



**Funded Grants FY16
(November 2015 – October 2016)**

**Community Project Grants – Mini and Major
Special Initiative Grants**

MINI GRANTS – Awarded November 2016

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	PROJECT TITLE	AMOUNT FUNDED	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Locust Projects	Locust Talks Lecture Series 2016	\$5,000	Locust Projects will offer a series, Locust Talks, to bring leading art historians and curators to Miami, where they will present their work and research during free public lectures at Locust Project's site. Launched in 2013 in response to public demand, Locust Talks connects Miami's diverse and growing cultural audience with rigorous critical discourse.
University of South Florida-Humanities Institute	Frenemies: The Curious Relationship between the Sciences and the Humanities	\$5,000	Opening presentation in lecture series by Pulitzer Prizewinner Dr. Rebecca Newberger Goldstein.

**Council Initiative Grants Awarded in December 2015
2016 Summer Seminars for High School Students**

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	PROJECT TITLE	AMOUNT FUNDED	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Flagler College	Pirates, Protest and Preservation: Exploring the Stories of St. Augustine	\$20,000	Week-long residential summer seminar
University of Florida	Humanities and the Sunshine State: (Re)Discovering Florida's Waters	\$20,000	Week-long residential summer seminar
Eckerd College	Fluid Futures: Imagining Water in the 21st Century	\$20,000	Week-long residential summer seminar

Council Initiative Grants Awarded in February 2016 as Addendum to the 2016 Summer Seminars for High School Students above:

Awards to fund a second seminar week for K-12 teachers, so total award amount increased to \$40,000 each.

University of Florida	Humanities and the Sunshine State: (Re)Discovering Florida's Waters	\$40,000	Week-long residential summer seminar
Eckerd College	Fluid Futures: Imagining Water in the 21st Century	\$40,000	Week-long residential summer seminar

MAJOR GRANTS – AWARDED MARCH 2016

Sponsoring Organization	Project Title	Amount Funded	Project Description
Artists in Residence in Everglades, Inc.	Getting the Water Right	\$15,000	The project would consist of 1) A photographic and ethnographic exhibition in the Everglades National Park's gallery and trails that tells human stories of water in the Everglades; 2) public lecture and panel; 3) outreach and public engagement, including virtual, print, and graphics; 4) exhibit integration into the Park's educational outreach program.
Davie School Foundation, Inc.	Old Davie School (ODS) Oral History Project	\$13,450	The ODS Oral History Project will capture memories of the Davie community from the perspective of those who experienced the town's transformation from its agricultural roots to a suburban community after WWII, recording interviews that will be incorporated into a versatile kiosk in the museum and made publicly accessible through online digital archives.
Gadsden Arts Center	Florida Vernacular Artists at the Gadsden Arts Center	\$10,000	GAC will present a major exhibition of Southern Vernacular Art, a genre that until recently was not recognized as part of the contemporary art community. The project includes a public lecture, audio tour, print & digital information cards, and standards-correlated lessons for students and teachers, emphasizing the Florida artists in the exhibition.
Mel Fisher Maritime Heritage Society, Inc.	Voyage to Freedom: Cuban Rafters	\$15,000	"Voyage to Freedom" focuses on the phenomena of Cuban rafters. It will include a free public exhibit, a virtual exhibit with links to relevant articles and discussions available online, educational materials also available online, and a 'free and open to the public' presentation series that includes scholars and speakers relevant to the topic.
UF - Randell Research Center	Interpreting Smith Mound, a Calusa Burial Site, and Low Mound, a Mounded Midden from 300 AD	\$11,560	Recent acquisition of the Smith Mound, a Calusa Indian burial mound, ca. AD 1000, and Low Mound, a midden mound ca. AD 300 will allow the extension of the Calusa Heritage Trail at the Randell Research Center, Pineland. The project includes creation of interpretive signage and a public event featuring lectures and tours.

WGPU Public Media/Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees	Preserving Our Waters Documentary/Screening	\$15,000	WGPU proposes grant funding for scholar contributions and the shooting of interviews and b-roll for a 30-min. documentary, "Preserving Our Waters," about the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve. This story is one of hope; an example of how we can better balance our growth with the preservation of natural systems.
Ybor City Museum Society, Inc.	Cuba's Role in Shaping Tampa's Cultural Heritage	\$15,000	The Ybor City Museum Society proposes a program series (April 2016 - May 2017) exploring the historic relationship between Tampa and Cuba. This series will include two special exhibitions, a lecture by a Yale University Cuban scholar, a Cuba-themed version of our popular Ybor City Architecture Hop, and a special oral history project.

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Friends of Sarasota County Parks (FOSCP)	Phillippi Estate Park Heritage Interpretive Signage	\$5,000	To connect more people to Phillippi Estate Park's heritage, interpretive archaeological/historical signs will be made and installed around its archaeological sites. Building on efforts excavating and analyzing artifacts from the park, text and images will be created. Presentations, tours and sign unveiling will occur during the Park's centennial event.
Studio@620	YGLESIAS16	\$5,000	A play adapted from the Jose Yglesias novel, A WAKE IN YBOR CITY, to be presented in St. Petersburg and Tampa as a podium reading by ten performers. The reading will be followed by a question and answer period with scholars knowledgeable about author, ideas, and the historical context of the play. The late Jose Yglesias remains the most prominent Tampa historical novelist.
Friends of Matanzas, Inc., DBA Matanzas Riverkeeper	Matanzas River Oral History Project	\$5,000	The Matanzas River Oral History Project will document and preserve the lived experiences, recollections, and impressions of the people whose lives and work on the Matanzas River have shaped the cultural landscape of our region.

New College of Florida	Cubano-Americans Community Project	\$5,000	New College of Florida proposes the Cubano-Americans Community Project. The goal of the project is to offer programming that will focus on the presence of Cubans in West-Central Florida. The objective is to build awareness of Cuban roots in the area during the National Hispanic Heritage Month in 2016 through a series of four events.
The Historic Society	The Richmond Heights 49ers	\$5,000	The history of a community developed for Black World War II veterans in 1949 has yet to be captured on film. Based on the book, Images of America: Miami's Richmond Heights, this documentary will explore the pioneers' lives and the rationale of the white developer who perpetuated social change during Jim Crow. It will be screened with a Q&A panel.

Council Initiative Grants for Florida Stories Apps – Awarded in March 2016

Sponsoring Organization	Project Title	Amount Funded
City of Lake Wales	Florida Stories Walking Tour - Lake Wales	\$5,000
Polk County Historical Association	Florida Stories Walking Tour - Bartow	\$5,000
UWF Historic Trust	Florida Stories Walking Tour - Pensacola	\$5,000
West Volusia Historical Society	Florida Stories Walking Tour - DeLand	\$5,000