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REPORT TO THE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2012

SUBJECT

May 2012 Project Grant Recommendations

ISSUE

Arts Advisory Council recommendations for May 2012 Project Grants require review and approval by the Arts Committee.

BACKGROUND

Ten applications were received at the May 2012 Project Grant deadline. An adjudication committee met on May 23, 2012 to review project grant applications and make recommendations.

The committee used the RANC evaluation form to record how well each organization fulfilled the goals of project grants: to support established, new or emerging arts organizations working on a project-to-project basis that are producing one-time, unique or developmental opportunities. Evaluation of project grant applications includes assessing the potential arts impact in the region, the feasibility of the project, and the need for CRD support.

Individual and average scores for each application were compared in order to maintain consistency in approach 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

\$44,400 remained in the 2012 allocation of project grants following January project grants however because of a returned project grant of \$12,000, \$56,400 became available. Total requests were \$55,788. Recommendations were made on the basis of an assessment of how well each application met the published criteria and what the organization required in CRD support in order to produce the project.

COMMENTS

Ten applications were received and adjudicated. This is a typical number of applications for the second deadline of project grants. The committee recommended grants for all applicants totaling \$43,100. It is recommended that the balance of \$13,300 be carried forward to 2013 project grants.

In recommending grants the committee examined each application according to the published criteria. Considerations included:

- the clarity of the information presented
- the appropriateness of the budget
- the amount of CRD funds requested and the amount 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.)

If the applicant had received previous project funding the final report for the most recently completed event was examined for information on past performance, audience, finances, etc.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Approval of the recommendations will result in the disbursement of \$43,100 of the 2012 Project Grant allocation with the remaining \$13,300 carried forward to 2013 Project Grants.

SUMMARY

A total of 10 applications were received. All are recommended for grants totaling \$43,100. Four organizations have not received previous funding through Project Grants, 3 of the 4 are first time applicants.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It is recommended that the Arts Advisory Council recommendations for May 2012 Project Grants be approved.
2. It is recommended that \$13,300 be carried forward to the 2013 Project Grant budget.



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