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In Control: San Antonio Arts Commission

DEPARTMENT: Department of Arts and Culture

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Krystal Jones

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

FY 2025 Production Costs Grants for Organizations - Preliminary Funding Recommendations

SUMMARY:

The Department of Arts & Culture offers Production Costs Grants to performing arts producing organizations to provide support for productions already planned. Twenty (20) applicants are being recommended for funding through this grant program for awards of up to \$15,000.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Production Costs Grants are part of the Performing Arts Strategic Plan. Programs are funded by the City of San Antonio's agreement with Ticketmaster through the Arts & Entertainment Enhancement Fund. The goal of this grant is to assist with the production of high-quality, innovative, and accessible performing arts programming in San Antonio. Performing Arts Producing Organizations that receive the Department of Arts & Culture's Operational Grant are eligible to apply for the Production Cost Grant. Applications are reviewed and scored by an

independent review panel. Grants are up to \$15,000 and are awarded on a biennial basis (FY 2025, FY 2027, FY 2029, etc.) Grants funds may be used for venue and equipment rentals, security costs, back-of-house labor fees, and marketing in support of their production. Twenty (20) applicants are being recommended for funding through this program.

ISSUE:

Funding for Production Cost Grants requires funding approval prior to grants being awarded. Preliminary funding recommendations will be reviewed and considered by the Arts Funding Committee. If approved, funding recommendations will go to the San Antonio Arts Commission for consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for the Production Costs Grants for Organizations is provided through the City's agreement with Ticketmaster through the Arts & Entertainment Enhancement Fund and does not impact the FY 2025 City Budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

This item is a briefing and possible action item to consider preliminary funding recommendations for Production Costs Grants for Organizations. The alternative would be to delay the item until the Arts Funding Committee could convene at a future meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.