



Office of the City Manager

INFORMATION CALENDAR  
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To: Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

From: *PK* Phil Kamlarz, City Manager

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Subject: FY 2008 Civic Arts Grant Requests

INTRODUCTION

This report is in response to City Council request for information on the status of the Civic Arts Grant requests for FY 2008.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

In 2007, sixty three (63) nonprofit art organizations and individual artists applied through the Civic Arts Grant Program for funding for the second year of a two-year cycle for FY 2008. Due to unforeseen circumstances, two of the organizations withdrew their application for FY 2008. As a result, sixty one (61) art organizations and individual artists will receive funding in FY08. The 61 applicants requested a total amount of \$5,980,978 for FY 2008, which represents 10% of their budgets. The total amount allocated by the City Council for FY 2008 is \$261,962.

BACKGROUND

This is the second year of a two year Civic Arts Grant Cycle. In the first year, standard procedures were followed to notice and solicit applications. The application and guidelines were posted on the Office of Economic Development's Civic Arts web page. These documents were also accessible at the Main Library in hard copy, each of the four Senior Centers, and mailed to over 160 arts organizations and individual artists in the Civic Arts Grant Program's database on December 5, 2005. Two Civic Arts Grant Workshops were held in December 2005 to assist art organizations and artists in completing their application. Applicants could apply in one of two grant categories: General Operating Support or Program Support. They could ask for up to 10% of their total annual operating budget or annual program budget.

The Grant Committee met on three separate occasions to review, discuss, and evaluate each application. Upon Council's recommendation for FY 2008 total grant funding, a formula will be used in accordance with the evaluation score and the amount of funds

requested to ensure fairness of funds distribution. Staff is committed to providing this overall "budget demand" information once the FY2008 grant applications were received.

The City Council approved a \$25,506 increase to the grant funds for FY 2008 totaling \$261,962.

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

None.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

None

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