

VOLUSIA ECHO ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2008/2009 GRANT CYCLE

The County Council appointed members in May of 2007 and the following members are now serving on the Board.

Gary Libby, Chair	David Rigsby, Vice Chair
Eugene Gizzi	Karen Lee Jans*
Charles Matousek	John Nelson
Bruce Piatek	Joe Rudolph
Stuart Sixma	

*December 2007 – Ms. Jans replaced Linda Hargreaves who resigned November 2007.

County Staff

Jamie Seaman, Deputy County Attorney
Bruce Page, Assistant County Attorney
Margaret Hodge, ECHO Program Coordinator
Sedrick Harris, Administrative Coordinator

The following goals, strategic plan, and timeline were established at the Goal Setting Session of the ECHO Advisory Committee on May 30, 2008.

GOALS

- 1) Conduct a survey to update the list of future potential projects.
- 2) Conduct a review of current ECHO projects.
- 3) Revise and improve policies, procedures, and criteria for 2008/2009 where needed including a review of eligibility requirements for applicants, projects, and scoring. *Significant policy changes this year include: (1) Qualified collections may be used for ¼ of the match (2) Applicant operating on less than \$100,000 may use expenses for a grant writer up to \$7,500 as match (3) Applicants must provide an application for specific projects for a County Completeness Review in order to be eligible to apply at the final deadline. An additional grant application for critical historic projects was presented. The County Council requested that the Board review this and bring it to them as a workshop.*
- 4) Accept and review the 8th cycle of applications and recommend to the County Council projects for grant awards in 2008/2009.
- 5) Maximize the timeline of the ECHO process.
- 6) Continue to enhance public relations efforts regarding ECHO program accomplishments. *Revised By-Laws are underway to better explain the conditions in which an ECHO Board member may discuss the ECHO program. Generally, Board members may remark on items that are in the public record. Board members are to direct specific program/application questions to the County. Board members are not to solicit projects or be directly involved with applications.*

STRATEGIC PLAN:

- Survey potential applicants on the application procedures and criteria.
- Seek County Council input on grant application policies and procedures.
- Refine the existing application's format and language.
- Present 2008/2009 Draft Application at a public meeting for input.

- Present the 2008/2009 Application to the County Council for approval.
- Continue the mandatory application workshop policy and require that all applicants attend the Grant Review Panel meeting.
- Continue to encourage applicants to personally meet with County staff to discuss their specific ECHO project.
- Continue to inform Applicants of the mandatory Completeness Review where County Staff will assist in identifying if the application includes all necessary elements.

Timeline

April 2008

- Staff conducted survey of potential projects for 2008/2009 cycle. **Completed**

May 2008

- Board elected 2008/2009 officers and set goals. **Completed**
- Board set 2008/2009 goals and strategic plan. **Completed**
- Hold public meetings. **Two public meetings held: East side meeting held May 12 and West side meeting held May 14.**

June 2008

- Board conducts review of the application policy and procedures. ECHO meetings are open to the public and public comments are considered as part of the application process. **Completed**

July 2008

- Board completed final changes to the 2008/2009 ECHO Application. **Completed**

August 2008

- County Council agenda requesting approval of ECHO 2008/2009 Applications/Guides. – **Approved August 7. Additionally, County Council agreed to consider the proposed critical historic stabilization grant program and asked the ECHO board to bring it to them as part of a workshop.**
- Staff to conduct mandatory application workshops. **Workshops held Monday, August 11 on the east side, and Wednesday, August 13 on the west side. Completed**

September 2008

- Promote grant availability via press releases and on web pages. **Completed**
- E-mail release on availability of ECHO staff for personalized meetings. **Completed**

October 2008

- Mandatory Technical Completeness Review deadline Thursday, October 9 by Noon. **Staff received and reviewed 23 applications. 22 applications arrived on time.**

- Technical Completeness Review reports mailed out by Friday, October 24, 2008. ***Due to the number of applications (23) received for this “mandatory” review the last reports were sent out Thursday, October 30, 2008. Prior to this mandate, approximately ½ of the final applicants applied for this review – average 14 reviews annually. ECHO Board will consider increasing the staff review period in the next grant cycle.***

December 2008

- Grant application deadline Thursday, December 4 by Noon. ***Twenty one applications were received. All Twenty one were on time. Total amount of requests - \$6,976,800. Total ECHO funds available-\$6.4 million.***
- County staff reviews applications for completeness and eligibility.

