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AGENDA



Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Economic Growth & Redevelopment Services **Item No. 12**
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Approve a resolution awarding contracts for Cultural Arts Services for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 in an amount not to exceed $5,328,941.

Amount and Source of Funding:
Funding in the amount of $5,293,941 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Proposed Budget for the Cultural Arts Fund for cultural arts contracts; $35,000 is expected in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Texas Commission on the Arts Subgranting Program grant for a total of $5,328,941.

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.

Council is requested to approve cultural arts funding in the amount of $5,328,941. The funding includes: $5,293,941 from the Cultural Arts Fund and $35,000 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 2008 peer review process. It also includes funding for the Capacity Building Program, the Special Opportunities Program, the Community Initiatives Program, and for new programs, adjustments and CreateAustin. It also includes continued funding for Zachary Scott Theater maintenance at $60,000.

The funding subcommittee of the Austin Arts Commission worked with the Cultural Arts Division staff 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 $1,508,405; Project Support $2,267,942; Project Support II $1,281,528; Capacity Building Program $125,000; Special Opportunities $25,000; Community Initiatives $15,000; Zachary Scott Maintenance $60,000; New Programs, Adjustments and CreateAustin $46,066.

Total Cultural Contracts Funding $5,328,941.