



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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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:

FY24 Individual Artist Grant Funding Recommendation

SUMMARY:

The Department of Arts & Culture provides Project Grants for Individual Artists to qualifying professional artists based in San Antonio. These grants aim to support a diverse portfolio of artists working across the city in the production of new, original, high-quality art. The application process for the competitive grant opened with an Intent to Apply on March 24, 2023, with eligibility criteria and closed on April 14, 2023. Applicants who met the eligibility criteria were given access to the Application which opened on April 3, 2023 and closed on May 1, 2023. A total of 208 artists submitted their Applications for FY24. Categories available: Visual, Performing, Media, Literary and Multimedia. Applications are scored by an independent panel of arts professionals.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Department of Arts & Culture's Core Grant Funding Program Guidelines includes Project Grants for Individual Artists. These \$5,000 grants are open to qualifying artists based in San Antonio to create and present new works throughout the city. The Department of Arts & Culture will manage a grant process for the competitive grant. One the previously approved artists at the July 6, 2023 meeting of the Arts Funding Committee has informed the Department that he is relinquishing his grant as he is moving out of state and is no longer eligible to receive funding.

ISSUE:

Staff recommends the next highest scoring applicant for funding through the FY24 Project Grants for Individual Artists.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for the FY24 Project Grants for Individual Artists will be included in the Department of Arts & Culture's FY24 Budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative would be to delay the item until the Arts Funding Committee could convene at a future meeting, which would delay funding approval for an alternate grantee.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.