



# 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:**

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Individual Artists Grants Funding Recommendations

**SUMMARY:**

The Department of Arts & Culture's Project Grants for Individual Artists Program is supported by the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) and invested to promote and engage residents, visitors and the convention and hotel industry in the San Antonio experience through the creation, encouragement, promotion and exhibition of the arts and culture of San Antonio. Grants of \$5,000 aim to support a diverse portfolio of artists working across the City of San Antonio in the production of new, original, high quality art.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

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promotion and exhibition of the arts and culture of San Antonio. Grants of \$5,000 aim to support a diverse portfolio of artists working across the City of San Antonio in the production of new, original, high quality art.

**ISSUE:**

The Department of Arts & Culture has conducted a competitive process to allocate funding in the Project Grants for Individual Artists Program. Thirty (30) grants have already been approved by the Arts Funding Committee. The Department of Arts & Culture has additional funding available and staff recommends approval of thirty (30) additional individual artists.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The FY22 Department of Arts & Culture budget includes sufficient funding to allocate awards to all thirty (30) individual artist project grants that are being recommended for approval.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The San Antonio Arts Commission may decide not to move forward with the Project Grants for Individual Artists funding recommendations. The Department of Arts & Culture would need to conduct a new competitive process which would delay the awards for the Individual Artists and would also delay the implementation of arts and culture projects being presented to the community.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the thirty (30) Project Grants for Individual Artists.