



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 6.19

DATE: May 11, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Anwan Baker, Library Director

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the execution of Project and Program Grant Agreements with Anne Giancola in the amount of \$2,200, Cheza Nami Foundation, Inc. in the amount of \$10,000, D'Adonis Moquette in the amount of \$7,500, Livermore Filipino American Organization in the amount of \$10,000, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center in the amount of \$10,000, Livermore Valley Opera in the amount of \$10,000, and Shakespeare's Associates, Inc. dba SPARC Theater in the amount of \$10,000, consistent with the City's Public Art Policy.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Commission for the Arts and staff recommend the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the following Project and Program Grant Agreements:

1. Anne Giancola, in the amount of \$2,200 for "The Stories We Draw" Projection Display.
2. Cheza Nami Foundation, Inc., in the amount of \$10,000 for the Taste of Africa Festival.
3. D'Adonis Moquette, in the amount of \$7,500 for a Film and Media Summit.
4. Livermore Filipino American Organization, in the amount of \$10,000 a Filipino Barrio Festival.
5. Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, in the amount of \$10,000 for ArtWalk.
6. Livermore Valley Opera, in the amount of \$10,000 for Opera in the Schools
7. Shakespeare's Associates, Inc. dba SPARC Theater, in the amount of \$10,000 for "Shakespeare in the Vineyard".

DECISION TYPE

Administrative

SUMMARY

The Commission for the Arts administers the Project and Program Grant Program, including reviewing funding applications twice per year in March and September and providing funding recommendations to the City Council for final approval. By the deadline of March 2, 2026, (extended one day due to March 1 being a weekend) a total of ten (10) applications were received for Project and Program funds. The Commission for the Arts and staff recommend the City Council adopt a resolution approving the execution of a Project and Program Grant Agreement with each of the following seven (7) applicants:

Anne Giancola, Cheza Nami Foundation, Inc., D'Adonis Moquette, Livermore Filipino American Organization, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, Livermore Valley Opera, and Shakespeare's Associates, Inc. dba SPARC Theater.

DISCUSSION

In 2004, the City Council created the Public Art Fund for the purpose of funding art and cultural programming. In 2008, the City Council created the Project and Program Grant Program to provide funding from the Public Art Fund for local organizations and artists providing cultural enrichment experiences in Livermore.

The Commission for the Arts, with support from staff, administers the Project and Program Grant Program, including reviewing funding applications twice per year in March and September and providing funding recommendations to the City Council for final approval. Opportunities for funding were posted on the City website and social media.

By the deadline of March 2, 2026, (extended one day due to March 1 being a weekend) staff received a total of ten (10) applications, which were reviewed by an ad hoc committee of the Commission for the Arts. The ad hoc committee reviewed the applications and presented its funding recommendations to the full Commission at its regular meeting of March 24, 2026. The following seven applications were recommended for funding:

Agency	Project	Funds Requested	Grant Recommendation
Anne Giancola	"The Stories We Draw" Projection Display	\$2,200	\$2,200
Cheza Nami Foundation, Inc.	Taste of Africa Festival	\$10,000	\$10,000
D'Adonis Moquette	Film and Media Summit	\$7,500	\$7,500
Livermore Filipino American Organization	Filipino Barrio Festival	\$10,000	\$10,000
Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center	ArtWalk	\$10,000	\$10,000
Livermore Valley Opera	Opera in the Schools	\$10,000	\$10,000
Shakespeare's Associates, Inc. dba SPARC Theater	"Shakespeare in the Vineyard"	\$10,000	\$10,000

FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACTS

The Project and Program Grants are funded with Public Art Fee funds (F284). Funds have been included in the FY 2025-26 and 2026-27 budgets. No further appropriation is needed at this time.

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GOAL

1: Further enhance Livermore's unique sense of place

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution
2. Exhibit A - Anne Giancola - Project and Program Grant Agreement
3. Exhibit B - Cheza Nami Foundation, Inc. - Project and Program Grant Agreement
4. Exhibit C - D'Adonis Moquette - Project and Program Grant Agreement
5. Exhibit D - Livermore Filipino American Organization - Project and Program Grant Agreement
6. Exhibit E - Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center - Project and Program Grant Agreement
7. Exhibit F - Livermore Valley Opera - Project and Program Grant Agreement
8. Exhibit G - Shakespeare's Associates Inc. DBA SPARC Theater - Project and Program Grant Agreement

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