

AGENDA



Monday, September 10, 2007

**Economic Growth & Redevelopment Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 18

Subject: Approve a resolution awarding contracts for Cultural Arts Services for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$5,911,021 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Proposed Budget for the Cultural Arts Fund for cultural arts contracts; \$33,794 is expected in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Texas Commission on the Arts Subgranting Program grant for a total of \$5,944,815.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Austin Arts Commission.

Prior Council Action: Council approved a resolution to award contracts for Cultural Arts Services for FY 2006-2007 on September 11, 2006; Council approved a resolution to award contracts for Cultural Arts Services for FY 2005-2006 on September 12, 2005; Council approved a resolution to award contracts for Cultural Arts Services for FY 2004-2005 on September 13, 2004.

Council is requested to approve cultural arts funding in the amount of \$5,944,815. The funding includes \$5,911,021 from the Cultural Arts Fund and \$33,794 projected from the Texas Commission on the Arts Subgranting Program grant. This is the second year of a two-year application cycle. The funding has been allocated to support applicants in the Cultural Arts Funding Programs who received a score of 75 or greater in the 2007 peer review process. It also includes funding for the Capacity Building Program, the Special Opportunities Program, and new programs, adjustments and CreateAustin; and continues funding for Zachary Scott Theater maintenance at \$60,000.

The funding subcommittee of the Austin Arts Commission worked with the Cultural Arts Division in the development of a funding plan and formulaic allocation of funds based on a funding matrix model adopted by Council on August 18, 2005. Deliberations by the Arts Commission on the funding plan and related matrix parameters were conducted in a blind process. Names of the individual applicants were not revealed.

The Austin Arts Commission adopted the following funding plan recommendation:

Organizational Support \$1,613,000 Organizational/Project Support \$2,101,851 Project Support II \$1,298,968 Project Support II New Applicants \$98,150 Capacity Building Program \$200,000 Special Opportunities \$120,000 Zachary Scott Maintenance \$60,000 New Programs, Adjustments and CreateAustin \$204,563 Additional Contingency/Reserve \$248,283 Total Cultural Contracts Funding \$5,944,815