January 2009 *The following items are not updated at this time.*

- January 5-9, ECHO Grant Coordinator notifies applicants with “Incomplete” applications.
- Board determines final eligibility of applications Wednesday, January 14, 3 p.m. Board receives all eligible applications for review.

February 2009

- Grant Review Panel ranks applications. Wednesday, February 25, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Due to the large number of grants, ranking may extend through February 26.

March 2009

- Grant recommendations are taken to County Council for approval.

April 2009

- Grant funds are made available for expenditure by the Grantee.

May – July 2009

- Board reviews the ECHO program to evaluate how well the ECHO program is meeting the goals set forth in Resolution 2000-156.
- Board conducts summer review of the ECHO Application process.
- Board presents recommended application for grant cycle 2009/2010 to the County Council for review and final approval.

August – September 2009

- 2009/2010 Grant cycle begins. Mandatory workshops conducted by ECHO staff.

ECHO LIST OF GRANTS AND REALLOCATION HISTORY (Projects listed in application/grant number order)

2002 Grant Recipients

02-08 County of Volusia – Rendon Park	\$289,500
02-09 Town of Ponce Inlet – 3 rd Order Lens restoration	\$ 39,500
02-12 County of Volusia – Lake Monroe	\$492,800
02-14 MainStreet Assoc., Inc. – Athens Theater	\$500,000 (8,244.85) = \$491,755.15
02-15 Atlantic Center for the Arts, Inc. – Visitor’s Center	\$204,578
02-17 Museum of Arts and Sciences, Inc. – Tuscawilla Center	\$500,000
02-24 African American Museum of Art, Inc. – Amphitheater	<u>\$100,000</u>
	\$2,126,378 (8,244.85)= \$2,118,133.15

2003 Grant Recipients

03-01 City of New Smyrna Beach – Indian River Lagoon Park	\$290,000
03-02 City of Daytona Beach – Jackie Robinson Ballpark & Museum	\$500,000
03-06 Lively Arts Center, Inc.– Lively Arts Center (1 of 4 grants – exceptional)	\$600,000*
03-07 City of Deltona – Soccer Complex	\$500,000
03-08 City of Edgewater – Hawks Park Complex	\$386,298
03-09 City of Daytona Beach – Main Street Park	\$500,000
03-10 Pioneer Settlement for the Creative Arts, Inc. – High School	\$151,709
03-11 County of Volusia – Green Spring Park	\$370,193
03-12 The Little Theatre of New Smyrna Beach, Inc.	\$467,000
03-13 County of Volusia – DeBary Hall	<u>\$235,000</u>
	\$4,000,200.00

2004 Grant Recipients

04-01 Mainstreet DeLand – Athens Theatre	\$242,000
04-02 City of Holly Hill – Holly Land Park	\$118,736 + \$31,453. = \$150,189.**
04-06 City of Port Orange – Restoration of Gamble Place Structures	\$ 72,200
04-07 County of Volusia – Lake Beresford Loop	\$376,750
04-08 County of Volusia – DeBary Hall Historic Site	\$500,000
04-12 City of Deltona – Neighborhood Dog Park Project	\$204,000
04-13 City of Deltona – Whipple Nature Park Project	\$140,500
04-16 City of Port Orange – Amphitheater Pavilion Phase 4	\$420,000
04-17 City of Lake Helen – West Volusia Multi-Use Trail & Trailhead Facility	\$198,000
04-18 City of Lake Helen – Creative Arts Café	\$156,626
04-19 Bethune Cookman College – Performing Arts Center	\$468,736 + \$31,264 = \$500,000**
04-20 City of South Daytona – Reed Canal Park	\$300,000
04-22 County of Volusia – Dunlawton Sugar Mill Historic Site	\$ 61,731
03-06 Lively Arts Center, Inc. – News Journal Center (2 of 4 grants – exceptional)	\$600,000*
04-03 City of Holly Hill – Holly Forest & Nova Road Neighborhood Park	\$ 31,453 (\$31,453) = \$0.00**
04-21 City of Daytona Beach – Tuscawilla Skate Board Park	\$150,000 (\$150,000) = \$0.00**
04-10 Pioneer Arts Settlement – Pioneer Settlement	<u>\$ 90,720</u> (\$90,720) = \$0.00***
	\$4,012,716
	(\$272,173)+\$181,453= \$3,921,996.00

