Grants Award Committee

Grant awarded: yes no

Amount awarded: \$ _____

Date awarded

If Grant request declined, reason for decline:



Application for Grant

Please Select One: Youth Grant Senior Grant

Date: December 8, 2023

Name of Organization Amelia Island Opera

Address 2884 Landyns Circle Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

FEIN 87-1497907

Is Organization located within Nassau County? Yes No

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

Calendar Year in which the funds will be expended: 2024

Contact Person: Robyn Lamp

Email info@ameliaislandopera.org Phone 561-315-7702

Organization's Mission Statement:

Amelia Island Opera (AIO) seeks to enrich the cultural fabric of the greater Amelia

Island community, elevate the voices of world-class emerging artists, and explore alternative

mediums of performance.

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

Please describe the intended project; if the grant will expand or enhance an existing program, please explain the current program and how I will be expanded or enhance.

Please see attached sheet for answer

What is the goal of this project/program?

Please see attached sheet for answer

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

Please see attached sheet for answer

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

Please see attached sheet for answer

Is this an ongoing project? Yes _____ **No** X _____

If the grant will be applied to program expansion, when did the project/program begin?

N/A

How has it been received by the community?

N/A

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

YOUTH	
Pre-school	15
Primary Grades	15
Middle School	
High School	
Total (A)	30
SENIOR	
55 -60	
61 -65	
66 - 70	
Over 70	
Total (A)	

Participant's residency:

Amelia Island (non Fernandina Beach)	10
Bryceville	
Callahan	6
Fernandina Beach	5
Hilliard	
Rural	
Yulee	9
Total – must agree with Total A above	30

If the grant is for program/project expansion, how has the project been funded previously?

N/AN/

If the program/project is new, what is the budget for the new program?

Please see attached budget spreadsheet

If the program/project is for expansion or enhancement of an existing program, how will the grant funds impact the existing budget?

N/A

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

Please see attached sheet for answer

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

_____.

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 *ll*

Please attach any additional information you consider pertinent such as brochures, etc. and forward to:

Parks and Recreation Department
2500 Atlantic Avenue Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
Attention: Scott Mikelson

Signed: 

Title: Co-Founder

Printed Robyn Lamp

Date: 12/8/23

Email: inf@ameliaislandopera.org

Phone: 561-315-7702

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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 Senior Grants Award Committee

Grant awarded: yes no

Amount awarded: \$ _____

Date awarded _____

If Grant request declined, reason for decline:

AIO StoryTime February 17, 2024

	Budgeted
Revenue	
Ticket sales	0
Federal Grants	0
State Grants	0
Local Grants	500
AIO Funds	325
Expenses	
Singer Fees	250
Instrumentalist Fees	50
Venue Rental Expenses	0
Photography/Videography	0
Props	0
Costumes	75
Book purchase	450
Total Revenue	825
Total Expenses	825
Net Profit	0

Please describe the intended project; if the grant will expand or enhance an existing program, please explain the current program and how it will be expanded or enhanced.

Amelia Island Opera will partner with Story & Song Center for Arts & Culture to offer the children of our community an operatic-themed StoryTime. This free event, taking place on February 17, 2024 at 10AM will be open to children of all ages. Ms. Dearsha, Story & Song's Director of Children's Merchandise and Programming, will read a book called "Lily Goes to the Opera" to the children. The co-founders of Amelia Island Opera, Victoria Isernia, John Tibbetts, and Robyn Marie Lamp, will teach the children how to define the genre of opera, give a short performance, and even teach the children a short song. Mr. Mozart may even make an appearance! Each child will get to take home their very own copy of "Lily Goes to the Opera."

What is the goal of this project/program?

The goal of an operatic-themed StoryTime is to introduce the children of our community to/enhance their understanding of opera, live singing, and classical music, in the hopes of engaging our future audiences. Amelia Island Opera believes that those most likely to participate in opera as adults are introduced to the art form at an early age.

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

Children's programming is vital to the survival of opera because it creates opportunities for young people to experience opera. It is our hope that these experiences as a young person will make the future adult more likely to interact with or participate in arts and culture, opera specifically. Many people may have a negative or indifferent view toward opera, therefore, children need to be given the opportunity to experience opera firsthand and decide for themselves if it is an art form they enjoy.

