



Department Source: Cultural Affairs

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: January 3, 2022

Re: National Endowment for the Arts American Rescue Plan Grant to Local Arts Agencies for Subgranting Award

Executive Summary

An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) – American Rescue Plan Grant to Local Arts Agencies for Subgranting in the amount of \$150,000 for FY22; appropriating funds.

Discussion

This grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Arts provides funds to be subgranted to local 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organizations, to be administered by the Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA). 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 plans to use the ARP funds from the NEA to create a subgranting program that would complement its Annual Arts Funding program, which is focused on project support rather than operations. The ARP funds can go towards 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.

Pending Council approval, the OCA plans to open applications to eligible 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organizations in the spring. Like its current funding program, this subgranting program would utilize the Commission on Cultural Affairs to review and evaluate applications, and determine funding levels.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: This is grant funding. There is no impact to the General 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



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Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Should the Council agree with staff recommendations, an affirmative vote is in order.