
**CITY OF TEMPE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Council Meeting Date: 06/23/2016
Agenda Item: 5C1**

ACTION: Adopt a resolution approving the funding for the 2016-17 Arts Grants recipients. (Resolution No. R2016.65)

FISCAL IMPACT: Total amount of recommended grants funding is \$199,428. The grants are funded from the Municipal Arts Fund. Sufficient budget appropriation for these expenditures was authorized in the fiscal year 2016-17 Capital Improvement Project No. 6699799, Municipal Arts Program.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. R2016.65.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Library and Cultural Services Division requested applications in April 2016 for four arts grant categories: Vibrant City, Artistic Programming, Arts for Youth and Operating Support. Arts Grants are available to non profit organizations and individual artists to help fund arts-related projects serving Tempe residents during fiscal year 2016-17.

A total of 25 grant applications are recommended to receive funding: 10 Arts for Youth applications totaling \$72,353; eight Artistic Programming applications totaling \$46,274, three Operating Support applications totaling \$64,800; and four Vibrant City applications totaling \$16,000. The 18 Arts for Youth and Artistic Programming applications are required to match funding and will invest a total of \$362,600 toward projects that will serve an estimated 20,808 people in the valley. The three Operating Support applicants will invest a total of \$3,610,867 that will serve an estimated 210,500 people. The four Vibrant City applicants will be providing free and accessible arts programming in Tempe's parks and community spaces.

The allocation process for the arts projects included a thorough review process by three independent and objective community review panels. Each of the three grant review panels were comprised of representatives from the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission, Tempe residents, educators, business owners, university students and artists. Of the 25 arts grants applications recommended for funding, half (13) are for youth-centered programming.

A total of 36 grant applications were received and 11 arts project applications were not recommended to receive funding as the grant review process is very competitive, and these 11 applicants scored lower in the established criteria compared to the other applications. Additionally, applicants requested a total of \$274,939, which exceeds available funding. The 25 grant applicants are recommended to receive a total of \$199,428 in funding.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution with Exhibit A; Panel Score Sheet: Arts Grants

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