

EXECUTIVE SUMMARIES FOR CATEGORY B
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR CULTURAL TOURISM
2023-2024 GRANT AWARDS

Loxahatchee River Historical Society, Inc.

Famous as a nationally significant lighthouse, the Jupiter Light attracts visitors from around the country and the globe who are eager to climb atop one of the most spectacular views in Palm Beach County. This iconic symbol serves as a major statewide, national, and international eco-heritage destination where visitors (75% from outside of the county) choose from a range of memorable heritage programs and experiences strolling through 5,000 years of history along a spectacular waterfront site.

Amount Awarded: \$148,101

The Morikami, Inc.

The Morikami Museum presents traditional and contemporary Japanese culture through world-class exhibitions; educational programs for all ages, interests, and skills levels; renowned gardens; and a Bonsai exhibition. In expressing the richness of Japanese culture, The Morikami Museum maintains a forum for ideas and innovation, and provides experiences that are inspiring and healing for everyone. This includes a new range of online and virtual exhibitions, collection highlights, and interactives that allow visitors to engage from a distance. Our rotating exhibitions in our two galleries have been an important part of the Morikami experience and continues to serve all audiences of diverse ages and social, ethnic, and economic backgrounds.

Amount Awarded: \$226,816

The Zoological Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc. d/b/a Palm Beach Zoo & Conservation Society

The Palm Beach Zoo & Conservation Society includes a vast collection of rare and endangered animals and animal experiences where visitors can learn about these amazing creatures. Considered an essential cultural attraction, Palm Beach Zoo & Conservation Society increases tourism for the county by providing a connection to animals and nature for the more than 375,000 visitors. To enable tourists, residents and out-of-county guests to connect with wildlife, compelling conservation stories are told daily through a mix of nearly 2,000 animal encounters and daily Keeper Talks. Visitors will stroll the lush park setting with shaded art lined pathways, while discovering world-class restaurants and shops featuring unique eco-friendly products from around the world. The Palm Beach Zoo experience includes a splash

pad, vintage carousel and nature play space for children to explore. In addition, the Zoo hosts seasonal events and programs all grounded in wildlife education, sustainability, and conservation.

Amount Awarded: \$261,525

The Henry Morrison Flagler Museum

The Flagler Museum interprets Whitehall, Florida's history, and America's Gilded Age through year-round tours, ongoing preservation and conservation, and cultural programming. The museum strives to engage local, regional, national, and international visitors with educational and culture experiences that provide new and unique opportunities each time they visit. Visitors will find unique gifts, jewelry, home decor, food items, and museum mementos as well as an excellent selection of books that focus on Gilded Age topics and Florida history.

Amount Awarded: \$269,274

Palm Beach Opera, Inc.

Palm Beach Opera's 23-24 season presents world-class opera productions, impactful education and community engagement, and rigorous artist training programs. In promoting cultural tourism, the Palm Beach Opera strives to drive both locals and out-of-town visitors to Palm Beach County's rich cultural scene. Through colorblind casting, use of audio/visual resources that elevate underrepresented voices, and inclusive public engagement, PBO works to meet needs of the communities we serve. We continue to develop partnerships with a diverse roster of service and constituency agencies; provide programming and collateral materials in English and Spanish; provide opportunities for children and families to discover opera through many points of access; and confront issues of systemic bias within opera and in broader contexts through thoughtful conversation.

Amount Awarded: \$265,399

Busch Wildlife Sanctuary

Busch Wildlife Sanctuary offers guests a one-of-a-kind opportunity to learn about Florida's wildlife and natural environments. Our campus sanctuary and working-wildlife-hospital offers eager minds of all ages one of the most unique and memorable educational experiences available. You'll be led through the lush pine flatwoods, across the oak hammocks, and over cypress wetlands. Along the trails are wildlife habitats exhibiting a variety of native animals. Our programs provide education to guests about native plant and animal species and conservation efforts to protect and preserve Florida's wildlife, natural resources, and endangered species.

