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Excerpts from the applications:

Cade Museum Community Benefit and Potential Tourism Impact

In its first major expansion since opening in 2018, the Cade Museum, centrally located in Gainesville's restored and revitalized Depot Park, plans to increase its size by almost 70%, from 21,000 sf to 34,000 sf. In addition, the Cade will add an outdoor Harmony Garden, a permanent public art installation in Depot Park maintained and operated by the Cade Museum, as well as pathways, landscape features, and public seating that includes both benches for the general public and a great lawn for larger public programs. The enhanced facility, currently one of Gainesville's top tourist attractions, will include a new wing for world-class traveling exhibits, an observation deck, a patio cafe, and additional classrooms and teaching labs to accommodate larger field trips and multi-day educational activities. The new traveling exhibit wing will meet climate control and security requirements to book major traveling exhibits, such The Secret World Inside You (currently at the American Museum of Natural History in Washington D.C.) and Wonderspaces, (currently in Austin, Philadelphia, San Diego, and Scottsdale). These exhibits will attract visitors from across Florida and the southeastern United States.

The estimated construction cost for the building expansion is approximately \$4.1 million. In keeping with the matching fund requirements of this grant, this request is for \$172,000 to complete the full design and construction documents for the building expansion, an. upgrade of the existing landscape features, and the addition of the Harmony Garden and additional landscaping of public spaces. This represents one-third of the approximate \$515,236 balance. (The total design cost of the expansion is about \$761,000, of which \$246,000 has been paid. We already have full schematic design and design development documents from the building's original architects.)

Dance Alive National Ballet Community Benefit and Potential Tourism Impact

The Dance Alive National Ballet (DANB) Cultural Arts Center is being completed in two phases. The fully realized Center will house an art gallery, 3 dance studios, 3 music studios, a black box theater, administrative offices for DANB and storage for sets, props, tech equipment, and costumes.

Currently, DANB is working through the land purchase agreement that the State Division of Arts and Culture concluded was documentation of ownership. Our most recent progress in the agreement is the rezoning of the parcel by City of Gainesville

specifically for the DANB Cultural Arts Center. (See attached Final Ordinance 2023-408.)

Level Architecture + Design, a local Alachua County firm, is designing a building with an enclosed footprint of 22,422 square feet, split in two phases (see supporting documents). This grant request is for Phase 1. This will include approximately 975-sq-ft lobby area, two 770-sq-ft studio spaces and one larger 2,500-sq-ft studio space (total of 4,040 square feet of dance studio space), and three 108-sq-ft music rooms. The remaining square footage consists of an art gallery corridor, bathrooms, offices, changing rooms, physical therapy (PT) room, green room, and hallways. There is also a covered area at the building entrance totaling 1,281 sq ft of additional exterior covered area. See attached architectural plans.

Once Phase 1 is complete, through either an asset transfer or legal merger, the operations and budget of Pofahl Studios, the current official school of DANB, will be combined, and it will become an operational division of Dance Alive Inc. as the surviving nonprofit entity. With the addition of the school, DANB will use the studio spaces to teach all dance forms and levels from beginner through advanced/pre-professional ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, and acro dance. The increased capacity for students will generate new income and allow DANB to provide instruction at reduced rates or no charge for students who do not have the economic means to attend classes.

Music studios will be available for private and small group music lessons by outside instructors that meet DANB's high standards. Instructors would rent the spaces for their lessons. Dance, music, and theater performances will eventually take place in the black box performance space that will seat up to 200, but before Phase 2 is complete, the 2500-sq ft studio space will serve as a performance space that seats between 100 and 150. DANB will offer 3 - 4 ticketed studio performances each year, and the space will be available for other performing arts groups to rent for ticketed performances and events. The goal is to have 6 to 8 performances in the first year, including DANB's. Works from local and regional visual artists as well as nationally and internationally renowned visual artists will be displayed in the art gallery throughout the year.

DANB will break ground on a new facility in late summer 2024 on a 5.61-acre parcel of vacant land centrally located in Alachua County northwest of downtown Gainesville, generally located at 3302 NW 39th Avenue, Gainesville, 32605. The anticipated completion date for Phase I is summer 2026.