



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Arts and Culture

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Krystal Jones

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Arts Funding: Facility Improvement Grants for Funded Arts Agencies (Briefing)

**SUMMARY:**

The Department of Arts and Culture provides Facility Improvement Grants for arts agencies currently being funded through the Base Operational Support Grant. The application process for the competitive grant opens with an Intent to Apply on May 1, 2023 and closes on May 19, 2023. Applicants that meet the eligibility criteria will have access to the Application which will open on May 22, 2023 and closes on June 9, 2023.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Department of Arts and Culture's Performing Arts Funding Guidelines includes Facility Improvement Grants for arts agencies currently being funded through the Base Operational Support Grant. These grants are open to qualifying performing arts producing organizations that own or hold a long-term lease (minimum of 5 years) of their venue or have a lease of a city-owned

facility. The goal of this grant is to enhance the quality of Performing Arts productions and guest experience for residents and visitors by providing funding of up to \$10,000 for the purchase of equipment or capital improvements to a Performing Arts Facility. The Department of Arts and Culture will manage a grant process for the competitive grant.

**ISSUE:**

Briefing on FY24 Facility Improvement Grants application process.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding for the Facility Improvement Grants is provided through the City's ticketing revenues and will not be included in the Department of Arts and Culture's FY24 Budget. This is a briefing item and has no fiscal impact.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

This item is a briefing on the Facility Improvement Grants application process. The alternative would be to delay the briefing item scheduled for the May 9, 2023 San Antonio Arts Commission Meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This is a briefing item only.