Amount Awarded: \$214,709

Adolph & Rose Levis Jewish Community Center, Inc.

The Levis JCC Phyllis & Harvey Sandler Community Center offers a full season of programs, performances, and events that feature renowned talent including artists, actors, musicians, lecturers, scholars, and so much more. Our community center provides cultural arts programming, continuing education, travel opportunities, and social events, including more than 140 on-site experiences to thousands of participants each year. The organization's strong community partnerships and close connection to other human services organizations in our community offer opportunities to work together to strengthen our community via programs and services.

Amount Awarded: \$104,069

Maltz Jupiter Theatre, Inc.

For two decades, the Maltz Jupiter Theatre has produced high-quality theatrical productions for patrons living in and visiting Palm Beach County. We carefully select both new and classic Broadway plays and musicals to bring to life with a unique and contemporary perspective. The Maltz Jupiter Theatre presents 14 one-night limited engagements, including tribute bands, benefit concerts, and a special night hosting the Cleveland Ballet. We strategically offer diverse offerings to attract new audience members to our theatre while supporting the performing arts.

Amount Awarded: \$259,588

FAU Foundation Inc. / Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

World renowned scholars, authors, performers, artists, distinguished filmmakers, and emerging talent are presented to diverse public audiences in dedicated venues and community settings. FAU's Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters public programming reflects our commitment to cultural excellence through an affordable and prolific schedule of cultural offerings to residents and visitors from outside of Palm Beach County.

Amount Awarded: \$174,996

Miami City Ballet, Inc.

The upcoming Miami City Ballet in the Palm Beaches 2023/24 season will build upon the ongoing support and enthusiasm of Kravis Center for the Performing Arts audiences with a series of classical masterpieces and innovative new works that appeal to an even broader cross-section of Palm Beach County residents and visitors. The Miami City Ballet strives to present the highest level of dance performances throughout Florida, the United States and abroad; training young aspiring dancers; and developing Miami City Ballet School into a leader of dance education.

Amount Awarded: \$281,866

The Boca Raton Historical Society, Inc.

The Boca Raton Historical Society engages visitors with information on the exhibits in the museum and local history as well as nearby attractions, businesses, and maps. With a variety of tours and exhibits available, the Boca Raton Historical Society offers its programs and collections to diverse populations. Our organization presents information and artifacts relevant to the past and evolving history of Boca Raton and maintains a visible role in education and advocacy of historic preservation in our community.

Amount Awarded: \$127,787

The Society of the Four Arts, Inc.

The Society of the Four Arts was founded out of a desire to encourage and cultivate a taste for fine art, drama, literature, music, and other arts. The Four Arts believes that the passion of music, the beauty of art, the thrill of drama, and the pleasure of literature bridge the gap from mere existence to truly living. Our organization strives to mount operatic or dramatic presentations, concerts, lectures, exhibitions of visual arts, and other entertainments, while facilitating open communication with all those who desire to elevate the standard of the arts. The Four Arts offers hundreds of programs annually, providing significant value to visitors who are seeking an immersive and unique cultural experience.

Amount Awarded: \$249,902

Palm Beach Dramaworks, Inc.

At Palm Beach Dramaworks (PBD), a professional, award-winning, nonprofit theatre company, we produce "Theatre to Think About": classic, contemporary, and world premiere plays that take audiences on entertaining and emotional journeys, stir the imagination, and stimulate discussion and debate. Each season, we produce 5 shows on our mainstage that fulfill our vision of enhancing the quality of life through the transformative power of live theatre. All productions are created by and exclusive to PBD. They are generated in-house by talented set, costume, lighting, and sound designers, and brought to life by gifted actors carefully chosen for each play. In addition to theatre, we're invested in education, the community, and future of theatre. We offer a wide variety of programs for students, the LGBTQ community, young professionals, and other playwrights to develop new work.

