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City of Costa Mesa

Agenda Report

Arts Commission

Item #: 24-083 **Meeting Date:** 03/07/2024

TITLE:	**ARTS AND CULTURE STAFF REPORT**
DEPARTMENT:	**PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**
PRESENTED BY:	**LAURETTE GARNER, ARTS SPECIALIST**
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UPDATES:

- **Arts Grants**

  Once the March 11th deadline has passed, staff will work on selecting a review panel for applications same as last year. The deadline may be extended, depending on how many applications have been received by the original date. The goal is to have two Arts Commissioners and two outside panelists to review applications. Moving forward, there will be a calendar and rotating list for Arts Commissioner participation, for those of you who would like to be on the panel each year and based on availability.

- **Poet Laureate Program**

  The application and new handbook are ready to launch next week. The application will be open from March 11 and go through April 30, 2024. Staff will select a panel of 3 to 4 people to meet and go through applications, much like the Arts Grant Program process. The selected applicant will be presented to the Arts Commission at the June or July 2024 meeting, depending on how many applications received.

- **Utility Box Art Program**

  All approved designs from the February Arts Commission meeting are now in progress for placement on traffic signal boxes. There are two vendors working on the 11 new boxes with 9 box removals for those older designs. Staff is also working on new QR codes for all the completed boxes with links to artist websites or Instagram accounts. If an artist doesn't have either of those accounts, we will link the QR code back to the Utility Box Art Google Map. More on that soon.

- **Budget for 2024-25**

  Budget season is here for the 2024-25 fiscal year. Staff is working on budget requests outlined in the A&C Master Plan. More details to come on the next City Council budget meeting.