

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 22, 2022

TO Honorable Chair and Members of the Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee

SUBJECT **Upcoming Office of Arts and Culture Agenda Item #23 on the February 23, 2022 City Council Agenda – Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a \$250,000 National Endowment for the Arts Grant for the Culture of Value Program**

On Wednesday, February 23, 2022, the City Council will consider a resolution authorizing the acceptance for a National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) grant for \$250,000. This represents the largest NEA grant awarded to the City of Dallas. This grant is part of the federal agency's American Rescue Plan funding to support the recovery of local economies and communities through artists.

If accepted, this funding will be administered through the Office of Arts and Culture to continue the department's 2020 pilot Culture of Value pandemic relief program, which awarded micro-grants of up to \$3,000 to support small projects by ALAANA (African, Latinx, Asian, Arab, and Native American) artists and cultural organizations. This successful pilot advanced the 2018 Dallas Cultural Plan priorities around equity, diversity, and support for artists, and 46% of artists funded were new applicants.

The new NEA-funded Culture of Value program is anticipated to open for applications in summer 2022. Prior to the application opening, the Office of Arts and Culture will conduct outreach in partnership with the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission and neighborhood stakeholders.

If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Scripps, Director of Arts and Culture.

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Liz Cedillo-Pereira  
Assistant City Manager

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<b>FY 2021-22 Cultural Organizations Program – Service Providers</b> (listed alphabetically)	<b>Contract Amount</b>
Anita N. Martinez Ballet Folklorico, Inc.	\$45,300
Avant Chamber Ballet, Inc.	\$23,000
Big Thought	\$682,664
Cara Mia Theatre Co.	\$67,482
Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas	\$59,415
Color Me Empowered	\$23,000
Creative Arts Center of Dallas	\$43,363
Cry Havoc Theater Company	\$26,500
Dallas Black Dance Theatre, Incorporated	\$210,935
Dallas Chamber Symphony	\$50,224
Dallas Children's Theater	\$169,222
Dallas County Heritage Society (Dallas Heritage Village)	\$104,769
Dallas Historical Society	\$36,435
Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum	\$68,000
Dallas Museum of Art	\$1,073,896
Dallas Theater Center	\$75,007
Dallas Wind Symphony	\$50,035
Deep Vellum Publishing, Inc.	\$23,000
Fine Arts Chamber Players	\$51,180
Foundation for African-American Art (African American Museum)	\$92,660
Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra	\$58,367
Junior Players Guild	\$65,257
Kitchen Dog Theater Company	\$44,564
Pegasus Musical Society (Orchestra of New Spain)	\$22,500
Perot Museum of Nature and Science	\$744,489
Premier Lone Star Wind Orchestra	\$22,500
Sammons Center for the Arts	\$98,370
Teatro Hispano de Dallas	\$77,467
TeCo Theatrical Productions, Inc. (Bishop Arts Theatre Center)	\$115,782
Texas International Theatrical Arts Society	\$71,314
Texas Winds Musical Outreach, Inc.	\$58,646
The Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Inc.	\$186,450
The Bruce Wood Dance Co., Inc.	\$27,000
The Dallas Opera	\$152,500
The Flame Foundation	\$22,500
The Shakespeare Festival of Dallas	\$102,156

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The Verdigris Ensemble, Inc., a Texas Nonprofit Corporation	\$22,500
The Women's Chorus of Dallas	\$23,000
The Writer's Garret	\$45,196
Theatre Three, Inc.	\$87,420
Turtle Creek Chorale, Inc.	\$27,000
Undermain Theatre	\$44,594
USA Film Festival	\$56,567
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,152,226</b>