



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

College Access Network Matching Challenge Grant

Presenter:

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Description:

College Access Network Matching Challenge Grant

Recommended Action:

Designate \$30,000 for a Feasibility Study for a Local National Center for Arts & Technology to the College Access Network Matching Challenge Grant

Prior Board Motions:

December 10, 2019 - Approve \$30,000 to Partially Fund a Feasibility Study for a Local National Center for Arts & Technology

Fiscal Note:

\$30,000 from General Fund Special Expense.

Strategic Guide:

Social and Economic Opportunity

Background:

Alachua County is a member of the Education Compact. One of the goals of the group was to fund a \$120,000 feasibility study for a local National Center for Arts & Technology, which would provide technical/vocational training for Alachua County citizens. Alachua County committed \$30,000 towards the study in 2019. However, the project never came to fruition, therefore the Community Foundation of North Central Florida applied for and was awarded \$50,000 for a College Access Network (LCAN) Matching Challenge Grant and has requested the County designate \$30,000 toward the required match for this project.

The purpose of the grant is to incentivize LCAN endowments, fund development strategies, expand donor and board knowledge of college access and equity issues, and deepen the breadth of LCAN underrepresented student populations.