



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 5.6

DATE: June 23, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Anwan Baker, Library Director

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the execution of Project and Program Grant Agreements with East Bay Musical Society, Livermore Filipino American Organization, Pacific Chamber Orchestra, and SPARC Theater 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. East Bay Musical Society, in the amount of \$5,000 for community musical education.
2. Livermore Filipino American Organization, in the amount of \$10,000 for a multi-cultural festival.
3. Pacific Chamber Orchestra, in the amount of \$10,000 for musical education and performances.
4. SPARC Theater, in the amount of \$10,000 for the Shakespeare in the Vineyard summer program.

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 1, 2025, a total of five (5) 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 four (4) applicants: East Bay Musical Society, Livermore Filipino American Organization, Pacific Chamber Orchestra, and 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 1, 2025, staff received a total of five (5) applications, which were reviewed by a subcommittee of the Commission for the Arts. The subcommittee reviewed the applications and presented its funding recommendations to the full Commission at its regular meeting on April 22, 2025. The following four applications were recommended for funding: East Bay Musical Society, Livermore Filipino American Organization, Pacific Chamber Orchestra, and SPARC Theater.

Agency	Project	Funds Requested	Grant Recommendation
East Bay Musical Society	Community Musical Education	\$5,000	\$5,000
Livermore Filipino American Organization	Multi-Cultural Festival	\$10,000	\$10,000
Pacific Chamber Orchestra	Musical Education and Performances	\$10,000	\$10,000
SPARC Theater	Shakespeare in the Vineyard Summer Program	\$10,000	\$10,000

FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACTS

The Project and Program Grants are funded with Public Art Fee funds (F608). Funds have been included in the FY 2024-25 and 2025-26 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 - East Bay Musical Society Grant Agreement
3. Exhibit B - Livermore Filipino American Organization Grant Agreement
4. Exhibit C - Pacific Chamber Orchestra Grant Agreement
5. Exhibit D - SPARC Theater Grant Agreement

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