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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	9459	Agenda Number	13.
Meeting Date:	9/14/2011		Department:	Economic Growth and Redevelopment
Subject				
Approve a resolution awarding contracts for Cultural Arts Services for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 in an amount not to exceed \$5,419,081.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding in the amount of \$5,401,581 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Proposed Budget for the Cultural Arts Fund for cultural arts contracts; \$17,500 is expected in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Texas Commission on the Arts Sub-Granting Program grant for a total of \$5,419,081.				
Fiscal Note				
There is no anticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:	September 13, 2010 - Council approved a resolution to award contracts for Cultural Arts Services for FY2010-2011; September 14, 2009 - Council approved a resolution to award contracts for Cultural Arts Services for FY 2009-2010; September 8, 2008 - Council approved a resolution to award contracts for Cultural Arts Services for FY 2008-2009; September 10, 2007 - Council approved a resolution to award contracts for Cultural Arts Services for FY 2007-2008; September 12, 2005 - Council approved a resolution to award contracts for Cultural Arts Services for FY 2005-2006.			
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Boards and Commission Action:				
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				

The City of Austin Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office Cultural Arts Division, serves to encourage, develop and facilitate an enriched environment of artistic, creative, cultural activity in the City of Austin. As a component of many services and activities, the Cultural Arts Division manages funding programs to provide financial support to organizations and individuals for specific contracted services through a competitive application and review process.

This agenda item seeks City Council approval of cultural arts funding in the amount of \$5,419,081 for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. The funding includes: \$5,401,581 from the Cultural Arts Fund and \$15,620 projected from the Texas Commission on the Arts Sub-Granting 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 2011 peer review process. It also includes funding for the Capacity Building Program, new programs, adjustments, and continues funding for Zachary Scott Theatre maintenance in the amount of \$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 during the competitive selection process.

The Austin Arts Commission adopted the following funding recommendation:

Organizational Support \$1,655,000; Project Support \$2,162,409; Project Support II \$1,239,167; Capacity Building Program \$96,650; Cultural Tourism and Marketing, a Demonstration and Planning \$90,000; Community Initiatives \$75,000; Zachary Scott Maintenance \$60,000; New Programs and Adjustments \$40,855.

Total Cultural Contracts Funding \$5,329,081.