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

It is our mission to enrich the cultural fabric of Nassau County. Children are included in that. This will be the first program of what will become a robust children's program under the umbrella of Amelia Island Opera. We want to build and grow the opportunities for children in Nassau County to interact with the arts, especially with regards to experiencing live vocal music, learning about singing, and performing in concerts, operas, and musical theatre.

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

Amelia Island Opera expects to impact 30 preschool and elementary aged children with this program. Children and young families will know there is an opera company in Nassau County and we will keep creating opportunities for these children and families to positively interact with opera and vocal music, thus helping to raise the quality of life for people living in this area.



December 8, 2023

Scott Mikelson
Deputy Director
Fernandina Beach Parks and Recreation Department
2500 Atlantic Avenue
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Dear Scott,

Thank you so much for allowing Amelia Island Opera to submit this application for an Arts & Culture Nassau Youth Programming & Projects Grant. When my Co-Founders and I founded Amelia Island Opera, we did so because we wanted to bring this powerful and beautiful artform to our community, and that includes children. Our early concerts were greeted with much enthusiasm by the Amelia Island community, and we have only grown in the last two seasons. Now in our third season, we are excited to begin offering children and youth programming to the families in our community.

We are applying for a youth grant to help offset the costs of bringing one of these new programs to life. We are partnering with Story & Song Center for Arts & Culture to bring an operatic-themed StoryTime to their upstairs gallery. Each child will experience live opera and singing as well as receive a book to take home.

Amelia Island Opera is requesting a grant of \$500, which will pay for the books for the children, as well as offset the costs for the singers and pianist who will perform. It is our hope that Amelia Island Opera will become a part of the cultural fabric of Amelia Island and that our presence will entice children to become involved in the arts and culture scene as they grow older.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Robyn Lamp
Co-Founder
Amelia Island Opera

(904) 556-7342
Info@ameliaislandopera.org

2884 Landyns Circle
Fernandina Beach, FL, 32034



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

Grants for Seniors and Youth Programming & Projects

Purpose

These Arts & Culture Nassau (ACN) grant programs are intended to foster appreciation of and participation in arts and culture for the senior citizens and youth of Nassau County. It is our belief that fostering arts and culture appreciation will benefit the quality of life for all Nassau County residents. Grants are designed to encourage new projects, enhance existing facilities, and/or expand existing programs.

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. Projects must be either new or an expansion of an existing project, to include enhancements to facilities or supplies to support project and programming, that serves Nassau County youth or seniors and relates to art and culture.
3. An award one year does not guarantee or imply an award in following years.
4. Grants are limited to \$500 per organization, in each category (youth/senior). 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) if applicable, in order 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 used within 2 months of the end of the calendar year in which the funds were expended along with copies of the reimbursement form(s) used to secure reimbursement. The organization should review the grant close-out form to be sure that the requested data is collected concerning the funded event. The close out form should be sent to: Parks and Recreation 2500 Atlantic Avenue Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 Attention: Scott Mikelson
- f. Grant recipient organizations may be expected to participate in projects promoting the awareness of Arts and Culture Nassau.
- g. Grant approval requires Arts and Culture Nassau logo advertisement on the organization's website and brochures, where possible.

Submission instructions & information:

- The following application should be submitted in writing to Fernandina Beach Parks and Recreation Department, 2500 Atlantic Avenue, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034. Attention: Scott Mikelson
- Applications will be accepted from October 15 through November 15 for Senior Grants and November 15-December 15 for Youth Grants. No applications will be accepted after the announced deadline.
- Applications will be judged, and grants awarded by a panel of 3 persons selected by the County and not affiliated with any of the Arts Council organizations and not a part of any county arts and culture organization. Awards will be announced by January 15.



Application for Grant

Please Select One: Youth Grant Senior Grant

Date: 12/15/23

Name of Organization Town of Hilliard

Address 15859 CR 108 Hilliard FL 32046

FEIN 59-6018372

Is Organization located within Nassau County? Yes No

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

Calendar Year in which the funds will be expended: 2024

Contact Person: Gabe Whittenburg / Alicia Head

Email gwhittenburg@townofhilliard.com Phone 904 314 5569

Organization's Mission Statement:

Town of Hilliard From Timber to Aviation
A community for families

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

Please describe the intended project; if the grant will expand or enhance an existing program, please explain the current program and how it will be expanded or enhanced.

As part of continued enhancements to Town Hall Park, this project will be to have a mural painted on an existing structure at the park. This mural will highlight the history and landmarks of the town and create a focal point within the park.