2005 Grant Recipients

05-01 City of DeLand – Sunflower Park	\$ 96,600
05-02 City of DeLand – Trails South – DeLand	\$ 58,952.50
05-03 City of DeLand – Sperling Sports Center Practice Fields	\$ 73,500
05-04 County of Volusia – New Smyrna Sugar Mill Historic Site	\$125,500
05-05 County of Volusia – Public Shooting Range	\$218,655.50 (-.50) = \$218,655.00
05-06 County of Volusia – Plymouth Avenue Soccer Complex & Dog Park	\$500,000
05-08 City of Ormond Beach – Central Park Development	\$205,000
05-09 Enterprise Preservation Society, Inc. – Enterprise Heritage Museum	\$ 79,500
05-10 Sands Theater Center, Inc. – Athens Theater Renovation – Phase 4	\$500,000
05-12 City of Edgewater – Hawks Park – Phase III-A	\$ 83,175
05-13 City of South Daytona – Reed Canal Park – Phase II	\$200,000
05-14 City of Daytona Beach – Mainstreet Park – Phase II	\$500,000
03-06 Lively Arts Center, Inc. – News Journal Center (3 of 4 grants – exceptional)	\$600,000*
05-07 DB Community College – WV Partnership Center	<u>\$600,000</u> **** Cancelled
	\$3,840,883 (\$600,000)= \$3,240,883.00

2006 Grant Recipients

06-01 County of Volusia – Library Services– Env. Learning Center/Lyonia Preserve	\$500,000
06-02 City of Daytona Beach – Cypress Pool	\$500,000
06-04 Historic DeLand, Inc. – Dutton House	\$234,800
06-05 City of DeLand – DeLand Trails South – Phase II	\$ 73,500
06-07 City of Ormond Beach – Central Park Boardwalk	\$300,000
06-08 DB Community College – Southeast Museum of Photography	\$500,000
06-12 County of Volusia – Leisure Services – Marine Science Ctr. Env. Educ Habitats	\$111,807
06-13 Sands Theater Center, Inc. – Athens Theater Renovation Project	\$266,245
06-14 DeBary Art League, Inc. – Gateway Center for the Arts	\$500,000*****
06-16 Museum of Arts and Sciences, Inc. – Children’s Museum Addition	\$500,000
06-17 City of South Daytona – James Park Improvements	\$200,000
06-18 Pioneer Settlement for the Creative Arts, Inc. – Historic Underhill House	\$ 94,000
06-19 Cultural Arts Center, Inc. – Facility Redesign	\$100,000
03-06 Lively Arts Center, Inc. – News Journal Center (4 of 4 grants – exceptional)	\$600,000
05-07 DB Community College – West Volusia Partnership Center	<u>\$600,000</u> **** Canceled
	\$5,080,352(\$600,000)= 4,480,352.00

2007 Grant Recipients

07-01 Library Services – Volusia County – Env. Learning Center – Lyonia Preserve	\$500,000
07-02 DB Community College – S.E. Museum of Photography	\$600,000
07-03 City of Port Orange – Coraci Athletic Fields – Phase I	\$500,000
07-04 Stetson University – Marshall & Vera Lea Rinker Environmental Learning Ctr.	\$325,000
07-05 Sands Theater Center, Inc. – Athens Theater Renovation Project	\$491,755
07-06 Ormond Beach Historical Trust – 3 Chimneys Arch. Ruins Stabilization	\$ 26,500
07-07 County of Volusia – Leisure Services – Colby Alderman Park	\$243,568
07-08 County of Volusia – Leisure Services – Beck Ranch	\$442,188
07-09 City of Ormond Beach – Rockefeller Gardens and Casements	\$500,000
07-10 City of South Daytona – South Daytona Sensory Garden Park	\$200,000
07-11 Historic DeLand, Inc. – Dutton House Restoration	\$478,900***** Canceled
07-12 City of Lake Helen – Hopkins Hall Restoration	\$158,610
07-13 City of New Smyrna Beach – New Smyrna Beach Skate Park	\$224,167
07-14 City of Daytona Beach – Bethune Point Park Skate Facility	\$400,000
07-15 DeBary Art League, Inc. – Gateway Center for the Arts	<u>\$500,000</u>
	\$5,590,688 (\$478,900)= \$5,111,788.00

