



**Metro Arts Commission**

Minutes of the Grants and Funding Committee

Thursday, October 1, 2020

This meeting took place via teleconference.

A recording of the proceedings is available here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rs0irY8Z8kQ>

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

**Staff:** Janine Christiano, Grace Wright

**Guests:** Blake Hardin (ITS)

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1) Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

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

- Commissioner Daniel (present – arrived later in the meeting)

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 Dow and Commissioner Bucy seconded.***

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

3) FY21 Thrive, Cycle 1 Allocations

Janine Christiano gave a review of the proposed FY21 Thrive projects for funding:

- Black Lives Matter Movement Coalition Mural; Requested Amount: \$9,500
- Pikes Project Poetry Billboard South Nashville; Requested Amount: \$9,500
- Welcoming Mural; Requested Amount: \$9,500
- Creative Girls Rock Mural; Requested Amount: \$9,500
- These Colors Within: An Inner Journey through Art; Requested Amount: \$9,500
- Traditions and Culture of Native Peoples; Requested Amount: \$9,500

- Resilience Through Movement Workshops; Requested Amount: \$2,750
- Youth Voice Column in The Contributor: Elevating Youth Voice with Purpose; Requested Amount: \$9,500
- Art Writing Symposium; Requested Amount: \$6,700
- The Movement StoryMix Project; Requested Amount: \$9,500

Janine then presented the scores from the Community Review panel and three allocation scenarios for the Grants & Funding Committee's consideration.

After discussion, the Committee decided on Allocation B, which recommended fully funding 9 of the proposed projects.

A motion to approve the FY21 THRIVE allocations was offered by Commissioner Dow and Commissioner Bucy seconded.

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

#### 4) Review Grant Guidelines for FY22

Janine Christiano presented points of consideration for the Committee to prepare for the continued discussion regarding the FY22 Grants Guidelines at the November meeting with emphasis on re-adjudication for operating support and the proposed cultural equity scoring.

Before the next meeting, the Committee requested Metro Arts staff send the results from a survey sent out to all grantees, more information on the results of the cultural equity component for FY21 Thrive, and the cultural equity scoring criteria.

#### 5) Set next Committee Meeting and discuss meeting schedule for FY21

Commissioner schedules were reviewed, and the next meeting will be set when new members have a chance to send in availability.

#### 6) Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

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