What is the goal of this project/program?

Further enhance the cultural opportunities that Town Hall Park provides to the residents of the Town of Hilliard.

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

The mural will be a focal point of the park and will bring people to the Town's newest park. Many events are held at Town Hall Park where this mural will be viewed and used for photo opportunities.

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

Hilliard has introduced many new cultural events, food truck events and other cultural opportunities at Town Hall Park. This mural will enhance this experience.

Is this an ongoing project? Yes No

Just Initiated

If the grant will be applied to program expansion, when did the project/program begin?

Kickoff was held on 12/19/23.

How has it been received by the community?

Interest has been high. Many have expressed interest in sponsoring the project.

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

YOUTH	
Pre-school	
Primary Grades	
Middle School	
High School	
Total (A)	4,000
SENIOR	
55 -60	
61 -65	
66 - 70	
Over 70	
Total (A)	6,000

Events Held:

Town Cleanup
 Monthly Fuel Truck Friday
 Holiday Golf Cart Parade
 Veterans Day Ceremony
 Hallmark Our Hilliard Festival
 Tree Lighting
 Car Show (Annual)

Participant's residency:

Amelia Island (non Fernandina Beach)	0
Bryceville	500
Callahan	1,000
Fernandina Beach	
Hilliard	1,000
Rural	6,500
Yulee	500
Total - must agree with Total A above	10000

If the grant is for program/project expansion, how has the project been funded previously?

New Project - NOT Previously Funded

If the program/project is new, what is the budget for the new program?

Total Cost is estimated between \$10,000 - \$15,000
Shared between Hearts 4 Minds and Town of Hilliard


If the program/project is for expansion or enhancement of an existing program, how will the grant funds impact the existing budget?

New Project

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

This project will serve as a focal point for a park that is the center of all cultural events sponsored by the Town of Hilliard. This new park has hosted events in its first year that have averaged between 2-3k visitors.

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

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 

Please attach any additional information you consider pertinent such as brochures, etc. and forward to:

Parks and Recreation Department
2500 Atlantic Avenue Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
Attention: Scott Mikelson

Signed: Gabe Whittington

Title: Director, Parks, Recreation

Printed Gabe Whittington

Date: 12/15/23

Email: gwhittington@townoffernandina.com

Phone: 904-845-3555

(for Art & Culture Nassau use only)

Prerequisites approved:

Art & Culture Nassau Chair

Art & Culture Nassau Vice-Chair

Art & Culture Nassau Member

(for Nassau County use only)

Nassau County Senior Grants Award Committee

Grant awarded: yes no

Amount awarded: \$ _____

Date awarded _____

If Grant request declined, reason for decline:



Application for Grant

Please Select One: Youth Grant Senior Grant

Date: 12 11 23

Name of Organization West Nassau Historical Society

Address PO Box 1758 45383 Dixie Av Callahan FL 32011

FEIN 55-088-4532

Is Organization located within Nassau County? Yes No

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

Calendar Year in which the funds will be expended: 2024

Contact Person: John Hendricks

Email jhendricks459@aol.com Phone 904 635 1288

Organization's Mission Statement:

The West Nassau Historical Society's mission is to highlight and promote the rich & diverse history and culture of Nassau County, using the 1881 Callahan Train Depot as the main venue whenever possible.

Amount of Grant request (\$500 maximum) \$ 500⁰⁰

Please describe the intended project; if the grant will expand or enhance an existing program, please explain the current program and how it will be expanded or enhanced.

Our youth art classes are designed to provide a venue for students to explore their artistic talents under the guidance of a professional instructor.

What is the goal of this project/program?

To give as many students as possible the chance to be instructed on how to paint by a professional artist.

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

It allows students who may not otherwise have an opportunity to be instructed by a professional artist and to explore their talents.

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

This program provides a venue and materials for students to experience the guidance of an artist and to explore & expand their love of painting.

Is this an ongoing project? Yes No

If the grant will be applied to program expansion, when did the project/program begin?

Summer 2020 with first youth classes postponed until summer of 2021. This will be our fifth set of youth art classes.

How has it been received by the community?

We average 10 to 15 per set of classes. We have about 100 attend the ice cream social exhibition. We have had various positive feedback. We hope to have 20 this summer.

