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REPORT TO THE ARTS COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2013

SUBJECT

IDEA Grant Recommendations from the May 2013 deadline

ISSUE

Recommendations resulting from the May 2013 IDEA Grant deadline require review and approval by the Arts Committee.

BACKGROUND

Nine applications were received at the May 2013 IDEA Grant deadline. A Funding Committee of the Arts Advisory Council met on May 21, 2013 to review applications and make recommendations which were ratified at the Arts Advisory Council meeting of June 4, 2013.

The Funding Committee used the RANC evaluation form to record how well each organization fulfilled the goals of IDEA grants: supporting one-time opportunities, being innovative, developmental, experimental or providing access. They also considered potential impact on the community, project feasibility and the need for CRD support.

Scores for each organization were compared in order to maintain consistency in assessment and to maintain focus on the goals of the program.

The attached recommendations are the result of the following process:

- staff contact with applicant organizations
- receipt of completed applications with support materials
- distribution of adjudication binders containing staff reports, applications and other adjudication materials
- Funding Committee adjudication of applications based on published criteria
- Ratification of the recommendations by the Arts Advisory Council at their meeting of June 4, 2013

COMMENTS

Nine applications were received at this deadline, compared to the same deadline in the previous year when 12 were received. Five were from organizations that had not previously applied including one arts organization that will be eligible to apply to Project Funding next year. None of the other applicants were arts organizations.

Seven applications are recommended for grants. Two applications are not recommended for funding. See "Notes for Committee" section on the attached pages for details.

A total of \$17,500 in grant requests was received on budgets totalling \$72,805.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If the recommendations are approved and subsequently ratified by the Arts Committee \$12,000 will be distributed from the 2013 IDEA grant fund. Including the February IDEA grant disbursement of \$19,500 a total of \$31,500 will be disbursed from the total approved amount from reserve of \$50,000.

SUMMARY

Nine applications were received. Five were from organizations that had not previously applied. There are 7 positive recommendations and 2 negative recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION

That the IDEA grant recommendations be approved as presented.



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