



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

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**SUBJECT**

Project Grant Recommendations from the May 2014 deadline

**ISSUE**

Arts Advisory Council recommendations for May 2014 Project Grants

**BACKGROUND**

Sixteen applications were received at the May 2014 Project Grant deadline. A Funding Committee met on May 26, 2014 to review the applications and make recommendations. These recommendations were ratified by the Arts Advisory Council at their meeting of June 3, 2014.

Applications were assessed against the goals of the programs and the published criteria. Applicant organizations must be established or emerging arts organizations working on a project-to-project basis and producing one-time, unique or developmental opportunities and events. Recurring events are eligible.

The AAC uses a scoring system to assess the degree to which each organization meets the criteria which includes their ability to complete the project, the skills of the personnel involved, the provision of appropriate financial information and the impact on the community and the extent of artistic development for artists and the organization. Where applicable, they also review Final Reports from previously funded projects.

The attached recommendations are a result of the following process:

- staff contact with applicant organizations
- receipt of completed applications with support materials
- circulation of summary reports, complete applications and other relevant documents and information
- adjudication of applications based on published criteria

**COMMENTS**

Sixteen applications were received, the same number as last year at this deadline. A total of \$128,662 in requests was received on cash budgets totaling \$515,249. All applications were from organizations that had previously been funded through the program.

It was noted that a number of applications described combinations of activities that, examined in another context, might be characterized as “operating” costs. The Arts Advisory Council moved to examine whether this is a developing trend and to report relevant findings to the Arts Committee at a later date.

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The AAC recommended grants for 15 of 16 applicants totaling \$90,000. One application was not recommended for support.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Approval of the recommendations will disburse \$90,000 which is the amount remaining in the 2014 Project Grant budget.

**SUMMARY**

Sixteen applications were received. Fifteen are recommended for funding for a total of \$90,000. One application is not recommended for support.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Arts Committee approve the recommendations of the AAC Funding Committee for May 2014 Project Grants as presented.



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