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REPORT TO THE ARTS COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2013

SUBJECT

February 2013 IDEA Grant Recommendations

ISSUE

Recommendations for February 2013 IDEA Grants require review and approval by the Arts Committee.

BACKGROUND

Thirteen applications were received at the February 2013 IDEA Grant deadline. A Funding Committee of the Arts Advisory Council met on March 26, 2013 to review applications and make recommendations. The Chair recused herself from discussion on two applications citing a potential conflict of interest.

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 April 2, 2013

COMMENTS

Thirteen applications were received at this deadline, more than twice as many as at the same deadline in the previous year when 6 were received. Ten applications were from organizations that had not previously applied to IDEA grants.

One application is recommended contingent on updated information. Another application had merit but required further information to make a recommendation and was referred to the May deadline pending receipt of that information. The two applications not recommended for funding were not seen to have sufficiently met the goals of the IDEA program.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If the recommendations are approved, \$19,500 will be distributed from the 2013 IDEA grant fund from an allocation of \$50,000.

SUMMARY

Thirteen applications were received. There are 10 recommendations for grants, one of which is contingent on confirmation of venues and an update on confirmed cash and in-kind revenues. Two applications are not recommended and one application was referred to the May deadline.

RECOMMENDATION

That the IDEA grant recommendations be approved as presented.



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