



Funded Grants FY15
(November 2014 – October 2015)

Community Project Grants – Mini and Major
Special Initiative Grants

MINI GRANTS - Awarded November 2014

Sponsoring Organization	Project Title	Amount Funded	Description
Apalachicola Municipal Library	Authors in Apalach 2015	\$5,000	A public book/reading festival on 3/14/2015 featuring especially this year women authors of fiction and non-fiction related to the Florida Panhandle.
Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp	Cassadaga Self-Guided Walking Tour	\$846	Funding to underwrite signage and brochures for self-guided walking tours in the historic spiritualist community of Cassadaga.
Crealde School of Art	Central Florida Explores Our Culture Through Quilts	\$5,000	A multi-faceted exploration of quilting in Central Florida including lecture, film, discussion panels, and demonstrations
Henry Plant Museum at The University of Tampa	Florida Stories: Notables of the Spanish-American War	\$1,746	An exploration in Plant City of Hillsborough County's role in the Spanish-American War through two theater performances, a lecture by historian Dr. Joe Knetsch, and printed materials.
Nova Southeastern University - Museum of Art	From Within and Without: The History of Haitian Photography	\$5,000	An exhibit of comprehensive history of Haitian Photography (pre- and post-earthquake) offering perspectives of Haitian life and culture.
St. Johns County Public Library System	St. Johns Reads 2015	\$1,200	A county-wide reading campaign of the Les Standiford book Last Train to Paradise including lectures, history programs, and book discussions culminating in an author visit.
The Wolfsonian-Florida International University	Myth and Machine: Community, History, and Visual Culture Programs	\$5,000	A series of public programs to complement the World War I centennial exhibit, Myth and Machine: The First World War in Visual Culture to engage the community to reflect on history, memory, and legacy of the Great War.
University of South Florida, Humanities Institute	Civil War, Civil Rights, and Beyond: The Resonance of the Past in the Present	\$5,000	A series of public lectures that examine the Civil War and its legacy through Reconstruction, the Civil Rights Era, and the modern South.
League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County	HighWaterLine Delray Beach	\$5,000	A multi-faceted examination through storytelling and workshops of the potential impact of sea level rise and extreme weather on homes, historic places and societal decision-making in advance of such events.

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University of South Florida St Petersburg - Department of History and Politics,	The Great Society in Florida at 50: A Look Back, a Look Forward	\$4,000	USFSP's Dept. of History and Politics will create and host a week-long series of lectures, panel discussions, documentary viewings, and an exhibit that examine how Lyndon Johnson's Great Society shaped the lives of Floridians 50 years ago and that legacy today.

**SPECIAL INITIATIVE GRANT – SUMMER SEMINARS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS –
Awarded Jan 2015**

Sponsoring Organization	Project Title	Amount Funded	Description
Eckerd College	Becoming Human in a Connected World	\$20,000	Eckerd College will offer a fee-based weeklong, residential summer seminar for high school students in June 2015. Guided by faculty in fields ranging from media studies and modern languages to religion and environmental studies, students will be immersed in contemporary debates about the nature of humanity. Interactive classroom experiences will be enhanced by field trips and a collaborative seminar project.
Florida Atlantic University - Wilkes Honor College	Florida on the Edge of Tomorrow: Change, Innovation and the Humanities	\$20,000	Florida Atlantic University's Wilkes Honors College will offer a fee-based weeklong, residential summer seminar for high school students in June 2015. The focus of the seminar week will be to promote humanities-based efforts in environmental and water conservation drawing on the College's proximity to the Scripps Research Institute, the Max Planck Florida Institute, Abacoa Greenway and the Loxahatchee River. Each day will include a developmental workshop, instructional lecture, lesson in the field and a social event.
University of Florida – Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere	Humanities and the Sunshine State: Exploring Florida's Past, Present and Future	\$20,000	The University of Florida's Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere will offer a fee-based weeklong, residential summer seminar for high school students in June 2015. The seminar's content centers on topics relevant in contemporary Florida politics, including the changing demographic landscape, sustainability, the health of Florida springs and farms, and the role of institutions and sports in community-building. In addition to off-campus field trips, students will receive hands-on training on oral history collection, archival research and digital curation as well as produce a final project using a campus-issued iPad.
University of South Florida St. Petersburg – College of Arts and Sciences	College Visions: Innovation and Creativity in the Humanities	\$15,000	The University of South Florida St. Petersburg College of Arts and Sciences will offer a fee-based weeklong, residential summer seminar for high school students in June 2015. Each session will examine ways that innovative and creative thinking skills are applied across disciplines and fields of study. The seminar will demonstrate the intersection of innovation and creativity through explorations of the Dali Museum, the 600 Block Arts District, a tour of St. Petersburg's public murals, a kayak trip along Salt Creek, and a hands-on print-making activity in the campus print studio.

