

EXECUTIVE BRIEF REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: September 6, 2022

DEPARTMENT: Leisure Services

TITLE:

Resolution No. 66-2022 – Florida Humanities English for Families Program Grant Application

SUMMARY:

The resolution approves the submission of an application to the Florida Humanities for funding assistance with the 2023 English for Families program. This program is a multi-week series of interactive classes for parents and children (ages six to twelve) that focuses on developing English vocabulary and literacy skills through strategic and fun story reading.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

Resolution No. 66-2022 approves the submission of an application to the Florida Humanities Council for funding in the amount of \$3,700 under the English for Families grant program. The English for Families program is extended to public libraries to provide funding to participate in this program comprised of a multi-week series of interactive classes for parents and children focused on developing English vocabulary and literacy skills.

The program is developed in partnership with the Orange County Library System and is designed specifically to improve the English language proficiency of individuals whose native language is not English. It utilizes essential reading strategies relevant to school-age children to achieve success in the classroom while also developing adults' basic language skills.

The grant funds will be used in this program with a five-week session of two sessions per week of interactive classes focused on developing proficiency in English vocabulary and literacy skills. Participants will include families with children ages six to twelve whose native language is not English. The family participation aspect is very important as it is an integral component of Hispanic and Caribbean culture.

The City will be contributing \$4,331.25 as a local cost share. The source of these matching funds is included in the FY 2023 Library budget for salaries and promotional expenses. The expenses to be paid with the local cost share include the salary for the Literacy Program Specialist (\$1,331.25) and meals to be provided to participant families (\$3,000).

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove Resolution No. 66-2022 – the submission of an application for \$3,700 in FY 2023 grant funding from the Florida Humanities Council for the English for Families grant program.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Resolution 66-2022
Grant Application