

**Agenda Item:**

Discuss and consider funding Arts and Cultural Coordinator at the Galveston Arts Center to progress Arts Culture and Historical Initiatives.

**Background:**

On August 20, 2018 the GAC and the City of Galveston applied for an Our Town Grant from the NEA (National Endowment for the Arts.) This grant was seeking \$60,000 toward the creation of a cultural master plan for the Downtown Cultural Arts District.

August 27<sup>th</sup> the Park Board of Trustees was presented with the Downtown Cultural Arts District Project Proposal Submitted for the NEA Our Town Grant that included the commitment of \$100,000 over an 18-month period towards the following deliverables or activities:

- \$50,000 Arts and Cultural Master Plan for the Downtown Cultural Arts District
- \$40,000 Project Manager to be supervised by the GAC, but responsible to the project partners and the City Commission on the Arts for specific projects
- \$10,000 Downtown Activation Events

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends authorizing the following expenditures:

\$40,000 for the Downtown Cultural Arts Master Plan Coordinator position

**Funding Source:**

Funding will come from TD70-7002