



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: September 20, 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: Designation of the Santa Barbara County Office of Arts and Culture to serve as the Santa Barbara County Partner in the California Arts Council's State Local Partnership Program

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt a resolution (Attachment 1) that designates the Santa Barbara County Office of Arts and Culture to serve as the County partner in the State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP);
- b) Adopt a resolution (Attachment 2) that authorizes the County Office of Arts and Culture to submit an application to the California Arts Council for a FY 2016-17 SLPP grant and approves and authorizes the County Office of Arts and Culture to execute a grant agreement for the FY 2016-17 if awarded by the California Arts Council;
- c) Approve and authorize the Executive Director of the County Office of Arts and Culture or designee to execute the 2016/17 SLPP grant agreement with the California Arts Council in a form substantially similar to the FY 2015-16 grant agreement (Attachment 3) if the SLPP grant is awarded; and
- d) Determine that the recommended actions 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 potentially significant impact on the environment, and direct staff to file the Notice of Exemption (Attachment 4).

Summary Text:

Each year, the County Office of Arts and Culture submits an application to the California Arts Council for a State-Local Partnership Program Grant for staff funding support. A resolution from the County Board of Supervisors naming the County Office of Arts and Culture as the County partner in the State-Local Partnership Program is required by the California Arts Council in order to apply and receive grant funds. This resolution will remain in effect until rescinded. A resolution is also required to demonstrate that the County Office of Arts and Culture is authorized to execute a grant agreement if a grant is awarded.

Background:

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 staff and administrative costs. A 1987 Regional Arts Master Plan is the basis for the County/City staffing and programming partnership. In 2011 the County Office of Arts and Culture became a division of the Community Services Department.

Since 1981, the CAC and the California State Legislature have granted funds to Santa Barbara County 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 County Office of Arts and Culture that raises, manages and re-grants over \$350,000 in public and private funds to non-profit arts organizations. The County Office of Arts and Culture manages the County Percent for Art program and a variety of special projects Countywide. Funds for the County Office of Arts and Culture's operating costs also come from the City of Santa Barbara and the County General Fund.

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 County Office of Arts and Culture applied for the State-Local Partnership Program grant for the maximum amount of \$12,000 and received nearly \$27,000 in SLPP funding. The County Office of Arts and Culture staff time paid for by State-Local Partnership Program 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 California Arts Council are generated through the sale of California Arts License Plates.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The funds received from California Arts Council 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 State-Local Partnership Program 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 County Office of Arts and Culture's General Fund budget to cover actual program administrative expenses.

Special Instructions:

Please send an original copy of both Resolutions and the Minute Order to George Chapjian, Director of the Community Services Department, for inclusion with the County Office of Arts and Culture grant application to the California Arts Council and one copy to Hannah Rubalcava at the Santa Barbara County Office of Arts and Culture.

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – SLPP State/County Partnership Resolution

Attachment 2 – SLPP Grant Application and Execution Resolution

Attachment 3 – DRAFT Grant Agreement

Attachment 4 – CEQA Notice of Exemption

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