



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

SUBJECT

May 2012 IDEA Grant Recommendations

ISSUE

Approval of recommendations for May 2012 IDEA Grants

BACKGROUND

Twelve applications were received at the May 2012 IDEA Grant deadline. An adjudication committee met on May 22, 2012 to review proposals and make recommendations.

The adjudication committee used the RANC evaluation form to record how well each organization fulfilled the goals of IDEA grants, supporting one-time opportunities, innovation, being developmental, experimental or providing access, as well as the potential impact feasibility and need for CRD support.

Individual and average scores were compared in order to maintain consistency in approach and to maintain focus on the goals of the program.

COMMENTS

Twelve applications were received at this deadline. The adjudication resulted in grant recommendations for 9 organizations with 3 organizations being recommended for no grant. The three organizations recommended for no grant had the three lowest evaluation scores of all applications and are not recommended for reasons as noted in the attached summary reports.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If the May recommendations are approved \$12,846 will be distributed from the 2012 IDEA grant fund. Added to the March 2012 IDEA grants, a total of \$19,626 will have been disbursed in the second year of the pilot program.

CONCLUSIONS

Following a review of the first year of the program, advertising was increased, the maximum grant amount was increased to \$1500 from \$1000, and administrative changes to the evaluation forms were made. The IDEA grant program has now completed the second year of its three-year pilot.

Applications were received from new applicants as well as from repeat applicants. Twice as

many applications were received as compared to the first deadline of 2012 in March. Staff will continue to explore ways to raise awareness of the next IDEA grant deadline in March 2013.

It would now be timely to direct the Arts Advisory Council to assess the first two years of the program and provide recommendations for any changes to the program by November 2012. This deadline would allow any changes to be incorporated in time for the first deadline of the final year of the pilot in March 2013.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the IDEA grant recommendations be approved.
2. That the Arts Advisory Council review the first two years of the program and make recommendations for improvements in time for the third year.



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