



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT: Acceptance of Grant Award from PG&E Corporation Foundation in the Amount of \$3,000 and Appropriation of Funds for Use by the City's Arts and Culture Advisory Commission

REPORT IN BRIEF

The City Manager's Office is requesting that the City Council accept a grant award from PG&E Corporation Foundation in the amount of \$3,000 and appropriate the funds for use by the City's Arts and Culture Advisory Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion accepting the grant award from PG&E Corporation Foundation in the amount of \$3,000; increase account 001-0201-360-02-01 and appropriating the same to 001-0201-512-17-00 for use by the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve, as recommended by staff; or,
2. Approve, subject to other than recommended by staff (identify specific findings and/or conditions amended to be addressed in the motion); or,
3. Deny; or,
4. Refer to staff for consideration of specific items (specific items to be addressed in the motion); or,
5. Continue to a future meeting (date and time to be specified in the motion).

AUTHORITY

Charter of the City of Merced, Sec. 200.

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

As provided for in the 2018-19 Budget

DISCUSSION

Over the past few years, the PG&E Corporation has approached the City of Merced seeking opportunities to invest in arts locally. Last year, a \$3,000 funding opportunity became available. With the understanding that the City Council was working to establish an Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission, staff made a request of PG&E to allow the funds to be carried over to this fiscal year. The grant does not require a City match.

As part of the November 19, 2018 meeting, the City Council will take action to select members to sit on the Commission. The first meeting of the Commission is tentatively set for January 10, 2019.

Among the duties of the Commission are making recommendations to the City Council on public art, art and cultural programs, acting as a resource, recommending funding options and coordinating with local arts and cultural groups.

This grant will be provided to the City's newly established Arts and Culture Advisory Committee as a project opportunity. The Commission will provide a recommendation to the City Council on the use of the funds for a specific project. Staff will continue to seek additional funding opportunities, in partnership with the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission, to enhance this program within the City.

IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

There is no impact on City resources. Staff are requesting that the Council accept the \$3,000 grant and appropriate the funding to 001-0201-512-1700 for future use.