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

YOUTH	
Pre-school	0
Primary Grades	5
Middle School	7
High School	8
Total (A)	20
SENIOR	
55 -60	
61 -65	
66 - 70	
Over 70	
Total (A)	

Participant's residency:

Amelia Island (non Fernandina Beach)	0
Bryceville	2
Callahan	3
Fernandina Beach	0
Hilliard	5
Rural	9
Yulee	1
Total – must agree with Total A above	20

If the grant is for program/project expansion, how has the project been funded previously?

Several past years have been funded by Arts and Culture grants; other years by entry fees and general funds.

If the program/project is new, what is the budget for the new program?

NA

If the program/project is for expansion or enhancement of an existing program, how will the grant funds impact the existing budget?

ACN funds will help us purchase art supplies, paints, brushes, canvases; plus to advertise these classes in the local newspapers.

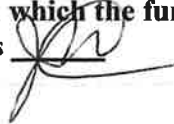
How do you expect the project to impact or benefit your community?

It gives students to explore their artist talents, plus the ice cream social gives the public a chance to see local kids' artworks.

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

10/26/2023

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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Attention: Scott Mikelson

Signed: 

Title: Director

Printed: John H. Hendrick

Date: 12/11/23

Email: jhendrick459@aol.com

Phone: 904 635-1288

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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 Senior Grants Award Committee

Grant awarded: yes no

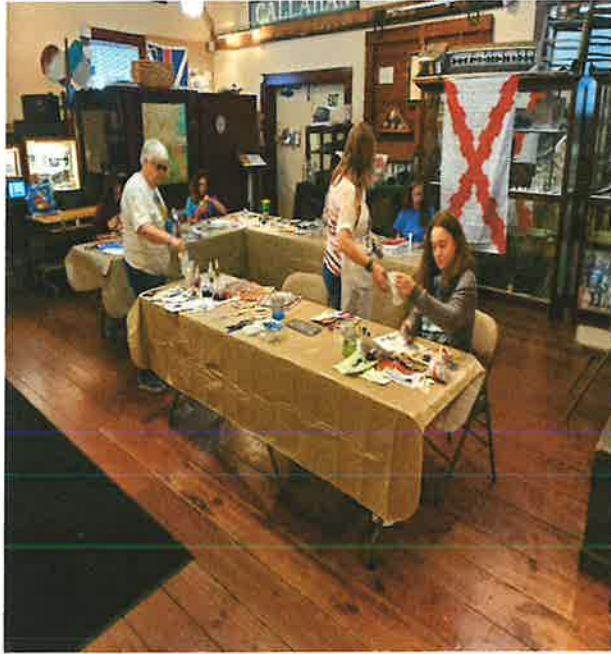
Amount awarded: \$ _____

Date awarded _____

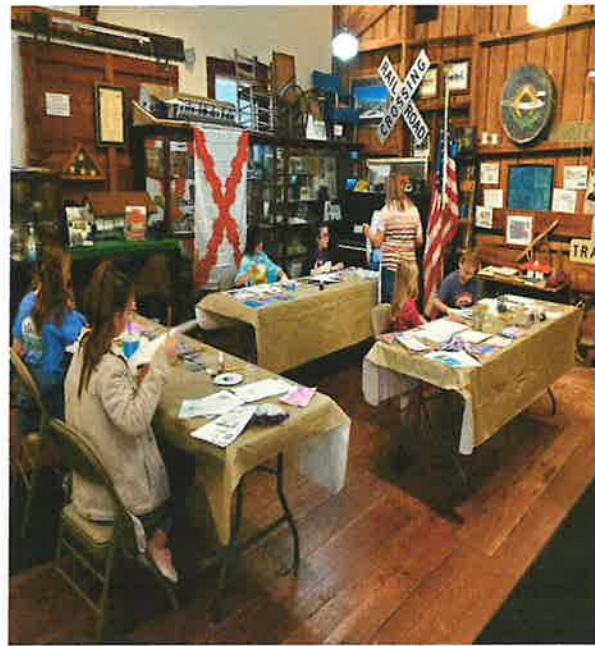
If Grant request declined, reason for decline:

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



Pictures of 2023 Youth Summer Art Classes
And artwork exhibit during our Ice Cream Social



**CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH
PUBLIC ART APPLICATION**

The following criteria govern the selection of public art in the City of Fernandina Beach and will be utilized by Arts and Culture Nassau during the process of review, selection and approval of public art. It is understood that some criteria will have more relevance than others depending on the proposed artwork. This will be considered and the criteria weighted accordingly. Artists are strongly encouraged to meet with Arts and Culture Nassau or submit to them a preliminary concept application prior to completing this application.

