



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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AGENDA TITLE: Approve Submitted City of Lodi's Arts & Cultural Project Grants for 2006-07

MEETING DATE: May 16, 2007

PREPARED BY: Deanie Bridewell, LAC Liaison

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the grant applications that have been reviewed by the Lodi Arts Commission's Grant Review Committee.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The City Council has provided double funding to the Lodi Arts Commission (LAC) for its grant program for 2006-07. The amount of the second allocation is \$50,000. The purpose of the double funding is to allow the LAC to make grant recommendations for the year in which funding has been provided. A recommendation to provide funding in the amount of \$50,000 for Fiscal Year 07-08 has been made.

Grant applications were made available to the public in January with a return deadline of March 30. After three weeks of studying the submitted grants, the Grant Committee met on April 23 to review them. The submitted slate of grants has been approved by the Lodi Arts Commission's Grant Review Committee and the LAC.

FISCAL IMPACT: Up to \$50,000.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Total grant funding for 2006-07 is \$84,000, \$34,000 for the first segment of the year, and \$50,000 for the second segment, which the Council is now authorizing. The recommendation for 2007-08 is \$50,000.

Kirk Evans, Budget Manager

James M. Rodems
Community Center Director

SB/DB

APPROVED: _____
Blair King, City Manager

**LODI ARTS COMMISSION PROJECT GRANTS
2007-08 PROGRAM CYCLE
SUMMARY OF GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Group Name: Changing Faces Theatre Co.

Grant Request: \$12,000

Project Budget: \$79,520

Previous Funding: 2006-07

Recommended for Funding 2007-08: Yes

Art Form: Theatre

Number of Active Members: Full company numbers about 100, with approximately 65 students in the cast and 35 on the crew.

Scope of Project: Requesting the grant for its summer 2007 production of A Pirate's Tale: Blood Treasure. The student-run company will stage the play at Jessie's Grove Winery in Lodi, with a cast and crew of approximately 100.

Award: \$12,000

Comments: Okay if 501 c 3 is intact. Excellent proposal. All I's are dotted. Unclear though on tax exempt status? Great project!

Update: 501 c 3 status is being renewed per grant app.'s accountant.

Group Name: Lodi Community Art Center

Grant Request: 2 Grants Requested see below

Previous Funding: 2006-07 - \$8,172; 2005 – Mini Grant for Art Hop Brochures \$591.65; 2005-06 \$4,800; 98-99- \$1,500.00; 97-98- \$1,000.00; 96-97-\$3,000.00 plus site through May 96; 96-97- \$1,500.00 L.D.B.A. grant channeled through Arts Commission;95-96--\$1,500 plus site; 94-95--\$1,500 plus site; 93-94--\$2,000 plus site

Art Form(s): Visual Fine Arts

Number of Active Members: 160 volunteer; 1 paid staff

Project 1 Title: Community and the Visual Arts

Grant Request: \$13,450.00

Project Budget: \$ 19,460.00

Recommended for Funding 2006-07: Yes

Admission Charges: none

Scope of Project: The Lecture – Demonstration Series is an educational project designed to involve the community in visual arts lectures/demonstrations, workshops with professional artists and appreciation of artists' works in First Friday Art Hops.

Award: \$13,450.00

Comments: Unsure about whole amount. Need more clarification needed. Once again the Art Center made an excellent grant request for a proven project. I know it is always hard for them but they are a hand in hand partner with the Arts Commission and they promote heavily. Approve because we have a lack of arts

education from LAC in this area – high school/college/adults. Not particularly fond of paying for volunteer hours in a free to public projects! Paying for supplies okay, but not hourly wages! Due to lack of better or more projects to fund, I will okay to fund this year.

Project 2 Title: Youth Gallery

Grant Request: \$ 4650

Project Budget: \$ 7900

Recommended for Funding 2007-08: Yes

Admission Charges: none

Previous funding: 2006-07 \$2273., 2005 -06 \$4800.

Scope of project: The Youth Gallery Project is the only public venue for high school students to show their artwork in Lodi. Ribbons, cash awards, and a college scholarship(s) are given to reward meritorious work. Students are taught to present their work in a portfolio and are encouraged & mentored by community artists.

Award: \$4650.

Comments: The Art Center Youth Gallery meets with our granting requirements and no doubt whatsoever on this project. What efforts have been made to reach home school or continuation high school students? What other agencies will partner this project?

Group Name: Lodi Central Valley Youth Symphony

Grant Request: \$6,336

Project Budget: \$ 13,814

Previous Funding: 2005 - \$5120; 2004 mini \$1,500; 2004 \$5,000; 99-00-\$3,000.00; 98-99- \$4,800.00 plus \$1,000.00 special technical grant; 97-98-\$3,000.00; 96-97- \$2,000.00; 95-96--\$2,000.00; 94-95--\$1,000.00; 93-94--\$350.00

Recommended for funding 2007-08: Yes

Art Form(s): Music

Number of Active Members: 80 students; 6 staff

Admission Charged: none

Scope of Project: CVYS will bring symphonic music to the seniors or our community through a 3-fold plan. This will include a performance at the Loel Senior Center, 2 performances at local convalescent homes and end with a concert at Hutchins Street Square with seniors attending free of charge.

Award: \$6,336.00

Comments: Good to see a new project reaching out to the senior (elder) population. They actively fund raise and have presented a good application. Great! Wonderful project. Worthwhile.

Group Name: Lodi Unified School District

Grant Request: \$4,775.00

Project Budget: \$ 9,775.00

Previous Funding: 2004 - \$4,500

Recommended for Funding: Yes

Art Form(s): Celebrate the Arts Festival

Number of Active Members:

Scope of Project: The Lodi USD Celebrate the Arts Festival is a two-day event in which the artistic talents of our students and teachers are displayed for the community as well as parents. Crete and Kirst halls at Hutchins Street Square are used to display art and give hands-on demonstrations. The Rotunda and Theatre are used for student musical and dramatic group performances.

Award: \$4,775.00

Comments: Well written, Concerned though with no effort from other sources of revenue. Uncertain also about support from HSS. A very worthwhile project.

Group Name: The Arts at St. John's

Grant Request: \$1,500.00

Project Budget: \$2,850.00

Previous Funding: none

Recommended for funding 2007-08: yes

Art Form(s): Music

Admission Charged: Yes, but amount not listed.

Number of Active Members: not listed

Scope of Project: We have five concerts scheduled (at this time) for our 2007-08 season. We have a diverse group of concerts to appeal to all types of audiences. Out Hawaiian Slack Key Guitarist is a big draw and brings people from Sacramento to Modesto. We will be holding a benefit concert for the Katrina victims; all proceeds going to the benefit. We schedule jazz, classical and a little rock to complete our season.

Award: \$1,500.

Comments: Love the project. Need to have a budget. Good grant request and "almost" complete. Deducted points as the exact date for which grant is RQ'd is missing. There is "no" budget so unclear what money is for and outreach plan non existent.

Update: Required budget was turned in.

