



City Council

Approval of 2019 Grants to Arts Organizations

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

The Arts Commission recommends approval of the slate of grants to area arts organizations for 2019.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the slate of grants to area arts organizations for 2019.

Report

Issue:

Whether to approve grants to arts organizations in 2019.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar Item.

Background and Analysis:

Council approved the Grants to Arts Organizations program on August 21, 2018.

For the first round of this opportunity, 14 applications were received, with a total funding request of \$58,160 (total available funding for grants is \$20,000).

Commissioners had the opportunity to review applications beforehand, and each received and completed their rating sheet once arriving at City Hall. They were joined by area artist Sandra Wallace, acting as Citizen at Large. Vice-Chair Timothy Grisham recused himself from conversation or evaluation of The Bridge Project, as he is a current board member, as did Chair Stacey Hicks from the Washington Center for the Performing Arts, where she works on occasion as front of house manager. As such, the final ranking was based on the average score of each applicant.

Due to the amount of requests, Commissioners deliberated and eventually agreed to parse the available \$20,000 in grant funds to the top seven applicants, representing a reduction in funds from

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that requested in all but one instance (where the request was \$660 to begin with).

Vice-Chair Grisham moved to forward the Arts Commission recommendation to City Council, seconded by Commissioner Goddu. The motion passed unanimously.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

N/A

Options:

1. Approve the slate of grants to area arts organizations for 2019.
2. Make alternate recommendations to the slate of grants.
3. Do not approve the grants to area arts organizations for 2019.

Financial Impact:

\$20,000 from the Municipal Art Fund

Attachments:

Ranking and Award Recommendations