



## **CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

**ITEM NO. 6.6**

**DATE:** February 9, 2026

**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 Holocaust Education Center in the amount of \$10,000, Las Positas College in the amount of \$10,000, Livermore-Amador Symphony in the amount of \$8,579, Livermore Art Association in the amount of \$9,000, Livermore Valley Opera in the amount of \$10,000, and Shruti Abhishek Dance in the amount of \$8,000, 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. East Bay Holocaust Education Center, in the amount of \$10,000 for "Violins of Hope" free exhibits and community education.
2. Las Positas College, in the amount of \$10,000 for a literary arts festival.
3. Livermore-Amador Symphony, in the amount of \$8,579 for "Spring Awakenings" concert and display.
4. Livermore Art Association, in the amount of \$9,000 for the Spring Arts program
5. Livermore Valley Opera, in the amount of \$10,000 for an education and community engagement program.
6. Shruti Abhishek Dance, in the amount of \$8,000 for a free cultural and education program for youth.

### **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 September 2, 2025, (extended one day due to the holiday) a total of seven (7) applications were received for Project and Program funds. One applicant

subsequently withdrew their application. 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 six (6) applicants: East Bay Holocaust Education Center, Las Positas College, Livermore-Amador Symphony, Livermore Art Association, Livermore Valley Opera, and Shruti Abhishek Dance.

## **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 September 2, 2025, (extended one day due to the holiday) staff received a total of seven (7) applications (one applicant later withdrew their application), 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 meetings of September 30, 2025, and October 28, 2025. The following six applications were recommended for funding: East Bay Holocaust Education Center, Las Positas College, Livermore-Amador Symphony, Livermore Art Association, Livermore Valley Opera, and Shruti Abhishek Dance.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Funds Requested</b>	<b>Grant Recommendation</b>
East Bay Holocaust Education Center	"Violins of Hope" free exhibits and community education	\$10,000	\$10,000
Las Positas College	Literary Arts Festival	\$10,000	\$10,000
Livermore-Amador Symphony	"Spring Awakenings" Concert and Display	\$8,579	\$8,579
Livermore Art Association	Spring Arts Program	\$9,000	\$9,000
Livermore Valley Opera	Education and Community Engagement Program	\$10,000	\$10,000
Shruti Abhisek Dance	Free Cultural and Education Program for Youth	\$10,000	\$8,000

## **FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACTS**

The Project and Program Grants are funded with Public Art Fee funds (F608). Funds have been included in the FY 2025-26 and 2026-27 budgets. No further appropriation is needed at this time.

## **COMMUNITY PILLAR**

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### **GOAL**

1: Further enhance Livermore's unique sense of place

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Resolution
2. Exhibit A - East Bay Holocaust Education Center Grant Agreement
3. Exhibit B - Las Positas College Grant Agreement
4. Exhibit C - Livermore-Amador Symphony Grant Agreement
5. Exhibit D - Livermore Art Association Grant Agreement
6. Exhibit E - Livermore Valley Opera Grant Agreement
7. Exhibit F - Shruti Abhishek Dance Grant Agreement

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