

RESOLUTION NO. 2015- 314

**CITY OF POMPANO BEACH  
Broward County, Florida**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2017 SMALL MATCHING GRANT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF HISTORIC RESOURCES AND TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, historic preservation is an important part of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pompano Beach desires to restore and renovate the Blanche Ely House Museum (BEHM); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pompano Beach desires to apply for Small Matching Grant ("Grant"), which would provide monies for a house restoration; and

**WHEREAS**, if approved for the Grant, the City of Pompano Beach will enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Pompano Beach, Florida, and the Florida Department of State; and

**WHEREAS**, if approved for the Grant, the City of Pompano Beach will provide matching funds in the amount of \$50,000 towards the restoration; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Commission hereby supports the City's efforts to restore and renovate the BEHM and approves the application for the Grant submittal with a matching fund amount of \$50,000.

**SECTION 2.** That the proper city officials are hereby authorized to submit the Grant application.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

  
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**LAMAR FISHER, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**ASCELETA HAMMOND, CITY CLERK**

[Florida Department of State](#)

DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

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**8. Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Waiver of Match Requirements**

Applicants located in counties or communities that have been designated as rural community in accordance with Section 288.0056 and 288.06561, Florida Statutes, may request a waiver of matching requirements. (Waivers are not available for Historical Marker Projects.)

Are you requesting a waiver? [Am I In a REDI Community?](#)

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

**9. Project Description**

In the space provided below, briefly describe the the scope of work for the project for which funding is requested. Indicate how your organization intends to use the funds requested and the required match, describing each of the major work items involved and what the end product will be. For projects involving individual historic properties or archaeological sites, also briefly describe the **historic significance of the property** or properties for which grant funding is being requested. (5,000 Character Limit)

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The City of Pompano Beach is requesting funding for a restoration and renovations of the Blanche Ely House Museum. The site is the former home of Mrs. Blanche General Ely, a seven decade resident of Broward County whose impact on education to the Pompano Beach African American community was so strong that Pompano Beach named the local public high school in her honor.

A graduate of Florida A&M College, Mrs. Ely began her teaching career in Pompano Beach in 1923. She worked around the clock to advocate and inspire her students, extending her role as educator far beyond the walls of her classroom. She spent her early career at the height of segregation, teaching at the school formally known as the Pompano Colored School. The City's population was expanding and she lobbied for a new public high school to adequately serve the city's young adults. The Broward County School Board approved the school which is still in operation today.

**10. Major Elements and Responsible Entities**

Describe the **major elements** of the project and indicate the **type of entity** (e.g., consultant, in-house personnel, volunteers, general contractor) responsible for each element.

Major Project Elements	Entity Type Responsible	Delete
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**11. Tentative Project Timeline**

Please specify the start and end month and year below; indicate all major elements of the project for which funding assistance is requested, the anticipated time required to complete each element, and the planned sequence of these activities. Grants, if awarded, will begin July 1, 2016 and expire June 30, 2017.

**Projects should be completed within 12 months.**

**25. Direct Economic Impact**

Provide a brief explanation of the **Direct Economic Impact** this project will have on the surrounding community. Include any information regarding number of jobs it will provide, if known. (1,500 character limit)

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Historic preservation is a major priority in the redevelopment of Pompano Beach. This restoration project will create new jobs for a specialized team with experience in historic renovations.

The BEHM is a key fixture in Pompano Beach's new campaign promoting historical tourism. With a goal to increase tourism to the area, the local economy will be directly affected by tourists coming to Pompano Beach to visit the museum and the surrounding historical landmarks. Another economic impact is the ancillary spending of these tourists who will be frequenting local hotels, restaurants and business.