2008 Grant Recipients

08-01 Town of Ponce Inlet – Meyer-Davis House & Hasty Cottage/Post Office Restoration	\$223,195
08-02 City of Oak Hill – Village Improvement Association Building Renovation	\$149,240
08-03 Daytona Beach College – ECHO Plaza @ DBC	\$167,982
08-04 City of DeLand – Robert M. Conrad Education & Research Center Expansion	\$ 60,000
08-05 City of DeLand – Fish Building Adaptive Re-use	\$218,700
08-06 City of Port Orange – All Children’s Park Playground & Dawnview Sq. Dog Park	\$175,000
08-07 Leisure Services – Volusia County – East Central Regional Rail Trail 1 and 2	\$600,000
08-08 Stetson University – Homer & Dolly Hand Art Center	\$600,000
08-09 Museum of Arts & Science – Children’s Museum	\$543,000
08-10 West Volusia YMCA – Deltona Splash Park	\$ 57,000
08-11 West Volusia YMCA – DeLand Splash Park	\$ 71,000
08-12 Commemorative Air Force – Aircraft Museum Hanger Expansion	\$175,000
08-13 Town of Ponce Inlet – Ponce Preserve Recreation Facilities – Phase II	\$400,000
08-14 Cultural Arts Center – Cultural Arts Center Land Acquisition	\$207,500
08-15 Gateway Center for the Arts	\$345,854
08-16 Leisure Services – Volusia County – Spring to Spring Trail – Segment 7A	\$600,000
08-17 Enterprise Preservation Society – Enterprise Heritage Mus. Schoolhouse Project	\$140,000
08-18 Ocean Center – Volusia County – Cultural Information Center	\$3,000,000 *****
08-19 Art League of Daytona Beach – Side Lot Parking Development	\$ 41,900
08-20 Florida Museum of Art – Children’s Art Annex	\$160,460
08-21City of Orange City – Valentine Park/Little league facilities	\$ 80,000
07-02 DB Community College – S.E. Mus. of Photography (2 of 2 grants – exceptional)	<u>\$208,048</u>
	\$8,223,879.00

GRAND TOTAL AWARDED AFTER ADJUSTMENTS: \$31,097,231.15

- * Initially the LAC received a one-year grant for \$500,000. On October 16, 2003 the County Council approved a revision that changed the grant to \$600,000.00 for FY2002/2003, 2003/2004, 2004/2005, 2005/2006 for a total of \$2,400,000.00. For the initial grant the Council approved \$100,000 out of reserves in order to not impact other grant award amounts. According to the agreement the County Council will have to appropriate the funds annually.
- ** The City of Holly Hill declined grant 04-03 due to public input opposing the park. The County Council approved reallocating the funds to the City's other grant 04-02. \$150,000 originally awarded to the City of Daytona Beach was declined due public input regarding the skate park location and due to the City's inability to find another location for the park. On August 5, 2004 the County Council used \$31,264 of these funds to fully award Bethune Cookman College-Performing Arts Center's request (\$500,000) and partially fund the City of Holly Hill Holly Land Park with \$118,736.00.
- *** The Pioneer Art Settlement lost their State grant due to timing and did not have the funds to complete this project. The owners of the Strawn Buildings gave the buildings to another organization. The funds were reallocated by the County Council to provide Exceptional funding to grant 05-07 West Volusia Cultural and Corporate Training Center (this project was later cancelled).
- **** **05-07** The ECHO Board recommended a one-year \$500,000 award. The County Council directed that an Exceptional Award be given this project (\$600,000 for four years). The additional funds were reallocated as part of the Pioneer 2004 grant that was declined by the Pioneer Settlement the same day as the 2005 awards and Reserve. Also at this same time, a 2002 grant recipient, MainStreet DeLand, concluded they would not require \$8,244.85 of their award so that was transferred to the 2005 grant funds. In addition, the \$90,720.00 from the Pioneer Award was also available. It was the intention by Council that this returned award be used to support the Exceptional Award (DBCC). The increased award to DBCC did not negatively impact any other award recommended by the ECHO Advisory Board.
JANUARY 2007 PROJECT CANCELLED
- ***** DeBary Art League, Inc. project \$500,000 grant is \$213,861 ECHO, \$100,000 ECHO Reserve, \$186,139 from County Reserve.
- ***** Dutton House Inc cancelled this project due to lack of match for this grant.
- ***** Ocean Center exceptional award for \$3 million was approved as a one year award by the County Council. Due to the cancellation of other projects the funds were available to award. Generally exceptional awards are paid out at up to \$1 million per year for up to 3 years.