



Department Source: Cultural Affairs

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 1, 2022

Re: Contracts with Local Arts Agencies for Subgranting Awards with funds from the National Endowment for the Arts

## Executive Summary

This legislation authorizes 17 contracts with local arts and culture organizations for a total of \$150,000. Grant funds from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) – American Rescue Plan Grant to Local Arts Agencies for Subgranting in the amount of \$150,000 have already been appropriated.

## Discussion

The Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) was awarded a grant from the NEA to provide funds to be subgranted to local 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organizations. The grant's purpose is to support subgranting to the nonprofit arts sector in response to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP), these funds from the NEA are separate from and in addition to the \$25 million that the City received earlier this year.

The OCA administered a subgranting program with an application process similar to its annual arts funding process. The ARP funds can go toward arts organizations' personnel, stipends for artists, facilities, health and safety supplies, and marketing and promotional costs. There is no cost share required on the part of the City or the nonprofit organizations to receive funds.

The awards resulted from the Commission on Cultural Affairs review process of applications received from local arts organizations. Commissioners reviewed the proposals during two meetings and offered time for public comment at the June meeting. The following is a list of the organizations and award amounts:

Boone County Historical Society - \$9,078.00  
Choral Arts Alliance of Missouri - \$9,269.00  
Columbia Entertainment Company - \$6,019.00  
Dismal Niche Arts - \$8,043.00  
Jabberwocky Studios - \$9,334.00  
Mareck Center for Dance - \$9,142.00  
New Wave Corporation/KOPN - \$8,805.00  
North Village Arts District - \$9,094.00  
Odyssey Chamber Music Series - \$9,174.00  
Orr Street Studios Artist Guild - \$9,205.00  
Ragtag Film Society - \$9,174.00  
School of Service (dba Access Arts) - \$9,193.00



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Theater Reaching Young People & Schools - \$9,000.00

The Missouri Symphony - \$8,963.00

University Concert Series - \$8,467.00 *(Note: This agreement is being entered separately to be approved by ordinance)*

Vidwest - \$8,712.00

"We Always Swing" Jazz Series - \$9,231.00

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: This is grant funding. Funds have been appropriated.

Long-Term Impact: None.

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Resilient Economy, Secondary Impact: Inclusive Community, Tertiary Impact: Organizational Excellence

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

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

## Legislative History

Date	Action
1/3/2022	B 17-22 Council approved ordinance authorizing acceptance of grant funds from the National Endowment for the Arts to support subgrants to local nonprofit arts organizations as part of the American Rescue Plan; amending the FY2022 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

## Suggested Council Action

Staff recommends approval of the resolution.