



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: June 27, 2024

In Control: San Antonio Arts Commission

DEPARTMENT: Department of Arts and Culture

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Krystal Jones

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

FY25 Artist Grant - Preliminary Funding Recommendation (Action Item)

SUMMARY:

The Department of Arts & 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 and \$15,000. (\$7,500 is available for individual artists. \$15,000 is intended 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.

ISSUE:

Approval of the recommendation is required by the Arts Funding Committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for the Artist Grants will be included in the Department of Arts & Culture's FY25 Budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

This item is an Action item to approve the Artist Grants Funding. The alternative would be to delay the item until the Arts Funding Committee could convene at a future meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.