



Department Source: Cultural Affairs

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: November 18, 2019

Re: Contract between City of Columbia and Foundant Technologies

Executive Summary

Representatives from the City Law Department, the Office of Cultural Affairs, and Foundant Technologies have reviewed this contract. This contract represents a software license and services agreement between Foundant Technologies and the City. The Office of Cultural Affairs has held two-year license subscriptions with Foundant since 2015, and an agreement will help to continue using the software and future subscription renewals.

Discussion

The City's Office of Cultural Affairs went through a three-bid process in 2015 for software to help implement OCA's funding program to local nonprofit arts organizations. Foundant Technologies provided the best of all services needed. The browser-based software allows for nonprofit organizations to create accounts to access the annual and small request funding applications and related documents. Users also have access to any past requests and accompanying materials. The software provides an easy-to-use platform for the Commission on Cultural Affairs members to complete evaluations and scoring of the applications. OCA has used the software for its arts funding in the FY17-FY20 cycles, and the platform has greatly improved the successful administration of the funding program.

The software license and services agreement covers the initial two-year subscription term, which may be renewed for successive terms. OCA has included funding for this software in its FY20 budget.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None.

Long-Term Impact: Once the agreement is in place, City will plan to evaluate renewal and include funding in the budget process.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impacts

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Operational Excellence, Secondary Impact: N/A, Tertiary Impact: N/A

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable and Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Economic Development, Tertiary Impact: N/A



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Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Staff recommends Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Foundant Technologies.