

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, Council adopted Resolution No. 20160303-019 directing the City Manager to take actions to explore options to support and protect performance spaces for artists; and

WHEREAS, affordable space has been identified by the City Manager, through the Economic Development Department, as a priority area of concern; and

WHEREAS, arts organizations provide jobs and economic opportunity for artists and those who support the arts community in Austin; and

WHEREAS, assisting these organizations to stay in the Austin area helps the City's economy provide diverse employment options for its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has provided funding through the Music Venue Loan Program Fund for assistance to artists; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

Section 1. Council authorizes the City Manager, or her designee, to establish a grant program to support non-profit arts organizations facing permanent displacement, those who are previously displaced, and those facing lease renewals at substantially higher rents.

Section 2. The grants may be use for tenant improvements or rent stipends.

Section 3. The Economic Development Department's Guidelines for the Art Space Assistance Program (ASAP) are approved by Council in substantially the form attached to this Resolution.

Section 4. This Resolution is adopted for the purpose of approving this program as a pilot program using this one-time funding source of \$200,000. Staff will report annually regarding the results of the ASAP pilot program.

ADOPTED: _____, 2017 **ATTEST:** _____
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk

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