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TO: City Commission

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**SUBJECT: Request for Resolution – Blanche Ely Park and Museum
Grant (Phase II)**

Issue:

Engineering is seeking approval for the City to enter into an Agreement with the State of Florida Division of Historical Resources (Grant No. S1722). 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. This Agreement is for the execution of the 2017 Small Matching Grant regarding the renovations of the Blanche Ely House.

Background:

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, structural deficiencies, water leakage, insect and rodent infestation and lack of climate/humidity control.

The City Commission authorized staff to submit the Small Matching Grant with Resolution 2016-188 and received a Small Matching Preservation Grant (Phase I) from the state for FY2016-17. 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 and cultural heritage facility.

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 Cultural and Heritage Facility. The inclusion of the Blanche Ely House 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.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution. The Small Matching Historic Preservation Grant is in the amount of \$50,000 for which the City will provide a \$50,000 match previously provided from the FY2017 CIP 17-301.