



COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 5.5

DATE: September 30, 2025
TO: Chairperson and Members of the Commission for the Arts
FROM: Allen McFarland, Management Analyst II
SUBJECT: Recurring Grants Ad Hoc Committee Update Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts receive the report from the ad hoc committee and provide feedback and direction (if applicable).

DECISION TYPE

Not Applicable

SUMMARY

During the May 27, 2025, meeting, the Recurring Grants ad hoc committee was appointed to review and discuss recurring applicants and their respective applications. This item is the sharing of notes, and an oral report update from that ad hoc committee.

DISCUSSION

The Commission for the Arts has discussed recurring applicants and their respective applications during previous items that focused on the approval of Mini Grants and Project and Program grants. Some sentiments that have been shared indicated that the grant application process should be simplified for organizations who apply on a regular, continual basis; there have also been discussions that suggested the process should be designed in a way that many different applicants have an opportunity to apply for and receive funding.

During the April 22, 2025, Commission for the Arts meeting, Chair Milder initiated a matter to discuss ongoing recurring grant applicants and their respective applications at a future meeting. The Commission for the Arts collectively expressed support for bringing this item to a future meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

[1. Recurring Grants Ad Hoc Committee Notes](#)

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