

Legislation Text

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Title:

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. Countywide (**Jaquelin Massaline, Financial Business Administrator**)

Division:

Leisure Services - Business Office

Authorized By:

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Background:

Seminole County Arts Funding Budget was adopted based on BEBR Population Estimate data showing a population of 477,455 for Seminole County, at \$.301879 per capita, the total funding is \$144,134. Of which \$44,134 was allocated to fund the Seminole County Arts and Culture Grant program for fiscal year 2022/2023.

\$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.