- A. Artistic Quality and Originality:** The strength and originality and creativity of the artist's concept and demonstrated skill or craftsmanship.
- B. Context:** The appropriateness of the concept within the proposed architectural, geographical, socio-cultural, and historical context, including use of appropriate scale and materials for the site.
- C. Diversity:** Style, media, and creativity of the art within the context will be considered.
- D. Local Art:** Emphasis will be on local and regional artists whenever possible.
- E. Feasibility:** Budget, timeline, and probability of success
- F. Design & Construction:** Issues related to fabrication of the installation, its durability, resistance to vandalism, long-term maintenance issues, and weather permanence.
- G. Support:** Demonstrated community agreement/support for the project. ACN may choose to create an advisory group to represent the community in the selection process.
- H. Public Safety:** Meets all applicable building codes for public projects. The artist has shown due diligence in developing appropriate installation plans.
- I. Other:** ACN may adopt other project specific criteria pertinent to special considerations of the site, the project, or the Commission's specific intent, provided such criteria are clearly and completely stated.

Project Name:

Summer House Bench

Installation Type:

- Permanent art collection
 Temporary installation (up to 1 year)

Proposed Location*: 316 Ash Street - please see map

*A map of approved locations is available through the City of Fernandina Beach

Artwork:

Type [e.g., sculpture, mural, etc.]: Public Sculpture Bench

Artwork Description [include title, fabrication date, current location, medium, dimensions, materials and finishes, installation method, life expectancy]

Summer House Bench Art, 9/20/23, 316 Ash Street (in front of building on grass, width: 74", Depth: 28", Height: 33", Powder Coated Steel, weighing approx 250 lbs. welded together, 50 years or more

Artist/ Applicant:

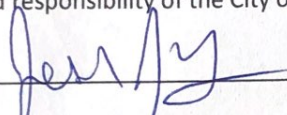
Name: Jessie Lang on behalf of Genny and James Schaffer

Address: 316 Ash Street

Phone: 706-969-0746

Email: jessie@mycuratedmix.com

I understand that approval of art by Arts and Culture Nassau does not automatically denote approval of all necessary City permits for the installation and display of artwork. Additionally, I understand if the artwork is accepted for temporary display, I am solely responsible for all costs and acquiring all necessary permits and overseeing the installation and maintenance of the art. I am responsible for the care and maintenance of the art for the duration of the permitted display period and for the removal of art following the display period. I also understand that all donations of permanent art become the sole property and responsibility of the City of Fernandina Beach.

Signature:  Date 9/12/23

Signed-Arts and Culture Nassau: _____ Date _____

The following materials MUST be provided with the completed application form:

- Project description, including purpose, artist's rationale and/or intention for the proposed work, history and provenance of artwork, relationship of project to other community interest and activities, involved individuals and organizations if any.
- Illustrative and/or construction drawings of proposed work; scale model of proposed sculptural work strongly recommended.
- Scaled site plan and color images of proposed installation location and its context.
- Scaled illustrative drawings or model showing artwork in relation to proposed site.
- Description of short-term and long-term maintenance requirements.
- Artist resume, annotated exhibition list, and CD Rom and/or hard copy color images of other works.
- Project timeline, including (as applicable) fabrication, delivery, installation and removal.

Applications may be submitted by mail or hand delivered to:

City of Fernandina Beach Attn: Arts and Culture Nassau 204 Ash Street Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
To schedule a meeting for pre-approval prior to completing this application, please call the City of Fernandina Beach at (904) 310-3350 and request to be added to the Arts and Culture Nassau Agenda. At this meeting artists may submit a brief concept proposal and discuss the project with the ACN committee.

