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Councilmember District 1

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ACTION CALENDAR  
July 20, 2004

**TO:** Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Tom Bates and Councilmember Linda Maio  
**SUBJECT:** Clarification of Additional Funding for Arts Grants (Item #51)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Request that the Civic Arts Commission consider providing bridge funding to viable arts groups previously funded via the Council budget where the project's continuance is in jeopardy, and communicate the Council's interest in working with the Commission as they review and consider improving their process for arts group funding.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Council had previously funded, for the past five years, several arts groups. Because the Mayor and Council recognized that separately funding arts projects caused a two-tiered, and ~~unfair~~, process, this year ~~the~~ arts program funding has been transferred to the Arts Commission purview. Concern has been expressed that this change occurred at the end of the Council's budgeting process and, as such, has left such groups in limbo. This item requests that the Commission consider allocating bridge funding from these Council funds to those groups that have provided valuable community services in the arts and for whom the Council's funding was pivotal to their existence. In addition, several Commission members have expressed a desire to review the Commission's allocation criteria and procedures over the coming year. Several Councilmembers have also expressed interest in participating. In addition to requesting bridge funding for the subject arts groups, this item communicates the Council's interest in working with the Commission over the coming year.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None.

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