

MEMORANDUM NO. 18 - 12

DATE: January 8, 2018
TO: Mark Berman, City Attorney
FROM: Anthony Alhashemi, Project Manager
RE: Request for Resolution- Small Matching Preservation Grant DH007 (Phase II)

On November 14, 2017 City Commission approved the execution of an agreement between the City of Pompano Beach and the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Historical Resources for a small matching grant for the amount of \$50,000.00 for the Blanche Ely Museum. In order to complete execution of the above mentioned agreement, the State of Florida Division of Historical Resources is requiring a DH007 preservation agreement as an addendum to the previously approved agreement (Exhibit A). Staff is seeking a resolution of the City Commission to enter into the DH007 preservation agreement with the State of Florida Division of Historical Resources to solidify the \$50,000.00 grant. The City has received a Small Matching Historic Preservation Grant in the amount of \$50,000 and will provide a \$50,000 match provided from the FY2018 CIP.

Please prepare the appropriate resolution. For your convenience, I have attached a copy of the previously approved agreement between the City of Pompano and the State of Florida (Exhibit A). Funding has been committed to this grant.

If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me at extension 4029.

Summary:

The City Commission authorized staff to submit the Small Matching Grant with Resolution 2015-414. Funding from the grant will be used for BEHM renovations including ADA modifications and remodeling.

The City previously received a Small Matching Preservation Grant (Phase I) from the state for FY2016-17. The site being renovated is the former home of Mrs. Blanche General Ely, a seven decade resident of Broward County. A preliminary assessment of the house and its contents indicated extensive damage as a result of mold, water leakage, insect and rodent infestation and lack of climate/humidity control.

Funding from the previous grant was used for termite treatment, purchasing of new kitchen appliances and design and inspection fees in the amount of \$15,308.50. FY2017-18 grant will provide the funds needed to finish improvements to the building to enable it to be open to the public as an educational facility and cultural heritage museum.

When the multi-phase renovation is complete, the facility will be in compliance with ADA standards and have its Certificate of Occupancy changed from a Residence into a Place of Assembly/ museum. The inclusion of the BEHM to the City's existing historic sites and buildings will contribute to the City's goal to become a Cultural Tourism destination while instilling civic pride.