



\$15,000 is being awarded to Steinway Society of Central Florida, Inc. to aid in the funding of the costs for planning and implementing the following programs:

- **The Piano Bank:** The Society will donate at least 10 refurbished pianos to musically talented children who otherwise could not afford a personal piano. The Society will hold three gifting ceremonies to present these pianos to the well-deserving students. These ceremonies will be open to the public and held at the Steinway Piano Galleries in Altamonte Springs throughout the year.
- **Piano Lessons:** The Society will continue and expand its free after-school piano lesson program for underserved students. Four 10-week sessions - corresponding to the fall, winter, spring, and summer semesters - will be conducted at six Title I Seminole County elementary schools: Bentley (which will also offer lessons for special needs students), Midway, Lake Orienta, Casselberry, Winter Springs, and Spring elementary schools.

**Piano Labs:** During this grant period, piano labs will be expanded at the four elementary schools previously stated. The project will use cutting-edge technology to maintain student interest. Students will use the Yamaha NP-32 electronic keyboard, with weighted, touch-sensitive keys that give the feel of-and provides a piano sound similar to--a well-tuned acoustic piano. Weighing only 12 pounds, it is easily portable, allowing students to take it anywhere to practice, which will be crucial to enable students to participate in virtual.

### **Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the Board approve and authorize the Chairman to execute an agreement between Seminole County and Steinway Society of Central Florida Inc., in the amount of \$15,000 as a fiscal year 2022/2023 Seminole County Arts and Cultural Grant Awardee.