



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Cultural Affairs

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 4, 2025

Re: Amending the grant agreement with Dismal Niche Arts for 2025 Cultural Affairs Programming

Executive Summary

This legislation amends the grant agreement with Dismal Niche Arts for 2025 Cultural Affairs Programming. The organization was required to make a program change from the original agreement.

Discussion

Dismal Niche Arts was awarded a mid-year grant through the Office of Cultural Affairs, total grant funding in the amount of \$1,981.00. The award resulted from the Commission on Cultural Affairs review process of applications received from local arts organizations.

Dismal Niche Arts' approved program in the original grant agreement was required to change due to a cancellation by the touring artist to perform. The organization submitted an alternative program proposal that fell within the grant schedule guidelines to occur before October 31, 2025. The Commission on Cultural Affairs reviewed the updated proposal at its June 17, 2025 meeting and recommended that the grant award be applied to the project.

An amendment to the grant agreement is presented for approval. Dismal Niche Arts plans to present the Extended Play Fall Mini-Fest to occur on October 17-18, 2025. The program will include one artist workshop, a film screening, and two concerts.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None.

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



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Legislative History

Date	Action
10/21/24	The City Council passed resolution R180-24 - Authorizing FY 2025 agreements with various arts and cultural organizations for arts programming services.
4/21/25	R49-25 Authorizing additional agreements with arts and cultural organizations for FY 2025 arts programming or services.

Suggested Council Action

Staff recommends approval of the resolution.