

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 17, 2020

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

SUBJECT **September 23, 2020 City Council Agenda - Upcoming Agenda Item #37**

The Office of Arts and Culture (OAC) manages City-owned cultural facilities with non-profit arts and cultural organizations through long-term management and/or operation agreements approved by the City Council. Please see this link to view each facility's management contract at <https://dallasculture.org/cultural-venues/agreements/>

On April 22, 2020, City Council authorized the acceptance of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) to aid the COVID-19 response throughout the City. On June 17, 2020, City Council was briefed on the CRF budget which included \$2 million in funds to support partner organizations who manage City cultural and recreational facilities to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.

After working with our partners to assess the various facilities' needs, OAC recommends distributing \$1 million dollars to organizations that manage city-owned facilities under OAC's authority.

These six contracts are scheduled for City Council consideration on September 23, 2020, with the seventh – for the Kalita Humphreys Theater – to be completed by Administrative Action in order to expedite expenditure of the funds in accordance with Federal guidelines. The expenditure of the funds is based on CRF eligibility beginning March 1, 2020 and must be expended no later than December 30, 2020. Receipts of expenditures must be provided to OAC by February 26, 2021.

PARTNER MANAGED OAC FACILITIES		
ORGANIZATION	VENUE	
Dallas Symphony Association	Meyerson Symphony Center	\$ 225,000.00
Dallas Museum of Art	Dallas Museum of Art	\$ 275,000.00
Dallas Center for the Performing Arts Foundation	AT&T Performing Arts Center	\$ 225,000.00
Dallas County Heritage Society	Dallas Heritage Village	\$ 75,000.00
Dallas Black Dance Theatre	Dallas Black Dance Theatre	\$ 75,000.00
Sammons Center for the Arts	Sammons Center	\$ 75,000.00
Dallas Theater Center	Kalita Humphreys Theater	\$ 50,000.00
	Totals:	\$ 1,000,000.00

Initial estimates for the COVID-related public health needs at City-owned, partner-managed cultural venues exceeded \$2.5 million. Recommended allocations to partner-managed cultural venues were based on the square footage of the facility. Each partner

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received \$75,000 for up to 100,000 square feet, and an additional \$50,000 per additional 100,000 square feet thereafter. Kalita Humphreys Theater received \$50,000 due to limited use and budget constraints.

Of the other cultural venues that OAC currently holds or formerly held the management agreements for, The Black Academy of Arts and Letters' COVID-related facilities needs will be taken care of by the Convention Center, and the African American Museum, Dallas Historical Society, and DSM Management Group, Inc. are included in the Park and Recreation Department's contract and funding with Fair Park First.

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



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