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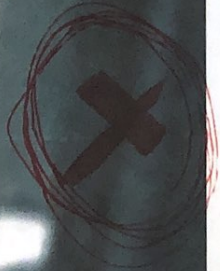
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Project Description and Purpose:

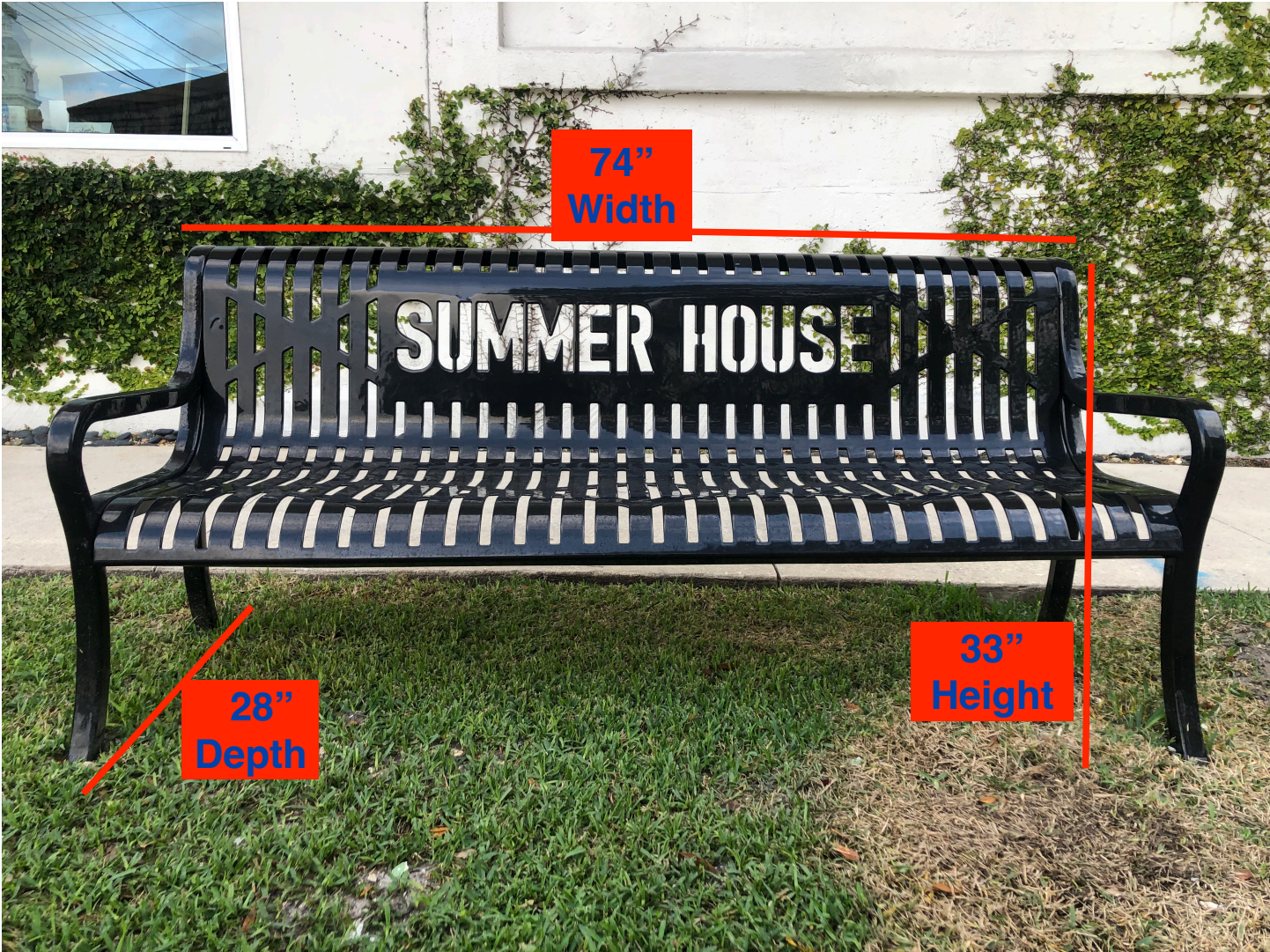
Ash Steet is a highly populated area with a lot of foot traffic from locals and visiting tourists. The artistic bench allows both locals and visiting guests to rest while enjoying our beautiful town.

Description of long term and short term maintenance:

This piece of art weighs approximately 250lbs and is powder coated to withstand incremental weather. Any trash left around the art piece will be picked up and the bench will be wiped down and cleaned as necessary for all guests to enjoy

Resume: Summer House was gifted this sculpture to share with the City

Project Timeline: The peice of art is ready for installation



74"
Width

33"
Height

28"
Depth

Bench Material: Powder-coated Steel
Approximate Bench Dimensions
Width: 74"
Depth: 28"
Height: 33"





