



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**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: FY 2026 Artist Grants (Briefing)

**SUMMARY:**

Staff will present a briefing on the Department of Arts and Culture Artist Grants for qualifying professional artists based in San Antonio. Artist 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.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Department of Arts and Culture offers Artist Grants to San Antonio-based professional artists working in the following disciplines: literary arts, media arts, multi-disciplinary arts, performing arts and visual arts. Annual grants of \$7,500 and \$15,000 support artists in their creation of new work. Artists can apply individually, as part of a collaboration, collective, or ensemble. The

application process for the competitive grant will open with an intent to apply on January 6, 2025, with eligibility criteria and closes on February 7, 2025. Applicants that meet the eligibility criteria will have access to the application which will open on January 13, 2025, and closes on February 21, 2025. Applications are scored by an independent panel of arts professionals. Panelist recommendations will be voted upon by the San Antonio Arts Commission.

**ISSUE:**

This is a briefing item.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None, this is a briefing item.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

None, this is a briefing item.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None, this is a briefing item.