



CITY OF ORLANDO

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Ms. Sandy Shaughnessy
Division Director
Florida Division of Cultural Affairs
3rd Floor, R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronaugh Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Ms. Shaughnessy:

RE: 2016-2017 Florida Division of Cultural Affairs General Program Support

I would like to voice my enthusiastic support for Harry P. Leu Gardens in its efforts to secure General Support funding from the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs. Orlando's residents are fortunate to have this world-class botanical garden and environmental educational center in our own backyard. As one of the most well-respected cultural organizations in Florida, we enjoy the Gardens' extensive botanical collection and excellent educational programs, which serve not only residents of Orlando and Orange County, but attract visitors from Brevard, Lake, Osceola, Polk, Seminole and Volusia counties and beyond. The Gardens are also on the itineraries of domestic and international tourists who are visiting the Greater Orlando area.

The City of Orlando is a proud partner of Leu Gardens and provides significant in-kind and operations funding support through its General Fund each year. Through these resources, we support the Gardens' efforts to provide an exemplary cultural experience to its guests, which include families, senior citizens, people with disabilities, garden clubs, school groups, special event visitors, and horticulture professionals.

Keri Byrum shall be designated as the Program Contact for the 2016-2017 General Program Support Grant for Leu Gardens. As such, Ms. Byrum will serve as the contact person on all grant-related matters, including responding to all program-related questions from the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs. As the officially designated Program Contact, Ms. Byrum will have the authority to submit the grant electronically on behalf of the City of Orlando.

The Harry P. Leu Gardens is an invaluable resource to the Greater Orlando community and the State of Florida, and it continues to be a worthy recipient of Florida Division of Cultural Affairs grant funds.

Sincerely,

Buddy Dyer
Mayor, City of Orlando