

THIS IS A DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL, SIGNED ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

ORDINANCE

**ADOPTING REVISED DEPARTMENT OF ARTS &
CULTURE ARTS FUNDING GUIDELINES FOR
NONPROFITS AND INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS.**

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WHEREAS, in 2017, the Department of Arts & Culture (Department”) led a public input process to develop Arts Funding Guidelines (“Guidelines”) that support a diverse portfolio of art organizations working across the City of San Antonio in the production of ongoing, sustainable, high-quality artistic activities, with a focus on equitable distribution of funding and the Department committed to reviewing the Guidelines every three years prior to the start of a new three-year funding cycle; and

WHEREAS, the Department conducted a public input process to revise the Guidelines in 2020 and again in 2023, for which eight community input sessions were held and an SASpeakUp online survey was utilized to gather feedback on all current granting programs, which was used to inform proposed updates to the Guidelines consolidating them into one streamlined document containing all grant offerings managed by the Department, including Operational Support, Culturally Specific Support, Events, Artists, Performing Arts Production Costs, Performing Arts Venue Improvements, and Film Festival Funding programs; and

WHEREAS, On November 9, 2023, the San Antonio Arts Commission’s Arts Funding Committee approved the revised Guidelines and the San Antonio Arts Commission approved such Guidelines on November 14, 2023, and the City Council Community Health Committee considered the revised Guidelines on December 1, 2023 and recommended forwarding them to the full City Council for consideration; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The Department of Arts & Culture’s Funding Guidelines are authorized and approved. A copy of these Funding Guidelines are attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit I. All prior Guidelines are repealed, except for their application to contracts previously approved by City Council.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise it shall be effective ten days after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of December, 2023.

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12/12/23
Item #__

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Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney

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