



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Cultural Affairs

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: October 20, 2025

Re: Grant Funding Agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri on behalf of the University Concert Series for arts programming.

Executive Summary

This legislation authorizes a grant agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri on behalf of the University Concert Series for arts programming in FY26. Because this is an inter-governmental agreement, the agreement need to be approved by ordinance.

Discussion

This agreement is part of the annual allocation of funding for various arts and cultural activities scheduled in FY26.

The award determination resulted from the Commission on Cultural Affairs annual review process of applications received from local arts organizations. Commissioners reviewed the project proposal during two meetings and offered time for public comment at the July meeting.

The Curators of the University of Missouri on behalf of the University Concert Series has been awarded \$9,466.00 to present performances during its 2025-2026 season. Funds will be used to offset fees for artistic services.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: These funds are included in OCA's FY26 budget.

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 ordinance.