



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Community Services  
Department No.: 057  
For Agenda Of: April 3, 2012  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Herman D. Parker, Community Services Director (805) 568-2467  
Director(s)  
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**SUBJECT:** California Arts Council State and Local Partnership Grant Program (SLPP)

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form: No

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt a resolution approving the grant application and authorizing the submission of the grant contract with the California Arts Council (CAC); and
- b) Determine that the project is exempt from CEQA, pursuant to guideline Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the project is a creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

**Summary Text:**

Each year, the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission submits an application to the CAC for a State and Local Partnership Program (SLPP) Grant for funding support. A resolution from the County Board of Supervisors is required by the CAC in order to receive grant funds.

**Background:**

Since 1981, the CAC and the California State Legislature have granted funds to the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission through SLPP, designated to encourage local cultural planning and programming. These leveraged funds provide a significant portion of the operating expenses for the Arts Commission that raises, manages and re-grants over \$350,000 in public and private funds to non-profit arts organizations. The Arts Commission, a division of Community Services Department also

manages the County Percent for Art program and a variety of special projects countywide. Funds for Santa Barbara County Arts Commission operating costs also come from the City of Santa Barbara and the County General Fund.

The Santa Barbara County Arts Commission was established in 1977. The first County Arts Plan was completed and approved by the Board of Supervisors in 1982. Since that time, the County has been able to apply for funding each year from the California Arts Council to implement programs, provide local non-profit organizations with grants, and partially fund Santa Barbara County Arts Commission staff and administrative costs. A 1987 Regional Arts Master Plan (RAMP) is the basis for the County/City staffing and programming partnership.

This year the grant application to the CAC is in the amount of \$15,000 for partial staff funding. These funds from the CAC are generated through the sale of California Arts License Plates.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The funds received from CAC are used to support an administrative office for Arts and Culture in Santa Barbara County.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

There is no General Fund fiscal impact associated with this contract agreement between the State of California and the County of Santa Barbara for this project grant request amount. Revenue received as a result of this agreement, will initially be deposited in the County Arts Trust Fund (#1001) and transferred to the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission's General Fund budget to cover actual program administrative expenses.

**Staffing Impacts:**

No staffing impacts.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send an original copy of the Resolution and Minute Order to Linda Gardy, at Santa Barbara County Arts Commission for inclusion with our grant application to the California Arts Council.

**Attachments:**

Attachment 1 – Resolution

Attachment 2 – Notice of Exemption

**Authored by:**

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