



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Quality of Life
AGENDA DATE: February 26, 2020
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): N/A
DEPARTMENT: Office of Arts and Culture
EXECUTIVE: Joey Zapata

SUBJECT

A resolution authorizing the guidelines for the Cultural Organizations Program within the Office of Arts and Culture to support cultural services in the City of Dallas for FY 2020-21; annual review and approval are required per Cultural Policy - Financing: This action has no cost consideration (see Fiscal Information)

BACKGROUND

The updated Cultural Policy of the City of Dallas, adopted on November 28, 2018, provides that guidelines for the various Cultural Funding Programs will be submitted for review and approval of the City Council. This serves to affirm the artistic nature of services to be provided through these various cultural programs and to specify the review and selection process for cultural services.

The FY 2020-21 Cultural Organizations Program guidelines contain no substantive changes compared to the FY 2019-20 guidelines. The only proposed changes are re-ordering of the introduction to improve readability for first-time applicants, minor wording clarifications, updating Office of Cultural Affairs/OCA to Office of Arts and Culture/OAC, and updated submission deadlines and dates. Scoring categories, point values, eligibility requirements, and process will remain the same as in FY 2019-20.

The Cultural Organizations Program (COP) is the support program through which the Office of Arts and Culture contracts for a full season of cultural services with established non-profit organizations for a variety of cultural programs that include concerts, plays, exhibitions, performances, workshops and other cultural programming for the benefit of Dallas residents and visitors. These cultural service contracts are awarded annually using a volunteer review panel approach to evaluate applications. Following panel review and scoring, the Allocations Committee of the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission will make recommendations to the full Arts and Culture Advisory Commission. The Commission's funding recommendations will be brought to City Council in the Fall of 2020 for authorization of the associated cultural service contracts.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On February 12, 2020, the Allocations Committee of the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission voted to recommend these guidelines.

Information about this item will be provided to the Quality of Life, Arts and Culture Committee on February 18, 2020.

On February 20, 2020, the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission will vote to recommend these guidelines.

FISCAL INFORMATION

This action has no cost consideration to the City. Appropriations for the Cultural Support Programs are established in the General Fund through the annual budget development process. Each award to a cultural organization through Cultural Organizations Program will be authorized by resolution of the City Council.