



COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 5.4

DATE: November 18, 2025
TO: Chairperson and Members of the Commission for the Arts
FROM: Allen McFarland, Management Analyst II
SUBJECT: Discussion on Workplan Priorities and Goals for 2026

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts receive the report and provide feedback to be used in the updating of the workplan for the 2026 calendar year.

DECISION TYPE

Administrative

SUMMARY

As staff begins planning for 2026 and updating the workplan, it is critical that we receive input from the Commission for the Arts about their most important goals and priorities. This item will be an open discussion related to identifying new and continuing objectives and efforts from the perspective of staff and the Commission.

DISCUSSION

2025 has been a transitional year for the Commission for the Arts and staff as support for the Commission moved from the Office of Innovation and Economic Development to the Library. The Commission continue to make significant contributions during this transition, and staff is eager to capitalize on the current momentum through this first opportunity to work together on the creation of a formal workplan. While staff has recently identified key internal efforts that are ongoing, the new workplan should clearly provide the guidelines and purpose of what the Commission for the Arts hopes and plans to achieve. There will also be an opportunity to reflect on 2025's workplan and achievements. The most recent version of this plan is attached as a reference point to help generate new ideas and suggestions on the desired future direction of the Commission's work.

The draft 2026 workplan created by staff after this initial discussion will be presented at the December 16, 2025, special meeting for additional review and approval.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Commission for the Arts 2025 Workplan

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