



MINUTES
Grants and Funding Committee
Thursday, October 20, 2022, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Metro Southeast Building
1417 Murfreesboro Road
Nashville, TN 37217

If you have any questions, please e-mail arts@nashville.gov.

Committee Members Present: Sheri Nichols Bucy (Chair), Marianne Byrd, Jane Alvis, Jim Schmidt

Committee Members Absent: Clay Haynes

Metro Arts Staff Present: Daniel Singh, Ian Myers, and Chuck Beard

Guests: Alan Fey, Dana Parsons (*virtually*)

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A. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:14 am.

B. Approval of Minutes: September 12, 2022

A motion to approve the September 12, 2022, minutes was offered by Commissioner Byrd, Commissioner Bucy seconded, and the motion passed.

C. Action/Discussion Items (*THRIVE Project Approvals*)

FY23 Grant Guideline Changes

Executive Director Daniel Singh and Finance + Operations Director Ian Myers shared all the FY23 Thrive Category 1 and 2 project submissions and explained how they all passed the public panel's reviews/discussions with good numbers. All could be funded with their complete original requests at the time of their submissions if Metro Arts Commissioners approve.

Singh and Myers provided additional details about the two public art (mural) Thrive projects in response to questions from Commissioners.

A motion to approve FY23 Thrive Grant awards, including recommended changes by the Public Art Committee, was offered by Commissioner Byrd. Commissioner Bucy seconded and the motion passed.

Strategic Funding and Initiatives (SFI) Team/Staff & Program Updates

The committee welcomed grants consultant Dana Parsons who joined the meeting virtually to discuss potential grant program revisions through a public editing process. She explained the purpose of equitable elevations, the meaning and breakdown of the public editing process, and the timeline of the process. Parsons emphasized that the entire process would take transparency, patience, and purpose from everyone involved. Commissioners asked a few questions about the process of the call and the equity issues. Parsons and Singh shared publicity strategies and equitable solutions to explore in this entire process before the strategic plan begins.

Finance + Operations Director Ian Myers described the 3-year comparison slides for funding model conversation involving organizational types and variations between funding awards for the past few fiscal years. Singh explained some of the staff ideas about FY24 potential request scenarios with program build out. Several Commissioners added their thoughts and suggestions for edits to the projected program build out, and all were excited and ready to add more meat to the first draft bones of this potential request moving forward.

D. Staff Report

No items to discuss.

E. Old/New Business

No items to discuss.

F. Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.