FY23 Cultural Grant – Round 2 (City funding) Awards

COCA (Council on Culture & Arts) was appropriated a $300,000 investment in the Cultural Grant Program from the City of Tallahassee for FY23. Until 2016, COCA received funding from the city for their Cultural Grant program. Since 2016, COCA's grant awards have been funded exclusively through the Tourist Development Tax (TDT). Funding restrictions on TDT funds have excluded community-based arts and cultural programs. The appropriation from the city was made in September of 2022, after the Cultural Grant Program awards had been finalized. COCA launched a second round of the Cultural Grant Program in November of 2022 to administrate the city funds.

Applicant Summary –

27 applications received
8 BIPOC Organizations
10 New Organizations
19 Underserved Organizations (budgets less than $150,000)
TOTAL REQUEST - $261,200

Panel Review –

The grant panel review took place on January 11, 2023, via Zoom. The meeting was chaired by Amanda Clements, COCA Board Member and Grants Subcommittee Chair. The panelists were Timothy Barber, FAMU Meek-Eaton Black Archives; Michael Killoren, retired Arts Administrator; Patricia Singletary, Florida Division of Arts & Culture; Reenee Williams, CareerSource Capital Region. Twenty-seven (27) applications were reviewed. All applications were recommended for funding. Funding was awarded based on the following formula.

Total Score	Maximum Funding
90 – 100	100% of request
80 – 89.9	90% of request
70 – 79.9	80% of request

Funding Recommendations –

Organization	Award
Florida State Fiddlers Association	$9,000
The Foundation for Leon County Schools	$10,000
Tallahassee Civic Chorale, Inc.	$7,000
Wanderlust Arts, Inc. dba Wanderlust: Theatre on Location	$10,000
Cool Breeze Art and Smooth Jazz Festival Railroad Square Foundation, Inc.	$10,000
Embrace World Cultures Incorporated	$9,000
Tallahassee Film Society	$10,000
The Artist Series of Tallahassee, Inc.	$9,000
Tallahassee Youth Orchestras	$10,000

FSU Foundation, Inc, dba, Opening Nights at FSU	$10,000
Tallahassee Hispanic Theater	$4,200
PAS DE VIE, INC.	$10,000
The Tallahassee Community Chorus, Inc.	$10,000
Big Bend Filipino-American Association, Inc.	$10,000
The Tallahassee Bach Parley, Inc.	$10,000
Arts and Cultural Experiences at Railroad Square	$9,000
Indaba of New England, Inc. dba Indaba, Inc.	$10,000
Florida A&M University, School of Architecture & Engineering Technology	$10,000
Theater with a Mission Inc	$10,000
Choice Impact Community Development Corporation dba Javacya Arts Conservatory	$10,000
Ayoka Afrikan Drum and Dance, Inc.	$10,000
The Tallahassee Ballet, Inc.	$10,000
Making Light Productions, Inc.	$10,000
Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra, Inc.	$10,000
Southern Shakespeare Company	$10,000
Tallahassee Little Theatre, Inc dba Theatre Tallahassee	$10,000
Young Actors Theatre of Tallahassee Inc	$10,000
TOTAL AWARDS	**$257,200**