

**TO:** CHAIR GOLDBERG AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY ARTS COMMISSION

**FROM:** Library Services Department  
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**TITLE:** The Newport Beach City Arts Commission as a recommended recipient for FY 2013/14 Cultural Arts Grants in accordance with City Council Policy I-10 – *Financial Support for Culture and the Arts.*

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**ABSTRACT:**

The sum of \$40,000 (Cultural and Arts, City Grants Account #4002-8254) is provided annually for specific cultural or artistic planning or projects as approved by the City Council. The City Arts Commission has the responsibility to review all programs and requests for support from arts groups and to make recommendations for funding to the City Council for final approval. In 2013, the City Arts Commission has granted \$18,000.00 to various local arts organizations. The City Arts Commission also grants a portion of these funds back to the Commission to support annual programs such as the Concerts in the Park, Shakespeare by the Sea, Imagination Celebration, Museum Bus Tours, and the Newport Beach Art Exhibition and Sale.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the Newport Beach City Arts Commission as a recommended recipient of \$22,000.00 for FY 2013/14 Cultural Arts Grants in accordance with City Council Policy I-10 – *Financial Support for Culture and the Arts.*

**FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:**

**A. Budget Includes Sufficient Funding**

The current adopted budget includes sufficient funding for this purchase. It will be expensed to the City Grants account in the Cultural and Arts Department, 4002-8254.

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

**DISCUSSION:**

City Council Policy I-10 recognizes the importance of promoting culture and the arts within the City and establishes a Reserve Fund for Culture and Arts. The sum of \$40,000 is provided annually for specific

cultural or artistic planning or projects as approved by the City Council. The City Arts Commission has the responsibility to review all programs and requests for support from arts groups and make recommendations for funding to the City Council for final approval. To this end, at the November 14 meeting, the City Arts Commission granted a sum \$18,000.00 to various local arts organizations. The Arts Commission also uses these funds for its own programming and proposes to grant \$22,000.00 back to the Commission for a range of free cultural programming that enriches the entire community. The Arts Commission sponsors multidisciplinary arts programs funded by the Cultural Arts Grant Program such as arts lectures, public art projects, and visual art exhibitions in Central Library and at City Hall. The Arts Commission extends the range of arts programming by providing additional funding for the Concerts in the Parks series, Shakespeare by the Sea festival and the Newport Beach Public Library's Imagination Celebration events in May.

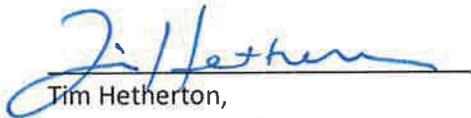
**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

Staff recommends the Newport Beach City Arts Commission find that granting funds back to the Arts Commission is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential to have a significant effect on the environment.

**NOTICING:**

This agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (posted at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of each special meeting).

Submitted by:

  
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Attachment A: City Council Policy I-10