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STAFF REPORT TO ARTS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2011

SUBJECT

May 2011 project grant recommendations

ISSUE

Consideration of May 2011 Project Grant recommendations

BACKGROUND

The AAC Funding Committee met on May 30, 2011 to review project grant applications. The attached recommendations were ratified by the Arts Advisory Council at their June meeting and are the result of the following process:

- staff contact with applicant organizations
- submission of completed applications with support materials by the published deadline
- distribution of staff reports and full applications to the AAC Funding Committee
- Funding Committee review of applications based on criteria

\$47,700 remained in the 2011 project grant allocation .

COMMENTS

Eleven applications were adjudicated. The Funding Committee took the following into account:

- the fulfillment of the criteria
- the impact of the event on the region
- the clarity of the information presented
- the reasonableness of the project budget
- the necessity of CRD support to produce the project
- other resources available to the applicant

The Advisory Council also considered the principle contained in the Strategic Priorities Action Plan to “Ensure the recommended level of support sustains the proposed project.”

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

At the May Arts Committee meeting \$10,000 originally intended for ArtsPOD was added to the allocation for the project grants resulting in an available fund of \$47,770. Approval of the attached recommendations will result in the disbursement of \$42,500 leaving \$5,270.

SUMMARY

Eleven project grant applications were received by the May deadline. All proposals are being recommended for grants. Four of the applications are from first-time applicants.

RECOMMENDATION

1. It is recommended that the Arts Advisory Council recommendations for May 2011 Project Grants be approved
2. It is recommended that \$5270 remaining be carried forward and added to the allocation for 2012 project grants.



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