



REPORT TO THE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2014

SUBJECT

IDEA Grant recommendations from the May 2014 deadline

ISSUE

Approval of Arts Advisory Council recommendations for May 2014 IDEA Grants

BACKGROUND

Eight applications were received at the May 2014 IDEA Grant deadline. A Funding Committee met on May 20, 2014 to review applications and make recommendations. These recommendations were ratified by the Arts Advisory Council at their meeting of June 3, 2014.

Applications were assessed according to how well each fulfilled the goals of IDEA grants: supporting one-time opportunities, being innovative, developmental, experimental or providing access. They also assessed each application on the published criteria of impact on the community, project feasibility and the need for CRD support. A scoring system is used to maintain consistency in assessment and to maintain focus on the goals of the program. Where applicable, Final Reports from previously funded projects were also reviewed.

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
- adjudication of applications and recommendations

COMMENTS

Eight applications were received by deadline. At the same deadline in the previous year 9 applications were received. A total of \$15,500 in grant requests was received on cash budgets totalling \$72,010. Four of the 8 applications were from organizations that had not previously applied to the IDEA program.

Seven applications are recommended for grants. One that had received previous funding applied for further development of its original project however it was not recommended for support. See the "Notes for Committee" section on the attached pages for details.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

\$13,500 in grants are recommended. The total allocation from reserve for the 2014 IDEA program is \$35,000. With \$11,500 in IDEA grants approved from the February deadline a total of \$25,000 will have been granted with the balance of \$10,000 remaining in the reserve fund.

SUMMARY

Eight applications were received. Four were from organizations that had not previously applied. Seven organizations are recommended for total grants of \$13,500.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Arts Committee approve the IDEA grant recommendations as presented.



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