



**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 19, 2017
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: California Arts Council State Local Partnership Program (SLPP) Grant for FY 2017/2018

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: No

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

- a) Approve and authorize the Executive Director of the Office of Arts and Culture or designee to execute the FY 2017/2018 SLPP grant agreement with the California Arts Council in a form substantially similar to the FY 2016/2017 grant agreement (Attachment 1) if the SLPP grant is awarded; and
- b) Determine that the recommended action is 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 3).

Summary Text:

Each year, the County Office of Arts and Culture submits an application to the California Arts Council (CAC) for a State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) Grant for staff funding support (Attachment 2). Written permission 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 Office of Arts and Culture 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 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 Office of Arts and Culture, 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 Office of Arts and Culture's operating costs also come from the City of Santa Barbara and the County General Fund.

The County Arts Division 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 Office of Arts and Culture 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 Office of Arts and Culture became part of the Community Services Department.

This year the grant application to the CAC is in the amount of \$35,000 to fund 10% of the overall staff salary expenses. In fiscal year 2016-2017 the Office of Arts and Culture applied for the SLPP grant for the maximum amount of \$35,000 and received \$32,800 in SLPP funding. Office of Arts and Culture 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 Arts Coffees (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 has already been 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 Office of Arts and Culture's General Fund budget to cover actual program administrative expenses. This grant will not require a budget revision.

Special Instructions:

Please send an original copy of the Minute Order to George Chapjian, at Community Services Department, for inclusion with the Office of Arts and Culture's grant application to the California Arts Council.

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – 2016-2017 SLPP Grant Agreement

Attachment 2 – 2017-2018 SLPP Grant Guidelines

Attachment 3 – CEQA Notice of Exemption

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