

Agenda Report

TO:

CITY COUNCIL

DATE: OCTOBER 16, 2000

FROM:

CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT:

Clarification of Art & Culture Guidelines as approved by City Council in

May 2000.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council approve addition of the following sentence to the Submission Requirements of the Art & Culture Guidelines:

"In addition to this annual review cycle, the Arts Commission reviews requests for funding from the Downtown Cultural Trust Fund as necessary throughout the fiscal year."

BACKGROUND:

In May, 2000, City Council approved new program guidelines for the Art & Culture grants as recommended by the Arts Commission. These revisions added the opportunity for organizations to apply for program support and artists to apply for individual support. Staff is now recommending the addition of one sentence to clarify the time frame during which grants funds may be dispersed.

The Arts Commission is responsible for the management of the Downtown Cultural Trust Fund, including dispersal of funds throughout the year to support city-generated programs and public art projects. In addition, the Arts Commission reviews grant requests from non-profit organizations and individual artists throughout the year to support cultural projects taking place in the Old Pasadena and Downtown Redevelopment Districts. Staff recommends the additional language to clarify that grant funds may be dispersed throughout the year, rather than during a one-time process. This is not a procedural change, but a clarification of language explaining existing policy.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The addition of this language to the Arts and Culture grant guidelines will not result in a fiscal impact to the city.

Respectfully Submitted,

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