



City of San Antonio

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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:

2026 Open Call Request for Applications (Action)

SUMMARY:

Staff will present the updated Request for Applications for approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Centro de Artes is an institution dedicated to telling the story of the Latino experience in the U.S. with a focus on South Texas through local, regional, national and international art, history and culture, and dedicated to sharing the transnational experience of Latinos in the U.S. Exhibitions for Centro de Artes are selected through an open call process that is overseen by the Centro de Artes committee. The last open call was held in 2023 and exhibitions were selected for 2025 – 2028. The next open call is slated to be held in 2026 for selection of exhibitions starting in 2028. Staff recently reviewed and updated the Open Call Request for Applications document in preparation for the application cycle that will open in January 2026.

ISSUE:

Centro de Artes Committee approval of the 2026 Open Call Request for Applications is required to continue to the next step in the 2026 Open Call process.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Centro de Artes Gallery is supported by the HOT fund with an allocation of \$200,000 annually for exhibitions and programming.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should the Centro de Artes Committee not approve the 2026 Open Call Request for Applications, Committee feedback will be considered, and adjustments will be made and presented for approval at a later date.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the 2026 Open Call Request for Applications.