Amount Awarded: \$222,781

Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, Inc.

As a presenting organization, the Kravis Center brings the finest performers in every arts discipline to Palm Beach County. A premier regional performing arts center with

an international reputation, the Kravis Center is a magnet for cultural tourists seeking artistic excellence. Recognizing our community's diverse preferences and the range of disciplines and cultural organizations, each season is designed in consideration of our existing loyal audiences, as well as to attract new cultural tourists and groups; amplifying offerings to represent a growing and diverse audience.

Amount Awarded: \$290,583

Norton Museum of Art, Inc.

The Norton Museum presents an outstanding array of diverse exhibitions, all complemented by public and educational programs designed to engage a broad range of audiences from Palm Beach County and beyond. Each of these exhibitions will be accompanied by a wide range of programs, with highlights including: two popular series that invite renowned scholars to explore a range of subjects; Art After Dark, which keeps the Museum open late every Friday evening with a slate of exhibition-related activities; family-friendly programs, such as tours, free festivals, musical performances, and art workshops like Family Studio; adult learning programs such as Open Studio; opportunities for visitors with disabilities, including new programs designed to engage neuro-diverse audiences; and more. The Museum hosts free field trips, complimentary admission for teachers, and discounted admission and membership for college students.

Amount Awarded: \$275,086

Palm Beach Photographic Centre, Inc.

Palm Beach Photographic Centre is one of the most unique photographic institutions in the world, recognized as the best of its kind for the quality of master artists who teach at the Centre. The Centre presents photography exhibitions, workshops, evening lectures and FOTOfusion, an annual internationally recognized photo festival that attracts worldwide participation. The popularity of these offerings is primarily due to the impressive roster of the photographic icons that teach, lecture, mentor, and exhibit in its state-of-the-art studios, computer labs and museum facility. Subjects covered include a wide range of traditional and contemporary applications including: black-and-white photography, available light, studio lighting, nature, wildlife, portraiture, photo-essay, marketing your photography, iPhoneography, photography for social media and other photographic specialties.

Amount Awarded: \$178,870

The Armory Art Center, Inc.

The Armory Art Center inspires the creation and experience of art, over the past 37 years to both locals and visiting tourists. We provide art classes for students of all ages and levels of experience, including youth in Grades K-12. Courses are taught in

our state-of-the-art studios across three buildings. All courses are led by our knowledgeable instructors who are professional artist-educators with substantial experience working in a community education setting. For those educators working with youth, the Armory Art Center hires instructors who have experience teaching young learners and requires all of the appropriate state-mandated background screenings for working with children. Our artistic/educational departments include ceramics, digital media, drawing, jewelry, painting, printmaking, textiles & fiber, and sculpture.

Amount Awarded: \$177,579

SunFest of Palm Beach County, Inc.

As one of Palm Beach County's premier popular cultural events, SunFest is known for its beautiful waterfront location and an excellent lineup of musical performers. SunFest features two stages of national, regional, and local musical talent drawing visitors both nationally and internationally. SunFest draws patrons from 49 states, including Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico, 21 countries and 47 counties outside Palm Beach County.

Amount Awarded: \$262,494

Palm Beach State College

The 2023-2024 Palm Beach State College Professional Guest Artist Season is designed to enrich, entertain and explore. Through the years, Palm Beach State College's four theatres (Duncan Theatre, Stage West, Eissey Campus Theatre, and Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center) have established themselves as leaders in the state and the region as presenters in the field of contemporary and traditional performing arts. Musicians, dance, and theater companies from around the globe have graced our stages and shared their artistry with our residents and visitors. Most importantly, we are proud to locally serve a seven-county region from the REDI designated communities and counties surrounding Lake Okeechobee to the coastal communities of Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade and Martin Counties as well as the robust tourism segment of our area. Palm Beach State College cultural presentations offer something for everyone.

Amount Awarded: \$181,453

Boca Raton Museum of Art, Inc.

