



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Date:** July 9, 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:**

Arts Funding: FY25 Culturally Specific Grant Funding Recommendations (Action)

**SUMMARY:**

The Department of Arts and 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.

The Arts Funding Committee approved the FY25 culturally specific grant funding recommendation at their meeting on June 27, 2024.

**ISSUE:**

Approval of the recommendation is required by the San Antonio Arts Commission.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding for the culturally specific grants will be included in the Department of Arts and Culture's FY25 Budget.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

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 culturally specific grant funding.