



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: JUNE 18, 2024

FROM: OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER WARD: ALL

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT \$500,000 FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA - CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL - AS A PASS-THROUGH TO THE RIVERSIDE ARTS ACADEMY TO FUND ARTS EDUCATION, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, EQUIPMENT, AND ONGOING PROGRAMS AND APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THESE PROJECTS - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

Approval of a Resolution to accept a \$500,000 grant from the State of California – California Arts Council to fund arts education, musical instruments, equipment, and ongoing programs that will be implemented by the Riverside Arts Academy; and approval of a State Standard Grant Agreement and a Subrecipient Agreement to complete the above programs and projects.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Authorize a Resolution (Attachment 1) to accept \$500,000 from the California Arts Council to support arts education, musical instruments, equipment, and facilities projects to be implemented by the Riverside Arts Academy;
2. Approve the Subrecipient Agreement with the Riverside Arts Academy, Inc., in the amount of \$500,000 (Exhibit 2) to complete arts education, musical instruments, equipment, and facilities projects;
3. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any and all agreements or associated documents associated with this project, including making minor and non-substantive changes and the contract extensions; and
4. With at least five affirmative votes, and upon award, authorize the Chief Financial Officer or designee, to record an increase in revenues in the amount of \$500,000, or in the amount of the grant award, and appropriate expenditures in the same amount in the Grants & Restricted Programs Fund, Riverside Arts Academy Project revenue and expenditure accounts.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Through the legislative initiatives of State Senator Richard Roth, the California Arts Council was given a FY 2023-24 budgetary allocation of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000), to be expended by the City in its role of local administrator and funding agent, for education and instrument acquisition projects to be completed by the Riverside Arts Academy.

BACKGROUND:

The Riverside Arts Academy is an intensive arts mentoring program, that provides inspirational and creative arts education to children and youth of Riverside as a tool for community transformation. The Arts Academy provides over 100 hours of instruction weekly in art classes including strings, band, mariachi, orchestra, choir, and more; to serve over 500 students annually. The Riverside Arts Academy advocates for music education in the community by providing free or low-cost instruction and instruments; seeks to foster a diverse music community that is rich with cultural and social opportunities; and is investing in the professional development of existing and future music students in Riverside.

DISCUSSION:

With the passage of the FY 2023-24 State budget, the California Arts Council contacted the City Manager's Office with a request to act as the local funding administrator an Arts Council budget allocation for the Riverside Arts Academy. Because the City is acting as funding administrator, it is changed with the monitoring of Project outcomes and potential audit and other requests. Administration of State funds will require a State Standard Funding Agreement (not attached). The City has drafted a Subrecipient Agreement (Attachment 2) with the Riverside Arts Academy which governs completion of the aforementioned projects.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

Funding for the Riverside Arts Academy projects align with the Community Well-Being Strategic Priority and contributes to the achievement of the following Goal:

Goal 2.3. Strengthen neighborhood identities and improve community health and the physical environment through amenities and programs that foster an increased sense of community and enhanced feelings of pride and belonging citywide.

The Civil Rights Institute Project also aligns with each of the Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – The City of Riverside has identified the need for equity as a priority need in the community. The Riverside Arts Academy projects will supplement arts education and musical programs for residents of the City.
2. **Equity** –The Riverside Arts Academy Projects ensures that all eligible persons receive equitable access to service and are served with dignity, respect, and compassion regardless of the circumstances, ability, or identity.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – There is no fiscal impact to the City General Fund associated with this item. This item allows the City to utilize a State grant to fund innovative projects that benefit City residents.

4. **Innovation** – This item will allow the City to capitalize on new and changing funding sources in partnership with federal and state programs to meet ongoing and changing needs of members of the community.

5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** –The Riverside Arts Academy Projects promote a sustainable community and economic development and projects to encourage community engagement and resiliency.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of this action is an increase in revenue in the amount of \$500,000 and an increase in expenditures in the amount of \$500,000, with no City match required. Upon Council approval and grant award, an increase in revenue and an appropriation in the amount of the grant award will be recorded in the funds and accounts as listed in the table below.

Fund	Program	Account	Amount
Grants & Restricted Programs	<i>Revenue</i>		
	Riverside Arts Academy Projects	9351500-334100	\$500,000
	<i>Expenditures</i>		
	Riverside Arts Academy Projects	9351500-440210	\$500,000

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 Approved as to form: Phaedra A. Norton, City Attorney

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Subrecipient Agreement