AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA



Monday, September 13, 2010

Economic Growth & Redevelopment Services **Item No. 13**
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Approve a resolution awarding contracts for Cultural Arts Services for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 in an amount not to exceed $4,405,083.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of $4,370,083 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Proposed Budget for the Cultural Arts Fund for cultural arts contracts; $35,000 is expected in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Texas Commission on the Arts Subgranting Program grant for a total of $4,405,083.

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 2009-2010 on September 14, 2009; Council approved a resolution to award contracts for Cultural Arts Services for FY 2008-2009 on September 8, 2008; Council approved a resolution to award contracts for Cultural Arts Services for FY 2007-2008 on September 10, 2007; 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 is requested to approve cultural arts funding in the amount of $4,405,083. The funding includes: $4,370,083 from the Cultural Arts Fund and $35,000 projected from the Texas Commission on the Arts Subgranting Program grant. This is the first 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 2010 peer review process. It also includes funding for the Capacity Building Program, 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 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 $1,404,460; Project Support $1,710,223; Project Support II $1,105,013; Capacity Building Program $95,603; Zachary Scott Maintenance $60,000; New Programs, Adjustments and CreateAustin $29,784.

Total Cultural Contracts Funding $4,405,083.