

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Chief Executive Office

BOARD AGENDA # *B-8

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE May 18, 2010

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval of a Resolution in Support of the Stanislaus Arts Council's Grant Application to the California Arts Council for \$15,000

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve a resolution in support of the Stanislaus Arts Council's submission of grant application to the California Arts Council.
2. Recognize that the Executive Director of the Stanislaus Arts Council will execute the 2010-2011 State-Local Partnership Grant contracts contingent upon approval of the grant by the California Arts Council.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Stanislaus Arts Council is requesting \$15,000 from the California Arts Council. This amount must be matched 1:1 by the Stanislaus Arts Council with funds obtained through various means, including individual contributions, corporate and business donations, fund-raising events, contracted services and Stanislaus County funds.

The Recommended Proposed Budget for Budget Year 2010-2011 includes funding of \$9,600 in County Facilities to fund utility costs for the Arts Council.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2010-298

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor Monteith, and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Grover

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

DISCUSSION:

The Stanislaus Arts Council applies for funding from the California Arts Council, a State agency, as part of the statewide State-Local partnership program. This agenda item is being submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval because as a condition of the grant, a formal Board resolution supporting the grant application is required by the California Arts Council. The grant requires 1:1 matching funds from the local arts council, which has been met in the past with numerous individual and business contributions, corporate grants, proceeds from fund-raising events and funding from the County. Stanislaus County has contributed funding for the local Arts Council from 1995-2010 with the most recent annual contribution approved in the 2009-2010 Proposed Budget of \$3,260. The funding is used for the Stanislaus Arts Council's general operating costs and the programs and services provided by the agency.

The Stanislaus Arts Council, formally a commission of Stanislaus County when it was formed in 1981, suffered a devastating loss when fire destroyed over 30 years of the Arts Council's history last October. The office housed in a building on Kansas Avenue was completely destroyed. Everything was burned: files, records, computers, office furniture, objects of art and a grand piano. As a result of the generosity of many the Stanislaus Arts Council now maintains an office at 509 13th Street, Suite 3 in Modesto, staffed by an executive director and a programs coordinator. Other professional services are contracted as needed. The County also provided up to \$9,600 in funding for office space and utilities.

Programs and services include: art exhibits in various locations throughout the County and visual and performing arts activities for youth, seniors, and multicultural groups. The Arts Council assists in the promotion of local performing and visual artists and arts organizations, and provides technical assistance to them and other community organizations. Examples of technical assistance includes: providing office space and administrative support to the International Festival and A.R.T.S. (All Recycled Things in Stanislaus, the educational resource center for recycled art materials).

The Arts Council publishes a newsletter showcasing artists and cultural activities in and around the County, as well as recognizing outstanding achievements in the arts at an annual awards event.

The grant also provides partial funding for the Arts Council's largest program-STARs (Stanislaus Artists as Resources to Schools). STARs is the art education component of the Arts Council that contracts over 40 artists from the community to teach classes in drama, dance, art history, sculpture, music, puppetry and a variety of visual arts subjects to students and teachers in schools throughout the County. Last year, more than 19,500 elementary students benefited from arts classes taught by STARs artist.

Most recently, Grace Lieberman, the Executive Director of the Stanislaus Arts Council received the Arts Director's Award for the State of California at the Annual Meeting of the California Arts Council in January 2010. Lieberman was honored for her 32 years of Arts Leadership in the State.

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POLICY ISSUES:

Adoption of a formal resolution on behalf of the Arts Council will meet the Board's priority of Effective Partnerships by leveraging resources of the Arts Council with those contributed by the County in order to obtain additional State funding. The resolution in support of the Arts Council's efforts is recommended because of the demonstrated success of their many programs over the years.

STAFFING IMPACTS:

There is no staffing impact associated with this request.

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE STANISLAUS ARTS COUNCIL'S GRANT APPLICATION
TO THE CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL FOR \$15,000

Whereas, the Executive Director of the Stanislaus Arts Council requests approval of a formal resolution of the Board of Supervisors in support of the application to the California Arts Council for \$15,000 in grant funding through the California Arts Council's State-Local Partnership Program for 2010-2011; and

Whereas, matching funds for the grant will be obtained through various means by the Stanislaus Arts Council, including individual contributions, corporate and business donations, fund raising events and contracted services and Stanislaus County's contribution towards utility costs.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the County Board of Supervisors does hereby support the submission of the grant application to the California Arts Council by the Stanislaus Arts Council and recognizes that the Executive Director of the Stanislaus Arts Council will execute the 2010-2011 State-Local Partnership Grant contracts contingent upon approval of the grant by the California Arts Council.

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