



REPORT to the MAYOR and MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL  
From the CITY MANAGER

DATE: September 10, 2024

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION TO SAN DIEGO ART MATTERS FOR A LOCAL ARTS AGENCY NETWORK CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT

DESCRIPTION: ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS IF AWARDED; AND APPOINTING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, OR DESIGNEE, TO DESIGNATE PARTICIPANTS, EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS AND ANY AMENDMENTS

ISSUING DEPARTMENT: Community Services

SUMMARY:

Issues:

Should the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing submittal of a grant application to San Diego Art Matters for a Local Arts Agency Capacity Building Grant; accepting and appropriating funds if awarded; and appointing the Director of Community Services, or designee, to designate participants, execute all agreements and any amendments?

Recommendation:

That the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing submittal of a grant application to San Diego Art Matters for a Local Arts Agency Capacity Building Grant; accepting and appropriating funds if awarded; and appointing the Director of Community Services, or designee, to designate participants, execute all agreements and any amendments?

Fiscal Impact:

No matching funds are required, other than staff time to participate in training sessions.

City's Strategic Goals:

- Maintain a community where residents and visitors feel safe.
- Promote a high quality of life that current and future generations can afford to call home.

BACKGROUND:

San Diego Art Matters is a nonprofit organization that focuses on supporting local governments and art agencies expand the arts and serve as a local network for artists, nonprofits, art organizations and government entities. With funding from the Prebys Foundation, San Diego Art Matters will create a cohort of up to eight local city agencies for a year-long capacity building training, once a month, as part of the San Diego Local Arts Network. The grant will range from \$10,000 – 20,000.

DISCUSSION:

If accepted to participate in the Local Arts Agency Capacity Building program, the City of La Mesa would designate one staff member and one citizen volunteer to participate in the monthly meetings through December 2025. The program goals are to exchange information and learn best practices in the local arts agency field with a particular focus in the areas of cultural advocacy, cultural planning, arts and the economy, arts and cultural policy, board development, cultural tourism, community outreach, arts education, program development, and arts marketing.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing submittal of a grant application to San Diego Art Matters for a Local Arts Agency Capacity Building Grant; accepting and appropriating funds if awarded; and appointing the Director of Community Services, or designee, to designate participants, execute all agreements and any amendments.

Reviewed by:



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City Manager

Respectfully submitted by:



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Director of Community Services

Attachments:

Resolution  
San Diego Arts Matters Proposal Attachment A