



COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 5.2

DATE: June 23, 2026

TO: Chairperson and Members of the Commission for the Arts

FROM: Allen McFarland, Management Analyst II

SUBJECT: Discussion and direction regarding the Mini Grant Application Review ad hoc committee's funding recommendations and approval of two Mini Grants in the amount of up to \$1,000 each.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts review and discuss the ad hoc committee's funding recommendations and approve two Mini Grants in the amount of up to \$1,000 for the following applications:

1. Hindu Community and Cultural Center Youth and Education- Knitting Baby Blankets for Local Hospitals and Shelters in Livermore - \$1,000
2. Livermore Pride - Livermore Pride Festival - \$1,000

SUMMARY

Mini Grant funding is available on a quarterly basis to support artists and organizations that offer programs or services aligned with the mission and goals of the Commission for the Arts. Eligible proposals must qualify as a public art activity in accordance with the City's Public Art Policy. Applicants may request up to \$1,000 per grant.

DISCUSSION

For the second quarter grant cycle that closed on June 1, 2026, two Mini Grant applications were received with a total funding request of \$2,000. The Commission for the Arts appoints an ad hoc committee to review eligible applications using standardized, established evaluation criteria. The ad hoc committee conducts a review of proposals and then presents their funding recommendations to the full Commission for the Arts to consider. After reviewing all applications as part of the evaluation process, the ad hoc committee recommends awarding \$2,000 in total Mini Grant funding. The committee's funding recommendations are summarized below:

1. Hindu Community and Cultural Center Youth and Education- Knitting Baby Blankets for Local Hospitals and Shelters in Livermore - \$1,000

2. Livermore Pride - Livermore Pride Festival - \$1,000

ATTACHMENTS

1. Hindu Community and Cultural Center Youth and Education - Knitting Baby Blankets for Local Hospitals and Shelters in Livermore - Redacted Application
2. Livermore Pride - Livermore Pride Festival - Redacted Application

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