



Item:

Match Funds Requests – Funding Recommendations

Requested Action:

The Trust is asked to authorize the Executive Director to initiate the contract negotiation process for match funds with the Cade Museum and Episcopal Children's Services.

Background:

Board policy 6.80.B, Matching/Leveraged Funds, authorizes the Trust to accept proposals for match funding from organizations awarded funds from a grantor, requiring match as a stipulation of the award.

The Trust has received a match funds request from the following agency(s):

1. **Cade Museum.** The Cade Museum is requesting match funding from CTAC in the amount of \$33,958.50 for Operation Full STEAM. This program provides interactive, hands-on science experiences designed to be aligned with school-based science curriculum for students in grades 2-5 in three strategically selected elementary schools by providing on-going field trips, make and takes, and yearlong membership to the Cade Museum. While Alachua County Public Schools provides science instruction, opportunities to “do” science and make real-world connections are lacking; this funding will provide exposure to 800 students attending high poverty schools. Operation Full STEAM has an overall operating budget of \$135,834 and is to receive \$67,917 in grant funds from the Institute for Museum and Library Services.
2. **Episcopal Children's Services.** Alachua County Head Start and Early Head Start receives \$6,464,084 in federal funds that must be matched by \$1,616,021 in local funds. To directly support the need for local match funding and to address an unmet need of children served, Episcopal requests \$82,500 to support children identified with developmental delays with additional services (e.g., physical, occupational, speech and language therapy) to address acknowledged areas of concern. The CTAC funding received will be matched with federal funds from the Office of Head Start at a rate of \$4 in federal funds for every \$1 in local funds. So, the investment of \$82,500 by CTAC will leverage \$330,000 in federal funding.

Attachments:

1. Match Funding Presentation

Programmatic Impact:

Both proposals align with Goal 2 - "All children can learn what they need to be successful" with the Episcopal request supporting the Strategy 2.4 - "Improve capacity to support special needs", which is currently unfunded, and the request from Cade supporting Strategy 2.3 - "Support literacy and other academic supports".

Fiscal Impact:

\$116,458.50 for FY 2022, which includes:

1. Cade Museum = \$33,958.50
2. Episcopal Children's Services = \$82,500.00

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval