

TO: Newport Beach City Arts Commission
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TITLE: Cultural Arts Grants 2015/16

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 make recommendations for funding to the City Council for final approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

Review the grant applications and approve the recipients for recommendation to City Council for FY2015/16 Cultural Arts Grants in accordance with City Council Policy I-10 – *Financial Support for Culture and the Arts*.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:

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.

The Commission received written grant proposals from eleven cultural organizations for funding of approximately \$67,940 in free cultural arts programming for the Newport Beach community in fiscal year 2015/16. Grant applicants include:

<i>Grant Applicant</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>	<i>Attachment</i>
Balboa Island Improvement Association	\$ 6,000	A
Baroque Music Festival	\$ 7,500	B
ExplorOcean	\$ 10,000	C
Festival Ballet Theatre	\$ 2,500	D
KOCI Radio	\$ 8,000	E
Newport Beach Film Festival	\$ 12,840	F
Newport Beach Public Library Foundation	\$ 5,000	G
Newport Mesa Unified School District	\$ 2,500	H
South Coast Repertory	\$ 5,000	I
Southland Opera	\$ 3,600	J
Orange County Museum of Art	\$ 5,000	K
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$ 67,940</i>	

Typically, the City Arts Commission grants a portion of the funds back to themselves in order to support Cultural Arts programming during the fiscal year.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Staff recommends the City Council find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Sections 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 for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

NOTICING:

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Arts Commission considers the item).