Summary of FY19 Cultural Facilities Matching Grant Program Outcomes

On Friday, Oct. 11, 2019, the grant panelists assembled and reviewed the grant applications. At the time, the total funding amount was unknown, due to the bed tax collection cycle, and the panelists made funding recommendations based on an estimated amount provided by Kerri Post at Visit Tallahassee. On Oct. 18, 2019, COCA received the official collections report and calculated the amount available to allocate to grantees. There was a shortage when the panelists’ original funding recommendation was applied.

The panel was notified, reconvened for a public meeting on Oct. 21, 2019, and made funding recommendations which were approved by COCA’s Board on Oct. 24, 2019. After questions of project eligibility were resolved, the final, alternative funding recommendations for the FY19 Cultural Facilities Grant Program were approved by the COCA Board on Jan. 27, 2020, the TDC on Feb. 5, 2020 and the BOCC on Feb. 11, 2020. The following projects were approved for funding:

1. **Name of Applicant:** Goodwood Museum and Gardens, Inc.  
   **Name of Project:** Goodwood’s Water Tower  
   **Project Description:** Rebuild the upper story of the Water Tower, restore its exterior, reactivate its deep water well, and rehabilitate the interior for interpretation.  
   **Funding Recommendation:** $133,000.00

2. **Name of Applicant:** Tallahassee Community College Foundation  
   **Name of Project:** Tallahassee Community College Hurst Museum  
   **Project Description:** Renovations to the Hurst Museum  
   **Funding Recommendation:** $104,995.00

3. **Name of Applicant:** Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science, Inc.  
   **Name of Project:** Securing the Future  
   **Project Description:** Purchase of approximately 69.03 +/- acres of property directly adjacent to and north of the Museum.  
   **Funding Recommendation:** $223,500.00

TOTAL FY19 Funding Amount Available: $467,188.00  
TOTAL FY19 Funding Amount Recommended: $461,495.00 ($5,693 returned to TDC)

**FY19 Cultural Facilities Matching Grant Program Panelists**  
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