

Seminole County Arts Program

Board of County Commissioners Meeting

January 27, 2026

Agenda

- Background
- Budget
- Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center
- Seminole Cultural Arts Council
- Possible Options

Background

- January 8, 2019: Seminole County executes an agreement with United Arts of Central Florida, Inc. in the amount of \$137,282 as part of the 2018/2019 budget*
- January 28, 2020: The Board passed a Resolution establishing Section 28.40 of the Administrative Code creating the Seminole County Arts and Cultural Grant program (Budget Amount \$39,939.00*)
 - Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center \$50,000 Seminole Cultural Arts Council \$50,000 and the Seminole County Arts Culture Grant \$39,939*
- October 10, 2023: Board of County Commissioners voted to move and evenly split the Seminole County Arts and Cultural Grant budget between Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center and Seminole Cultural Arts Council (BCC Agenda Item #2023-1086)
 - FY24 Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center \$50,000+\$23,063= \$73,063
 - FY24 Seminole Cultural Arts Council \$50,000+\$23,063= \$73,063
- November 19, 2024: The Board executed an agreement renewal with the Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center in the amount of \$50,000 for program operations with Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center opting out of the grants program funding.
- April 8, 2025: The Board executed an agreement with Seminole Cultural Arts Council in the amount of \$73,483 with the grants program funding included.

* \$.301879 per capita funding utilizing the Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEER); 2019 County population was 454,757

Background: Program Changes

Grants Program Management

- United Arts administered the arts grant funding programs prior to FY 2020
- The Seminole County Arts Grants program was established in FY 2020
- The Seminole County Arts Grants program was moved to Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center and Seminole Cultural Arts Council in FY 2024
- Seminole Cultural Arts Council administered arts grants funding in FY 2024 and FY 2025
- Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center administered arts grants funding in FY 2024

Service Management

- Prior to FY 2024 the arts agreements were managed by the Parks and Recreation department (formerly Leisure Services)
- FY 2024 the arts agreements were managed by the Office of Strategic Initiatives
- FY 2025-Present the arts agreements are managed by the Office of Economic Development and Tourism

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Budget

WAYNE DENSCH PERFORMING ARTS CENTER			SEMINOLE CULTURAL ARTS COUNCIL			SEMINOLE COUNTY ARTS CULTURE GRANT		
FY	BUDGET AMOUNT	EXPENDED AMOUNT	FY	BUDGET AMOUNT	EXPENDED AMOUNT	FY	BUDGET AMOUNT	EXPENDED AMOUNT
19/20	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	19/20	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	19/20	\$ -	\$39,939.00
20/21	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	20/21	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	20/21	\$42,406.89	\$42,400.00
21/22	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	21/22	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	21/22	\$ 43,913.87	\$6,995.00
22/23	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	22/23	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	22/23	\$ 44,134.00	\$42,515.00
23/24	\$50,000.00	\$73,063.00	23/24	\$50,000.00	\$73,063.00	23/24	\$ 46,126.00	\$0.00
24/25	\$73,483.00	\$50,000.00	24/25	\$73,483.00	\$73,483.00	24/25	\$ -	\$ -
25/26	\$74,440.80	\$ -	25/26	\$74,440.80	\$ -	25/26	\$ -	\$ -

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Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center

- Grants Funding*
- Programming & Production Support
- Operational Capacity
- Facilities & Patron Experience
- Partnerships

*Fiscal Year 2024

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Seminole Cultural Arts Council

- Grants Funding
- Donations
- Events
- Internship/Volunteer Program
- Partnerships

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Possible Options

1. Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center and Seminole Cultural Arts Council for FY2025/26 in the amount of \$50,000 each as in previous years. These agreements will not include the grants program funding or scope of service.
2. Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center and Seminole Cultural Arts Council for FY2025/26 in the amount of \$74,440.80 each. These agreements will include the grants program funding and scope of service.
3. Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center and Seminole Cultural Arts Council for FY2025/26 in the amount of \$50,000 each. This agreement does not include the grants program funding or scope of service. Seminole County will implement a program supporting the Arts with the remaining funds (FY26 Budget \$48,881.60).