

HISTORY FORT LAUDERDALE

219 SW 2nd Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
(954) 463-4431
(945) 523-6228 FAX
www.flhc.org

February 14, 2019

Executive Committee

Art Bengochea
President

Patrick Scott
Vice President

Shaun Kelley-Perrone
Vice President

Melinda Bowker
Treasurer

Ryan Lehrer
Secretary

Katherine Lochrie
Past President

Board of Trustees

Zachary Bazara
Derek Davis
Patricia Du Mont
Craig Edewaard
Robert Golden
Pamela Gordon, PhD
Alcee "Jody" Hastings
Gordon James
Dev Motwani
Robert Peters
Patricia Rathburn
Gordon "Ollie" Wareham

Patricia Coyle-Zeiler
Executive Director

Advisory Board

Barbara Jones
Sam Morrison
Kelly Tortoriello
Frank Walker

Bertha Henry
Broward County
115 S Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

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
James Shermer, Grants Manager Cultural Division

