



# Agenda Report

Arts Commission

Item #: 25-214

Meeting Date: 3/6/2025

**TITLE:** REVIEW OF FISCAL YEARS 2022-2023 AND 2023-2024  
ARTS GRANT PROGRAM FINAL REPORTS

**DEPARTMENT:** PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

**PRESENTED BY:** LAURETTE GARNER, ARTS SPECIALIST

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Arts Commission review and file the Arts Grant Program Final Reports for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 (Attachment 1 and Attachment 2).

**BACKGROUND:**

The Cultural Arts Committee (CAC) implemented an Arts Grant program in 2017, funded by money generated through ARTventure fees and Utility Box Art Program sponsorships. As of May 25, 2021, the CAC Grant Program had distributed \$11,375 to twenty-three arts related projects organized by artists and arts organizations hosted within the City of Costa Mesa.

One of the requirements for accepting arts grant funds from the City of Costa Mesa is to also complete a final report to present the benefits of approved projects and or events. Each awarded organization or artist must complete an online Final Report and has twelve (12) months to spend their funds from the time the funds are dispersed. Funds are typically dispersed in May of each fiscal year.

Awardees for fiscal year 2022-2023

Costa Mesa Band Boosters: \$500  
Orange Coast Unitarian Universalist Church: \$2,000  
Pacific Chorale: \$2,000  
Skeith DEWine: \$500

Awardees for fiscal year 2023-2024

Backhausdance: \$1,450  
Givsum Foundation: \$1,200  
Levi Prairie/The Tonemen: \$1,100  
Pacific Chorale: \$1,950  
The Art Spread: \$1,800

**ANALYSIS:**

Final reports will be presented to the Arts Commission annually. For the fiscal year 2024-2025, the arts grant application is open until March 10, 2025. Applicants will be reviewed by an outside review panel that consists of arts administrators, educators and Arts Commissioners and funds will be distributed in May of 2025 for a final report out in May of 2026.

**FISCAL REVIEW**

Funding for the Arts Grant Program is currently supported with funds from the Arts & Culture Plan Fund as per the Arts & Culture Master Plan. The fund had \$5,000 to distribute for the 2022-2023 fiscal year and \$7,500 to distribute for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

**LEGAL REVIEW**

There is no legal review for this report.

**CONCLUSION:**

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