

CITY OF BUCKEYE
Regular Council Meeting
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

MEETING DATE: 09/01/26	AGENDA ITEM: 4.U. FIN - "FY27 Grants for Arts Projects" Application to the National Endowment for the Arts
DATE PREPARED: 08/27/26	DISTRICT NO.: All
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DEPARTMENT: Financial Services	AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Consent Agenda Items / New Business

ACTION/MOTION: (This language identifies the formal motion to be made by the Council)
 Council to take action to ratify and approve the submission of a \$31,612 grant application under the "FY27 Grants for Arts Projects" grant opportunity to the National Endowment for the Arts, with a grant request in the amount of \$15,806 and a required match of \$15,806 from the City of Buckeye; and authorize and direct the Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to take all steps necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of said grant application.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREAS:
 Innovative and High Performing Organizations

SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Buckeye Community Services Department seeks funding to enhance its Arts and Culture program through the funding and utilization of talent, travel, props, and contest prizes for four new event offerings. The events include 1) a dance group that teaches artistic expression, celebrates contemporary dance by telling audience's stories, and performs dances that focus on family and connections between people, 2) stage performances from scripts inspired by audience participants, 3) a visual and literary competition open to the public that emphasizes acts of kindness through the expression of art, and 4) art therapy memory café through arts conducted by a professional art therapist. If awarded, the grant covers a 24-month period.

This initiative will enable the City of Buckeye to experience artistic heritage and cultural legacy and support Buckeye's mission statement of honoring its history.

BENEFITS:

If awarded, the requested funding will enhance the City of Buckeye's Arts and Culture programming by increasing access and availability to arts and culture events that are free to the public. The requested funding supports the newly developed "Buckeye Arts & Culture Plan", including the six strategic priorities listed within this plan.

FUTURE ACTION:

If awarded, the Grant Award agreement will be presented to Council for budget authority, as well as the authority to accept and execute the same. If awarded and after all grant funds have been expended and after the 24-month grant period of performance has expired, any other arts and culture event needs will

be funded using other resources, unless other funding opportunities arise, which the City of Buckeye's Grants Team will pursue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The project cost is \$31,612. The "FY27 Grants for Art Projects" portion is \$15,806 over a 24-month period. There is a \$15,806 required match for this grant, which is anticipated to be expended over a 24-month period starting in fiscal year 2028. If awarded, this required match will be included in the Buckeye Community Services Department's budget in fiscal year 2028. The total cost is \$31,612, over a 24-month period. If awarded, the Grant Award agreement will be presented to Council for budget authority, as well as the authority to accept and execute said agreement.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TOTAL COST:

It is anticipated that there will be no fiscal year 2027 cost. The fiscal year 2028 estimated cost will be \$31,612, of which \$15,806 will be budgeted in the grant organization account 35764150 and reimbursable by the grant, and the required match of \$15,806 will be included in the Buckeye Community Services Department's General Fund Budget.

BUDGETED:

No

FISCAL YEAR:

2028

FUND/DEPARTMENT:

Community Services

Items related to a project or facility location must include an attached vicinity map for Council Review.

ATTACHMENTS:

[CAR Recap Summary - Arts & Culture NEA App.docx](#)
[Arts & Culture NEA application 7-20-26.pdf](#)