



# GRANTS

METRO ARTS / NASHVILLE

## **Metro Arts Commission**

Minutes of the Grants and Funding Committee

Thursday, August 13, 2020

This meeting took place via teleconference.

A recording of the proceedings is available here:

<https://youtu.be/YFmhteUwIO8>

**Attending Committee Members:** Matia Powell (chair), Jackie Daniel, Bonnie Dow, Sheri Nichols Bucy, Marielena Ramos (Ex-Officio)

**Staff:** Janine Christiano, Grace Wright

**Guests:** Keenya Gilchrist (Metro ITS)

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### 1) Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Chair Powell did a verbal roll call of all members present.

### 2) Vote on Executive Order No.16

***A motion that the meeting agenda constitutes essential business of this body and meeting electronically is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Tennesseans considering the COVID-19 outbreak and is permitted under the Governor's Executive Order number 16 was offered by Commissioner Bucy and Commissioner Daniel seconded.***

Roll call vote was taken, all members present voted, and all votes were affirmative.

### 3) THRIVE guidelines

Janine Christiano presented the updated FY21 THRIVE Guidelines, which has been reviewed by Metro Legal. She noted updates regarding COVID-19 response and remote projects; proposed deadlines; updates to the scoring criteria including cultural equity criteria based on the Arts Commission Equity Statement; clarification of requirements; additional application support; and standardized community panel review.

Commissioner Powell asked for discussion regarding the timing of the first deadline and whether it would be feasible. Janine clarified that staff were doing their best to update the arts community to be prepared but invited further discussion.

***A motion to approve the FY21 THRIVE Guidelines was offered by Commissioner Powell and Commissioner Dow seconded.***

Roll call vote was taken, all members present voted, and all votes were affirmative.

#### 4) ABC Awards

Janine Christiano updated the Committee on the Arts Build Communities grant panel through TAC, and Metro Arts proposed allocations. She reviewed the projects and the overall allocation recommendations.

- Girls Write Nashville
  - FY21: Girls Write Nashville After School
  - Proposed Allocation: \$2,890
- Chatterbird
  - FY21: Virtual Concert Series
  - Proposed Allocation: \$3,130
- The Porch Writers' Collective
  - FY21: BIPOC Visiting Artists Series for Writers and Readers
  - Proposed Allocation: \$2,670
- Chinese Arts Alliance of Nashville
  - FY21: Keeping Connected During COVID
  - Proposed Allocation: \$2,000
- Corner to Corner
  - FY21: Script to Screen
  - Proposed Allocation: \$3,070
- The Theater Bug
  - FY21: Stories: An original, musical, virtual web series
  - Proposed Allocation: \$3,000
- Nashville Art Song Society
  - FY21: The Art Song Society 20/21 Online Concert Season
  - Proposed Allocation: \$1,350
- Nashville Youth Jazz Ensemble
  - FY21: Nashville Youth Jazz Ensemble
  - Proposed Allocation: \$2,750
- Intersection
  - FY21: "Upon These Shoulders:" Performances of Contemporary Music by Intersection and Choral Arts Link
  - Proposed Allocation: \$2,190
- From the Heart
  - FY21: Coding through the Arts: Bridging the Cultural Divide
  - Proposed Allocation: \$2,710
- Rejoice: School of Ballet
  - FY21: After-School Ballet Class for Underserved Youth at Hadley Park Community Center
  - Proposed Allocation: \$2,330
- Unscripted
  - FY21: Improv for Everyone
  - Proposed Allocation: \$930
- April Gloaming

- FY21: Waxing & Waning Presents: The Tennessee Tempest Edition
- Proposed Allocation: \$356

Commissioner Bucy asked for clarification regarding the percentage of allocations and whether or not the applications would still be able to continue with their program. Janine clarified that staff tries to keep allocations as close as possible to the full amount. Additionally, applicants do have the opportunity to turn the money down, and it will be reallocated.

Commissioner Powell asked for clarification regarding COVID-19 alternate planning. Janine clarified that applicants have all presented alternate plans, and if a program cannot go forward, there is precedent for return and reallocation.

***A motion to approve the proposed FY21 Arts Builds Community awards was offered by Commissioner Bucy and Commissioner Daniel seconded.***

Roll call vote was taken, all members present voted, and all votes were affirmative except for Commissioner Powell who abstained due to a conflict of interest.

5) Highlights for upcoming grants guideline discussion

Janine Christiano presented points of consideration for the Committee to prepare for the upcoming discussion regarding the FY21 Grants Guidelines.

6) Set next Committee Meeting and discuss meeting schedule for FY21

The next meeting was set for Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Powell suggested that the FY21 meeting schedule should be decided when the new chair starts in November 2020.

7) Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

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