



COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 5.5

DATE: July 22, 2025

TO: Chairperson and Members of the Commission for the Arts

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SUBJECT: Discussion on the Number of Grants each Organization can have Active at One Time

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts discuss the number of grants an organization can have active at one time and if deemed to be necessary by the Commission, appoint an ad hoc committee to discuss and consider options related to these grant requests.

SUMMARY

The Commission for the Arts has previously discussed the review of the number of grants each organization can have active at one time. This matter is being agendaized for this meeting based on the request of Chair Milder. Chair Milder has also identified the potential for an ad hoc committee being established to further review and discuss recurring applicants and their respective applications.

DISCUSSION

Commission for the Arts Commissioners have previously shared that arts organizations and their representatives have expressed a desire to seek grants for multiple programs at different times of the year. Current policy does not allow an organization to apply for an additional grant while another grant is active and has not been finalized.

If after the Commission discusses this matter, it is determined that additional review and discussion is warranted, the Commission can establish an ad hoc committee to meet and work on this and subsequently return to the full Commission with their ideas and/or suggestions.

It is important to note that any formal changes to the City's current grant process related to the arts would require staff involvement and approval at potentially varying levels.

ATTACHMENTS

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