

**Item # 45** <sup>(2)</sup>

**ADDITIONAL MATERIAL**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**MARCH 28, 2019**

**SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION**

Sewell, Daphne

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**From:** Steven Glassman <SGlassman@fortlauderdale.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 22, 2019 2:34 PM  
**To:** Henry, Bertha  
**Cc:** Cepero, Monica; Sewell, Daphne  
**Subject:** Fort Lauderdale Historical Society - Grant Application  
**Attachments:** Cty Waiver letter.pdf

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Dear County Administrator Bertha Henry,

We hope you please consider the Grant Application and Waiver Request from the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society. Their educational experiences and research services are an invaluable resource to our community.

Again, thank you for your consideration.  
Steven

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# HISTORY FORT LAUDERDALE

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Dear Ms. Henry:

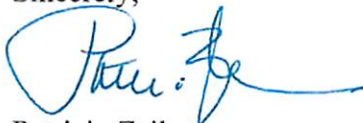
Fort Lauderdale Historical Society requests a waiver of application deadline for the CINV Cultural Grant which was due February 1, 2019.

Our agency operates 3 museums and a full research library in downtown Fort Lauderdale. We had more than 113,000 visitors in FY 2018. We feature the works of Broward visual artists in rotating exhibits in 2 exhibits rooms. This year fo the first time we were an Art Basel cultural institution with an exhibit of living Seminole visual artists and currently we are home to the visual arts students of Dillard School for the Arts. County support is critical to our mission of presenting the stories of our diverse community. To my knowledge, the Society has never requested a waiver of this kind ever before.

The Society's Finance Director resigned late in 2018. Our agency's county grant applications were initiated by the Finance Director. This is our internal procedure. Unfortunately the new finance manager, Beth McGowan, CPA, did not join our team until January and has not yet gotten up to speed on all procedures. As executive director I had to assume many tasks of the finance department, including payroll and year-end filings. The deadline for this critical funding was missed.

I was a member of the Cultural Division team when I worked for the County. Knowing how many projects that team has to manage makes my humiliation complete. I give you my word this will not happen again.

Sincerely,



Patricia Zeiler  
Executive Director

CC via email: Leslie Fordham, Interim Director Cultural Division  
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