

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

SUBJECT

Project Grant Recommendations from the May 2013 deadline

ISSUE

Arts Advisory Council recommendations for May 2013 Project Grants require review and approval.

BACKGROUND

16 applications were received at the May 2013 Project Grant deadline compared to 10 applications received at the same deadline in the previous year.

A Funding Committee met on May 16, 2013 to review the applications and make recommendations. These recommendations were ratified by the Arts Advisory Council on June 4, 2013.

The Funding Committee used the RANC evaluation form to assess and compare how well each project fulfilled the goals of the program. Project grants support established, new or emerging arts organizations working on a project-to-project basis and producing one-time, unique or developmental opportunities and events, including recurring events. Evaluation includes assessing the potential arts impact in the region, the feasibility of the project, and the need for CRD support.

The recommendations are a result of the following process:

- staff contact with applicant organizations
- · receipt of completed applications with support materials
- circulation of summary reports, complete applications and other relevant documents and information
- adjudication of applications based on published criteria

If an applicant had received previous funding, the Final Report for the most recently completed project was examined for information on past performance, audience, finances, etc.

Total requests equaled \$100,964.00.

COMMENTS

Each application was assessed against the published criteria. Considerations included:

- the clarity of the information provided
- the appropriateness of the budget
- the amount of CRD funds requested and necessary to produce the event
- the nature of the organization and the impact of the event on the region (e.g. potential audience, volunteers, paid staff and artists, the uniqueness of the event within the region, etc.)
- prioritizing support in the context of limited funding

The Arts Advisory Council recommends grants for 13 applicants totaling \$64,800.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Approval of the recommendations will result in disbursement of the remaining \$64,800 from the Project Grant budget for 2013.

SUMMARY

13 applications are recommended for grants totaling \$64,800.

RECOMMENDATION

That the May 2013 Project Grants for an amount totaling \$64,800 be approved, as recommended by the Arts Advisory Committee.

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Attachment