



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3715, **Agenda Item #:** 7.

12/9/2021

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Economic Development Department Cultural Arts Fund Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20210811-001) to increase appropriations in the amount of \$500,000 to support Arts and Culture Nonprofit Relief Grant recipients. Related to Item #6.

Lead Department

Economic Development.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$500,000 is available from the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Cultural Arts Fund ending balance. A fiscal note is attached.

Prior Council Action:

August 11, 2021 - Ordinance No. 20210811-001 Adopting the City of Austin Budget For Fiscal 2021-2022 Beginning on October 1, 2021 and Ending on September 30, 2022.

November 18, 2021 - Authorize the City Manager to award, negotiate, and execute cultural arts grants in the amount of \$5,300,373. Strategic Outcome(s): Economic Opportunity and Affordability, Culture & Lifelong Learning.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

August 19, 2021 - ARTS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20210816.5.b.i-ii Arts Commission Recommendations regarding FY 22 Budget Items relating to funding for the Arts and expenditure of American Rescue Plan Funds (ARPA) for relief programs for the arts community.

Additional Backup Information:

On November 18, 2021, Council directed the City Manager to act with expediency to ensure Arts and Culture Nonprofit Relief Grant recipients receive funds by December 31, 2021. This action will amend the FY 2022 Cultural Arts Fund to appropriate \$500,000 for Arts and Culture Nonprofit Relief Grants to serve 25 additional applicants.

In response to the ongoing financial hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Austin City Council approved creation of the Austin Art and Culture Non-profit Relief Grant. Following the City Council's direction, the Economic Development Department (EDD) sought a third-party non-profit to administer these relief programs. This action would enable EDD to amend its contract with the Better Business Bureau to administer and provide additional grants to arts and culture non-profits.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.