



\$7,400 is being awarded to ACA of Central Florida, Inc. for administrative costs for planning and implementing the following programs:

- Music Therapy - Helpers in Heels: ACA offers a free music therapy program for adults with intellectual disabilities. Accomplished teaching artists with extensive experience in performing music in the Hindustani classical tradition visit Helpers in Heels twice a month, bringing with them several percussion and other instruments. Through the art of Indian music, students learn to count beats, maintain complicated rhythms, and recognize patterns. This program has been in existence since 2014 and has the potential to grow. It was recognized in 2018 and received a state award.
- Music and Dance Workshops - Seminole County Public Schools: ACA presents educational workshops for public schools by request. Students will be introduced to traditional instruments such as the tabla and harmonium and learn about classical dance forms such as Kathak. Music and dance are a catalyst for learning about South Asian and Indian culture. The COVID-19 pandemic required ACA to adapt the way it delivers its workshops to the schools. Through Zoom (a virtual meeting software program), ACA instructors were able to connect with students and hold workshops virtually. Looking ahead, ACA intends to offer a blend of virtual and in-person learning opportunities for students.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the Board approve and authorize the Chairman to execute an agreement between Seminole County and ACA of Central Florida Inc., in the amount of \$7,400 as a fiscal year 2022/2023 Seminole County Arts and Culture Grant Program Awardee.