MINI GRANTS – Awarded April 2015

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African American Heritage Society	Vanishing Occupations: Black Jockeys and Farmers	\$5,000	The African American Heritage Society will present a series of lecture and discussion programs and host an exhibition that focus on role of African American jockeys in the development of horse racing in America. The programs will also explore the historical importance of land and farming for African Americans.
Fort Mose Historical Society	Experience Fort Mose - the Birth Place of Freedom Program Series	\$5,000	The Fort Mose Historical Society will bring alive the story of Fort Mose as the first legally sanctioned town for free Africans in the continental United States. The story is told through six annual living history portrayals conducted in partnership with Florida Living History.
Highlands Art League, Inc	Florida Wildlife Corridor Photography Exhibition & Speaker Series	\$5,000	The Highlands Museum of the Arts will host Carlton Ward's photography exhibit, " Florida Wildlife Corridor" from September 2015 to March 2016. Complementary public programming will include an opening reception presentation by Ward, a panel discussion with ranchers, environmentalists and industry leaders, and a lecture by historian Steve Noll on Florida's environmental history.
UF Samuel Proctor Oral History Program	Gator Tales	\$3,100	The Samuel Proctor Oral History Program, in collaboration with the University of Florida School of Theater and Dance, will present the play "Gator Tales" at the Tampa Bay History Center in October 2015. The original play is based on fourteen oral histories conducted with African American elders on the histories of segregation, civil rights and integration in Florida and the University of Florida.
University of South Florida – Dept. of English	Florida Heritage Postcard Digital Exhibit	\$5,000	The University of South Library will digitize and create a digital exhibition of its Hampton Dunn Collection of more than 16,000 Florida postcards dating from 1900 to 1985.

MAJOR GRANTS – Awarded June 2015

Sponsoring Organization	Project Title	Amount Funded	Description
Florida Atlantic University – University Galleries	Beanie Backus and Florida’s Highwaymen: History, Commerce and Art	\$15,000	The University Galleries at Florida Atlantic University will host an exhibition of original works by "Beanie" Backus and the Highwaymen supplemented by texts, historical photographs, and artifacts. Public programs by humanities scholars will examine the art and the social and historical milieu of the Highwaymen artists.
Florida Cultural Resources	Seminole People of the Cloth: A Patchwork History	\$15,000	A series of public radio programs will be produced that explore the modern use and historic making traditions of Florida Seminole/Miccosukee patchwork, examining patchwork's role in Tribal pageants, men's garments, reinterpretations of the craft and personal collections of Indians and non-Indians.
Florida Historical Society	Windover People Exhibit	\$13,000	The Florida Historical Society will update and add new content to the Brevard Museum of History's Windover People Exhibit. Updates will include new signage, an educational video, a touring version of the exhibit, and the creation of a life size sculpture of the Windover Woman.
Main Street Monticello	Monticello Community Humanities Projects	\$15,000	Main Street Monticello will host two community-wide events. The First Floridians First Americans 2015 conference will include three days of presentations from noted scholars and archaeologists on the history of Florida's earliest people dating back 14,000 years in the area. The second event, Jefferson County Founding Families, includes an oral history project and the development of an exhibit of historic photos and stories of local families.
Maitland Art & History Association	Landmark Mobile App – Maitland Art Center	\$15,000	The Maitland Art Center will create a mobile app that will interpret 15 major points of interest on the grounds of the 3 acre site including murals, sculptures, architectural features and gardens.
New College – Public Archaeology Lab	Tragedy and Survival: Bicentennial of the Southward Movement of Black Seminoles on the Gulf Coast	\$15,000	New College's Public Archaeology Lab will create an on-line virtual reconstruction of maroon and Indian settlements on Florida's Gulf coast dating to the early 19th century. Public programs with noted scholars will explore the history of Florida's Black Seminoles and the archaeology of the settlements.
Polk County History Center	The Heart of Central Florida: Polk County Heritage Trail	\$13,000	The Polk County History Center will develop and fabricate traveling exhibits to complement and enhance interpretation at six sites along the Polk County Heritage Trail. The exhibits will include roll-up panels, a tablet on a floor stand, travel trunk materials for teachers and family programming, and an activity booklet for tourists.
St. Augustine Art Association	TOUCH St. Augustine "Braille Trail" Audio Guide	\$15,000	The St. Augustine Art Association will develop an audio guide to supplement the TOUCH St. Augustine "Braille Trail," an installation of bronze Braille markers for the city's historic statues that mark important periods in the city's past. Scholars will develop the scripts that incorporate historical and biographical facts interwoven with artistic interpretations of the sculptures.

