



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: July 9, 2024

In Control: San Antonio Arts Commission

DEPARTMENT: Department of Arts and Culture

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Krystal Jones

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Arts Funding: FY25 Artist Grant Funding Recommendations (Action)

SUMMARY:

The Department of Arts and Culture offers grants to qualifying artists based in San Antonio. Artist grants support a diverse portfolio of artists working across the City of San Antonio. These grants are designed to expand an artist's professional development through the creation of new high-quality work, which is publicly premiered/displayed/performed in San Antonio during the contract period. Funding is dependent upon eligibility and the availability of funds.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Artist grants are available in two tiers:

\$7,500 – available for individual artists

\$15,000 – available for artists with significant scale projects, collaborations, collectives, or

ensembles presenting a larger project or production.

Artist grants are administered annually with an open call every year. Contracts are for an 18-month period beginning October 1, 2024. Projects must be completed and publicly displayed/performed in San Antonio by March 31, 2026.

The Arts Funding Committee approved the FY25 artist grant funding recommendations 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 artist 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 FY25 artist grant funding.