The BEHM is located adjacent to the City's historic Old Downtown, where significant redevelopment is underway and/or planned. This City hopes to see this area transform into a mixed-use, transit-oriented walkable community. Preserving the neighborhood's historic properties makes the

**26. Cost of Maintenance**

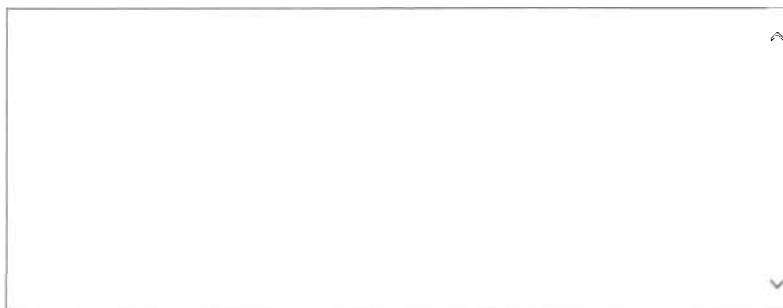
- a) What is the anticipated annual cost of maintenance of the subject Historic Property, archaeological site, etc. on completion of the project?

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- b) What is the source of the funding?

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- c) How much was spent on maintenance of the subject Historic Property, archaeological site or museum exhibit last year?

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d) How much is budgeted for maintenance of the subject Historic Property, archaeological site or museum exhibit in the year following completion of the project?

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## 27. Benefit to Minorities and the Disabled

Briefly describe any **direct benefit** the project will have on **minority groups and/or the disabled**. Include any alterations to the site that will make the site more accessible to the public. If project includes media content, describe accessability methods to be used (e.g. voice over, closed captioning, etc.) (1,500 character limit)

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The BEHM is located in a richly diverse metropolitan area including historically Black and White neighborhoods, as well as an almost equal mix of Non-Hispanic White and Hispanic. The city's Local Register of Historic Places is composed almost entirely of buildings in this area. These buildings reflect the history and stories of the city's rich African-American past. This project seeks to continue these efforts to fight for properties that represent the story and history of the city's present-day diverse population.

This project benefits the disabled by helping to preserve and redevelop the city's historic walkable districts. These walkable areas are safer for the disabled as they have narrower streets which inadvertently slow down automobiles and make sidewalks and crossing the street safer. Preserving the City's historic properties can create historic districts that are safer for children and the elderly to walk to their everyday

## 28. Educational Benefits

Provide a brief description of the **educational benefits** of this project. Explain how the Project will educate the public on issues related to historic preservation, Florida history, and/or heritage preservation. (1,500 character limit)

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Blanche Ely was an educational pioneer for the African American community in Pompano Beach for decades. Her mark on the community was so strong that a group of individuals sought to preserve her house and turn it into a museum. The City of Pompano Beach fully supports revitalizing this museum and making it a true landmark for residents and visitors to benefit from.

In a greater effort to convey Mrs. Ely's historical significance to the museum visitors, in addition to restoring the house, the City is proposing a series of community education programs to be distributed and displayed at the museum. The range of community education will utilize many different mediums, allowing for a greater audience to be reached. We are proposing to create a range of publically available resources explaining the biographical history of Mrs. Ely. This education will be provided in a variety of ways. Printed materials will

## 29. Public Awareness

Please describe project-related activities that will increase project visibility, further the objective of improving public awareness of the project's significance and promote the importance of preserving the property (if applicable) and other historic properties in your community. *Examples of such activities are: a series of press releases describing the preservation project and its progress, and interactive electronic media a brochure explaining the history of the property and how it is being rehabilitated to serve a contemporary community need.* (1,500 character limit)

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As part of the 2014 fiscal year budget, the City allocated \$103,000 in the Capital Improvement Plan for maintenance, renovation and resource planning for the Blanche Ely Museum. While this museum is a valuable City-owned resource, in its current state, the museum cannot be used for exhibitions or tours. Through this project, the museum will be thoroughly cleaned and repaired which will improve the overall aesthetic quality of the site.

The ultimate goal of these combined efforts will be to enhance the public awareness of Mrs. Ely and her significance to Pompano Beach. The proposed community education program will strengthen the ability to convey Mrs. Ely's story to the general public who visit the museum. The combination of the website, brochures and pamphlets, DVD and group meetings will provide a myriad of options to increase public awareness of Mrs. Ely's story and her historic significance.

If you need assistance, please email [bhpggrants@flheritage.com](mailto:bhpggrants@flheritage.com) or call 1.800.847.7278.