



Department Source: Cultural Affairs

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: October 21, 2024

Re: Grant Funding Agreements with Local Arts Agencies for FY25

Executive Summary

This legislation authorizes 26 grant agreements with local arts and culture organizations for a total of \$166,500 in grant funding for arts programming.

Discussion

The 26 grant agreements provide funding for various arts and cultural programs scheduled November 2024 through October 2025. In total, more than 140,000 residents and visitors are estimated to benefit from the proposed concerts, exhibitions, classes, performances, workshops, and special events.

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 grant funding recommendations were presented to the Council in August. The following is a list of the award amounts:

The Columbia Book Festival, Inc. - \$7,497.00

"We Always Swing" Jazz Series - \$7,487.00

Jabberwocky Studios - \$7,483.00

Columbia Art League - \$7,075.00

Theater Reaching Young People & Schools - \$7,043.00

Boone County Historical Society - \$6,987.00

Odyssey Chamber Music Series - \$6,933.00

Compass, Inc. - \$6,925.00

Columbia Community Band - \$6,917.00

GreenHouse Theatre Project - \$6,901.00

Columbia Civic Orchestra - \$6,862.00

Mareck Center for Dance - \$6,838.00

Talking Horse Productions - \$6,830.00

The Curators of the University of Missouri on behalf of University Concert Series - \$6,830.00

(Note: This agreement is being entered separately to be approved by ordinance)

Choral Arts Alliance of Missouri - \$6,806.00

Maplewood Barn Association - \$6,791.00

Orr Street Studios Artist Guild - \$6,783.00

Vidwest - \$6,767.00

Dismal Niche Arts - \$6,720.00

The Missouri Symphony - \$6,712.00



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School of Service (dba Access Arts) - \$6,688.00

Ragtag Film Society - \$6,540.00

The Curators of the University of Missouri on behalf of The Missouri Review - \$4,885.00 (Note: This agreement is being entered separately to be approved by ordinance)

North Village Arts District - \$3,690.00

Mid-Missouri Traditional Dancers - \$2,876.00

Jazz Forward Initiative, Inc. - \$2,634.00

A final note that a total of \$216,500 in funding has been budgeted in FY25 for grants to local nonprofit arts organizations (\$200,000 from the Office of Cultural Affairs' approved budget and \$16,500 from the Columbia Arts Fund). OCA plans to have another grant opportunity during FY25 to distribute the remaining \$50,000.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: These funds are included in OCA's FY25 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 resolution.