



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: March 15, 2016
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department George Chapjian, Community Services Director
Director(s) (805) 568-2467
SUBJECT: Santa Barbara County Arts Commission Application for California Arts Council State
Local Partnership Program (SLPP) Grant

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt a resolution (the "Resolution") that designates the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission to serve as the County partner in the State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP), authorizes the Arts Commission to submit an application for a 2016/17 SLPP grant to the California Arts Council, and approves and authorizes the Arts Commission to execute the grant agreement if awarded by the California Arts Council (Attachment 1); (Please note: The California Arts Council requires Board approval to submit the grant application, the actual application will not available until May 2016.)
- b) Approve and authorize the Executive Director of the Arts Commission or designee to execute the 2016/17 SLPP grant agreement with the California Arts Council in a form substantially similar to the draft grant agreement and upon review and approval of the County Counsel, Auditor-Controller, and Risk Manager or their designees if the SLPP grant is awarded (Attachment 2); and
- c) Determine that the adoption of the Resolution and execution of the grant agreement are not the approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), finding that the actions are not a project as they are the 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

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

potentially significant impact on the environment, and direct staff to file the Notice of Exemption (Attachment 3).

Summary Text:

Each year, the County Arts Commission submits an application to the California Arts Council (CAC) for a State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) Grant for staff 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 that are designated to encourage local cultural planning and programming. These leveraged funds provide a portion of the staff salary expense 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 the Community Services Department, also manages the County Percent for Art program and a variety of special projects Countywide. Funds for the Arts Commission's operating costs also come from the City of Santa Barbara and the County General Fund.

The 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. In 2011 the County Arts Commission became part of the Community Services Department.

This year the grant application to the CAC is in the amount of \$12,000 to fund approximately 3% of the overall staff salary expenses. In fiscal year 2015-2016 the Arts Commission applied for the SLPP grant for the maximum amount of \$12,000 and received nearly \$27,000 in SLPP funding. Arts Commission staff time paid for by SLPP funding is used to administer a countywide Community Arts Enrichment Grant program, manage the County's 1% for Art program, curate 5 public exhibition spaces and 2 public art programs, administer the Regional Poetry Out Loud Competition in Santa Barbara County, and convene a Countywide Arts Symposium and 3-4 Brown Bag Arts Lunches (hosted with participating Supervisors) for arts nonprofits to network and address current art issues.

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. The SLPP grant 1:1 matching fund requirement is met by the County's annual general fund contribution. Revenue received

as a result of this agreement, will initially be deposited in the County Arts Trust Fund (#1001) and transferred to the Arts Commission's General Fund budget to cover actual program administrative expenses.

Special Instructions:

Please send an original copy of the Resolution and Minute Order to George Chapjian, at Community Services Department, for inclusion with the Arts Commission's grant application to the California Arts Council and one copy to Hannah Rubalcava, Santa Barbara County Arts Commission.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Resolution

Attachment B – DRAFT Grant Agreement

Attachment C – CEQA Notice of Exemption

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