



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT: Authorization for Retroactive Submittal of the Burners Without Borders Program Community Micro-Grant Application for Funding of a Community Art Project to the Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission and Authorization to Submit Grant Application(s) for Future Projects that do not Exceed \$5,000 Each, and Which do not Require Matching Funds on an Annual Basis

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers granting retroactive authority for submittal of Burners Without Borders community micro-grant application that was due June 3, 2019 for funding of a community art project and granting the Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission to submit additional grant applications.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion granting retroactive authority to the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission for the submittal of the Burners Without Borders community micro-grant application that was due June 3, 2019 for a community art project and provide authority for the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission to submit future grant applications for projects less than \$5,000 each which do not require a match on an annual basis.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve as recommended by staff;
2. Approve, subject to conditions outlined by Council;
3. Continue to future meeting;
4. Deny.

DISCUSSION

The Burners Without Borders Program has provided grants for over 100 projects that have made a positive impact around the world, by leveraging a relatively small amount of money to a community that has the capacity to make a difference. The grant program's goal is to jump-start creative civic projects that both grow the community and make a positive impact. The deadline for the grant application was on June 3, 2019.

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Vice-Chair Diana Odom Gunn requested staff to add this item to the May 9, 2019 Arts and Culture Advisory Commission agenda. Due to a lack of a quorum, the May 9, 2019 Arts and Culture Advisory Commission meeting was cancelled. After discussing options with staff, Ms. Gunn moved forward and submitted the grant application in order to meet the deadline.

At the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Special Meeting on June 20, 2019, Ms. Gunn discussed the grant program and the proposed project with the Commission. Ms. Gunn and fellow Commissioner Monika Modest worked together to come up with a giant Jenga game that can be

available for members of the public at community events. The community would be able to paint the blocks at a community event. The grant money would be used for materials and the community would provide the talent and labor. The grant award will be announced in July and the City is not required to match the funds received.

The Arts and Culture Advisory Commission also requests approval from the City Council for authorization on other future possible grant opportunities, similar to the Burners Without Borders Program Community Micro-Grant, on an annual basis for no more than \$5,000 not requiring a match. Should these opportunities become available staff will provide an information item to the Council regarding the grant application submitted. If awarded, staff will seek acceptance authority from the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission and the City Council.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Burners without Borders Program community micro-grant
2. Application