MINI GRANTS – Awarded July 2015

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Ghostbird Theatre Company	Koreshanity: A Historical Play of the Koreshan Unity Community of Estero Florida	\$5,000	The Ghostbird Theatre Company in consultation with FGCU Professor Lyn Millner will script and produce a theatrical play that details the history of the Koreshan Unity Settlement founded in 1894 in Estero, Florida.
Jefferson County Historical Association	How Architects and their Buildings Express North Florida Culture	\$5,000	The Jefferson County Historical Association will develop a public presentation, guided walking tour, brochure and website featuring noted architects and their historic buildings in Monticello and Jefferson County Florida.
University of Florida – School of Architecture	Oral Histories and Public Symposium: Modern Architecture as Place-Making in Florida	\$5,000	The University of Florida School of Architecture will Organize a one-day public symposium at the Alachua County Public Library Main Branch that will engage the public in a dialogue on Florida's rich and unique legacy of modern architecture, the significance of modern architecture in Florida's history, and the importance of the state's modernist buildings in global architectural history.
University of South Florida St. Petersburg – Dept. of Journalism and Media Studies	Food for Thought Lecture Series	\$5,000	The University of South Florida St. Petersburg Department of Journalism and Media Studies will host a four part lecture series that will address the historic, economic and cultural ways that food shapes our communities and our culture.

MINI GRANTS – Awarded September 2015

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Clewiston Museum	Discovering Florida: Past & Present	\$5,000	The Clewiston Museum, in partnership with LaBelle Museum, will offer a series of eight public presentations over five months on the theme, "Discovering Florida: Past & Present," reflecting on the lives and times of a diverse variety of historic characters who came to call Florida home.
Flagler College	Heritage at Risk: Climate Change, Coastal Communities, & Cultural Resources	\$5,000	Flagler College will offer a series of lectures/discussions, Heritage at Risk, addressing climate change and sea level rise with an emphasis on Florida. National scholars representing a variety of disciplines, backgrounds, and geographic locations will focus on climate change, sea level rise, and effects on natural, historic, architectural, archaeological, and cultural resources.
Halifax Historical Society & Museum	Jackie Robinson's 1946 Spring Training in Daytona Beach: An Oral History	\$5,000	Halifax Historical Society & Museum will create an oral history of Jackie Robinson's 1946 spring training in Daytona Beach & black baseball played there. Professional, video-taped interviews will be conducted of those who saw the spring training or knew Robinson, played black baseball in Daytona during that time, and can articulate immediate post WW II race relations.

Tampa Bay History Center	Tampa Bay Times Newspaper in Education: From the Scrub to the Twist: African-American History in Tampa	\$5,000	The Tampa Bay History Center requests \$5,000 to produce an original, educational publication exploring the history of the African-American community in the city of Tampa. The publication will be inserted in the Tampa Bay Times and tbt* and distributed to middle and high school students. The project will take place between Nov. 2015 – March 2016.
Temple Emanuel Lakeland	Growing Up Jewish in Polk County, Florida	\$2,850	On behalf of The Temple Emanuel Lakeland, Dr. Catherine Eskin will conduct archival interviews about ethnic and religious identity with Jewish subjects who grew up in Polk County, Florida. Interviews will be transcribed and consultants will help make the Temple Emanuel Archive (TEA) collections accessible for patrons. A public program will publicize the TEA and create a community forum for discussing diversity.

MINI GRANTS – Awarded October 2015

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College of Central Florida/Appleton Museum of Art	Remembering Paradise Park	\$5,000	The Appleton Museum of Art seeks \$5000 to support the creation and execution of an exhibit and educational programs about Paradise Park, a segregated tourist attraction at Silver Springs Park in Marion County, Florida. The exhibition will be on view at the Appleton from Jan. 23-April 24, 2016; Silver Springs State Park will also host an exhibit.
Florida SouthWestern State College	2016 Education for a New Humanity Colloquium	\$5,000	Florida SouthWestern State College offers a biennial Education for a New Humanity colloquium that examines complex issues from multiple perspectives. A variety of free, public events – ranging from “dueling documentaries” to a faculty lecture series, from art and music performances to a keynote address– introduce the topic of Evolution, Devolution and Revolution in diverse, engaging ways.
Historic Markers, Incorporated	2016 Lecture Series	\$3,100	Historic Markers, Inc. proposes a series of 3 public lectures presenting Florida's history and heritage as observed through its architecture, historic preservation, transportation, and burials over the last 150 years. A fourth lecture will focus on slavery and two recently discovered black buffalo soldiers buried in the old Army cemetery in the 1890s.
Plant City Photo Archives, Inc.	Strawberry Legacies: Field to Festival	\$5,000	The Plant City Photo Archives and History Center proposes support for “Strawberry Legacies: Farm to Festival,” an oral history project that will enhance existing digital collections documenting folklife traditions of the 85 year old Florida Strawberry Festival. The oral histories and images will be publicly accessible on a dynamic touchscreen display at the Center.