



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Date:** June 27, 2024

**In Control:** San Antonio Arts Commission

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**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Arts and Culture

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Krystal Jones

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

FY25 Culturally Specific Grant - Preliminary Funding Recommendations (Action Item)

**SUMMARY:**

The Department of Arts & Culture offers Culturally Specific Grants to provide operational support to San Antonio-based arts and culture nonprofits that produce exemplary programming for locals and visitors. Culturally Specific Grants of up to 20% of an organization's three-year average of net operating are available for organizations that are an Operational grantee and have a three-year organizational history that includes:

1. Mission statement with a Culturally Specific focus to preserve, promote, or enhance the cultures of: Latina/o, African American, Asian American, Native American, Middle Eastern, Women or LGBTQIA+.
2. All the organization's programming is dedicated to showcasing the identity and cultural character of the specific community.
3. Organizational leadership (Executive Director, Artistic Director, Board Chair) and Board (51%+) represent the culturally specific group. Funding is dependent upon eligibility and the

availability of funds.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Grants are awarded on a three-year cycle (FY25, FY26, and FY27) with an annual renewal process. New for this cycle is an annual grant entry for newly eligible applicants.

**ISSUE:**

Approval of the recommendation is required by the Arts Funding Committee.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding for the Culturally Specific Grants will be included in the Department of Arts & Culture's FY25 Budget.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

This item is an Action item to approve the Culturally Specific Grant Funding. The alternative would be to delay the item until the Arts Funding Committee could convene at a future meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.