



Department Source: Cultural Affairs
To: City Council
From: City Manager & Staff
Council Meeting Date: October 16, 2023
Re: Contracts with Local Arts Agencies for FY24

Executive Summary

In FY 2024, a total of \$116,500 (\$100,000 from OCA's approved budget and \$16,500 from the Columbia Arts Fund) will be provided for arts programming services.

Discussion

The contracts are for the annual allocation for various arts and cultural activities scheduled October 2023 through December 2024. In total, more than 180,000 residents and visitors are estimated to benefit from the proposed concerts, exhibitions, classes, performances, workshops, and special events.

This year, for the eighth time, annual funding is being augmented by a distribution of \$16,500 from the Columbia Arts Fund. Since 2013, the Columbia Arts Fund has grown from \$20,000 to over \$343,000 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:

Boone County Historical Society - \$5,300.00
Theater Reaching Young People & Schools - \$5,281.00
Ragtag Film Society - \$4,803.00
Columbia Art League - \$4,800.00
We Always Swing, Inc. - \$4,794.00
Odyssey Chamber Music Series - \$4,769.00
Jabberwocky Studios - \$4,732.00
North Village Arts District - \$4,726.00
Choral Arts Alliance of Missouri - \$4,716.00
Maplewood Barn Association - \$4,678.00
School of Service (dba Access Arts) - \$4,672.00
Talking Horse Productions - \$4,660.00
The Curators of the University of Missouri on behalf of University Concert Series - \$4,657.00
(Note: This agreement is being entered separately to be approved by ordinance)
Dismal Niche Arts - \$4,656.00
Columbia Civic Orchestra - \$4,650.00
Mareck Center for Dance - \$4,634.00



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- The Missouri Symphony - \$4,623.00
- GreenHouse Theatre Project - \$4,596.00
- The Columbia Entertainment Company - \$4,587.00
- Compass Inc. - \$4,580.00
- Orr Street Artists Guild - \$4,326.00
- Columbia Community Band - \$3,101.00
- Jazz Forward Initiative - \$2,145.00
- Missouri Dance Education Organization - \$1,680.00
- Mid-Missouri Traditional Dancers - \$1,152.00

Agreements with The Columbia Book Festival (\$4,650.00) and VidWest (\$4,532.00) will be forthcoming at a later date.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: These funds are included in OCA's FY24 budget or being received from the Community Foundation of Central Missouri – Columbia Arts Fund.

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
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Staff recommends approval of the resolution.