



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

DATE: JUNE 25, 2020

FROM: OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

WARDS: ALL

**SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE OPTIONS FOR THE
REMAINDER OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION'S BUDGET BEFORE THE
END OF THE FISCAL YEAR.**

ISSUE:

Discussion of use of the remaining Human Relations Commission budget before the end of fiscal year 2019-2020.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends the Human Relations Commission discuss and approve options to spend their remaining budget before the end of the fiscal year July 1, 2020.

Option 1: Amplify Free Speech Pilot Program

Option 2: Needs identified by Giverside

Option 3: Donation to an organization dedicated to providing cultural sensitivity training

Option 4: Any combination of these options

BACKGROUND:

Each year HRC is given a \$5,000 budget which does not roll over into the next fiscal year. This year, the COVID-19 pandemic has delayed any opportunity for the HRC to use its remaining budget. HRC approved expenditures that were not fulfilled included funding for Scholarships, the All-America Conversation, and Trauma Informed Cultural Sensitivity Training. Due to the timeline of the remaining fiscal year, staff time to access and spend funding on approved items, the approved expenditures listed above are unable to be fulfilled before the fiscal year.

DISCUSSION:

Due to the timeline of the remaining fiscal year and staff time to access as well as spend funding on approved items, the approved expenditures listed above are unable to be fulfilled before the fiscal year. Currently there is an estimated \$1,900 remaining in HRC's budget. Staff recommends the discussion of the following options for HRC to use their remaining budget to fund.

Option 1: Amplify Free Speech Pilot Program (estimated cost \$600-\$1,200 for equipment)

Option 2: Needs identified by Giverside

Option 3: Donation to an organization dedicated to providing cultural sensitivity training

Option 4: Any combination of these options

FISCAL IMPACT:

The remainder of the HRC budget for this fiscal year will be used. Any funds not used will not be rolled over to the next fiscal year.

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Attachments:

Attachment 1: Amplify Free Speech Program

Attachment 2: Giverside Needs