



## Legislation Text

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**Agenda Item Name:**

Request Approval to Partially Fund a Feasibility Study for a Local National Center for Arts & Technology

**Presenter:**

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**Description:**

Request Approval to Partially Fund a Feasibility Study for a Local National Center for Arts & Technology

**Recommended Action:**

Approve \$30,000 to Partially Fund a Feasibility Study for a Local National Center for Arts & Technology

**Prior Board Motions:**

N/A

**Fiscal Consideration:**

Not to exceed \$30,000 from Special Expense. However, there is no funding for this item in the FY20 budget. If this item is approved, the funding can be added to the FY20 budget during the Carry Forward process.

**Background:**

Alachua County is a member of the Education Compact. One of the goals of the group is to fund a \$120,000 feasibility study for a local National Center for Arts & Technology, which would provide technical/vocational training for Alachua County citizens. While Alachua County provides stellar basic and college level education, our community's recent Equity Study revealed a gap for technical/vocational training. The City of Gainesville has committed to providing \$30,000 towards the study, and Alachua County has been asked to do the same. The remaining funds are expected to be raised from the smaller municipalities, the school board and private contributions.