

**Orpheus Hellenic Folklore Society**

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**Project Location:** Chicago  
**Amount Requested:** \$25,000  
**Project Budget:** \$28,000  
**Project Director:** Yannis Economou  
**Contact Person:** Yannis Economou

**Organization:** The Orpheus Hellenic Folklore Society is an independent non-profit organization. However, its members belong to Greek Orthodox Parishes in the Chicagoland area. Orpheus participated at the FDF/JDF festivals representing the Metropolis of Chicago, with the blessings of His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos. The OHFS advances the interests of the Greek community by the services and programs it provides. The OHFS fulfills its mission by educating its members and audiences through dance and music performances, workshops, lectures, publications, its website and social media outlets.

**Project:** OHFS plans to purchase costumes that will expand the costume collection, as well as replace time-worn pieces, some of which have been part of the group since its founding.

OHFS plans to purchase the following new costumes:

- 10 female costumes from the village of Zagori, region of Epiros.
- 12 male costumes and decorative chains from the village of Zagori.

In addition, the group will augment their existing collection with the following costumes and costume pieces:

- 6 female costumes from the village of Metaxades, region of Thrace, adding to the existing costumes.
- 12 (Aegean) island vests (male).
- 10 (Aegean) island vrakes, (island baggy short pants).
- 8 (Aegean) island male belts.
- 6 Male vests, village of Petrota, region of Thrace.
- 6 male belts, village of Petrota, region of Thrace.

These costumes will be owned by the OHFS , but will belong to the Hellenic community at-large.

**Grant Committee Determination:**

No presentation required. Approved for Board consideration during scheduled Special Board Meeting – Conference Call.

**Special Board of Directors' Meeting, 10/11/2017, Grant Award Determination:**

**Grant Award: \$5,000**

Reimbursement for purchase invoices of proposed costumes.