The Boca Raton Museum of Art's (BRMA) board and staff aim to leverage their reputation as a leading institution in the visual arts, cultural entertainment, and instructional sectors by paring exceptional content with high-impact marketing and PR dedicated to increasing awareness of the brand on local, national, and international levels. The Boca Raton Museum of Art believes in the essential role museums play in our society by enriching education systems, bolstering economies,

improving people's well-being through art and creativity, and strengthening the social fabric of communities by promoting inclusiveness.

Amount Awarded: \$268,305

Cox Science Center and Aquarium, Inc.

Cox Science Center and Aquarium offer a broad and diverse record of blockbuster exhibits, community partnerships, and educational programs that reflect excellence. Our programs and activities fully support our mission to 'open every mind to science' while making museum services available to wider audiences and the underserved. Programmatically, we feature high-profile displays, educational programs, and unique special events that complement the exhibits and provide more dynamic experiences for our diverse audiences. Our aim is to create a spontaneous series of "teachable moments" by staging events featuring hands-on/minds-on interactions with science educators and collaborating musicians and artists.

Amount Awarded: \$279,929

Loggerhead Marinelife Center, Inc.

Loggerhead Marinelife center provides an educational and cultural experience for guests of all ages and backgrounds. Focusing on the belief that all individuals should be granted equal access to education, we welcome our guests free of charge and offer many of our public programs free of cost. Each of LMC's events and programs tie directly back to its mission to promote conservation of ocean ecosystems with a special focus on threatened and endangered sea turtles. With 90 conservation, education, and scientific partners around the world, LMC is dedicated to creating an international network to improve the health of the planet.

Amount Awarded: \$261,525

Creative City Collaborative of Delray Beach, dba Arts Garage

Arts Garage proudly presents world-class performances by nationally and internationally touring musicians, bands, comedians, and theatre productions. From October 2023 to September 2024, Arts Garage will produce more than 300 musical performances, comedy, theatre performances, open mic nights, arts education classes, and community events. We carefully and professionally curate performers and artists with passion, ensuring that its local community has the opportunity to see top-tier acts in their backyard. The artists and patrons enjoy the transformative experience they have while performing, exhibiting, or watching a performance. Young and aspiring artists and performers benefit from the opportunity to participate in open mics or arts education classes, and the act of expression by a diverse body of talent draws the community together while bridging gaps through a shared experience.

Amount Awarded: \$185,973

Friends of Mounts Botanical Garden, Inc.

Mounts Botanical Garden envisions its public garden as a nationally-acclaimed attraction for residents and visitors alike. Its cultural, social, and educational activities draw attendees to enjoy, appreciate, and learn from this oasis of tranquil beauty. MBG is a serene 20-acre public tropical oasis that is home to 25 unique display gardens showcasing 7,000 species of tropical and subtropical botanicals. Internationally-acclaimed traveling exhibits, a collection of permanent exhibits, a permanent art collection displayed throughout the garden, and a full spectrum of gardening, horticulture, health and wellness, art classes and workshops aim to inspire and spur creativity, while provoking inquisitiveness, curiosity, and a desire to learn more about nature, its environment, and our shared community.

Amount Awarded: \$144,646

The Palm Beach Symphony Society

As Palm Beach Symphony embarks on its 50th Anniversary, we plan to build upon our foundation of excellence and expand upon our programming for audiences in and out of Palm Beach County. With six concerts in our Masterworks series, we continue to engage, educate, and entertain through live performances of inspiring orchestral music. Palm Beach Symphony hosts a full calendar of social events including fine dining experiences on concert evenings, celebratory cocktail receptions to open and close the season, and an annual sunset dinner cruise. As a rising major orchestra, Palm Beach Symphony has an obligation to the future to evolve the art form and our offerings with music from the 21st century, which will add new orchestral works by great American composers living today.

Amount Awarded: \$230,852