



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: June 26, 2025

In Control: San Antonio Arts Commission

DEPARTMENT: Department of Arts and Culture

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Krystal Jones

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Approval of FY 26 Artists Grants Preliminary Funding Recommendations (Action)

SUMMARY:

Staff will present FY 26 Artists Grants Preliminary Funding Recommendations

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Artists Grants are made available annually through an open call issued by the Department of Arts & Culture. Artist Grants are available in two funding tiers: \$7,500 and \$15,000 to professional San Antonio-based artists. These grants support artists in the creation and presentation of new artistic work in San Antonio. For FY 26, funding is available for 30 grants: 25 grants at \$7,500 and 5 at \$15,000. For those not recommended for funding, the Department has an appeals process aligned with the Arts Funding Guidelines for Nonprofits & Artists. Contracts are for an 18-month period

beginning October 1, 2025. Projects must be completed and publicly displayed/ performed in San Antonio by March 31, 2027.

ISSUE:

Staff recommends approval of the FY 26 Artists Grant Preliminary Funding Recommendations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for the Artists Grants will be included in the Department of Arts & Culture's FY 26 Budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is an Action item to approve the FY 26 Artists Grant Preliminary Funding Recommendations. The alternative would be to delay the item until the Arts Funding Committee could convene at a future meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the FY 26 Artists Grants Preliminary Funding Recommendations.