



Department Source: Cultural Affairs
To: City Council
From: City Manager & Staff
Council Meeting Date: October 16, 2017
Re: Contracts with Local Arts Agencies for FY18

Executive Summary

This legislation authorizes 29 contracts with local arts and culture organizations for a total of \$108,500 in annual funding (\$100,000 from OCA's approved budget and \$8,500 from the Columbia Arts Fund) and establishes a budget threshold of \$3,000 for small request funding (up to \$500 per agreement) awarded throughout the year for arts programming or services.

Discussion

The 29 contracts are for the annual allocation for various arts and cultural activities scheduled October 2017 through December 2018. In total, nearly 200,000 citizens and visitors are estimated to benefit from the proposed concerts, exhibitions, classes, performances, workshops, and special events.

This year, for the second time, annual funding is being augmented by a distribution of \$8,500 from the Columbia Arts Fund. Since 2013, the Columbia Arts Fund has grown from \$20,000 to over \$183,000 at present.

The awards resulted from the Commission on Cultural Affairs annual review process of applications received from local arts organizations. Commissioners reviewed the project proposals during two meetings and offered time for public comment at the July meeting. The details of the applicants along with the funding recommendations were presented to the Council in August. The following is a list of the award amounts:

Ragtag Film Society - \$8,030
Columbia Art League - \$7,811
Missouri Contemporary Ballet - \$6,065
Jabberwocky Studios - \$5,951
"We Always Swing" Jazz Series - \$5,565
TRYPS Institute at Stephens College - \$5,356
Odyssey Chamber Music Series - \$5,253
Boone County Historical Society - \$5,103
Maplewood Barn Association - \$5,103
Missouri Symphony Society - \$4,721
School of Service (dba Access Arts) - \$4,629
The Columbia Book Festival, Inc. - \$4,539
Columbia Entertainment Company - \$4,113
Performing Arts in Children's Education - \$3,722
GreenHouse Theatre Project - \$3,648



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- Columbia Civic Orchestra - \$3,297
- Resident Arts - \$3,264
- Choral Arts Alliance of Missouri - \$3,198
- Citizen Jane Film Festival - \$3,008
- Talking Horse Productions - \$2,994
- The Missouri Review - \$2,302
- Mid-Missouri Traditional Dancers - \$2,091
- North Village Arts District - \$1,907
- Columbia Community Band - \$1,629
- University Concert Series - \$1,200
- Columbia Chapter of the MO Writer's Guild - \$1,000
- Columbia Handbell Ensemble, Inc. - \$1,000
- Dismal Niche Arts - \$1,000
- Mid Missouri Woodcarvers - \$1,000

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: These funds are included in OCA's FY18 budget or being received from the Community Foundation of Central Missouri.

Long-Term Impact: None.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impacts

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Economy, Secondary Impact: Social Equity, Tertiary Impact: Public Safety

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Economic Development, Secondary Impact: Livable and Sustainable Communities, Tertiary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation

Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Staff recommends approval of the resolution.