

**Regional Arts Commission
Grants & Programs Committee Minutes
July 14, 2022, 2 p.m. via ZOOM**

Attendees

Andrea Purnell, chair, Heather Corcoran, Beverly Isom, Rosalind Johnson, Cheryl Walker,

Absent

Mont Levy, Rhonda Carter-Adams, Vin Ko, Lyah LeFlore, David Wilson

Staff in Attendance: Vanessa Cooksey, Ann Haubrich, Chloe Smith, Lea Sutherlin

Call to Order & Approval of Minutes

Purnell called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Purnell then called for the approval of the minutes from the May 2, 2022, Grants and Programs Committee meeting.

Motion made by Corcoran, seconded by Johnson, and unanimously carried to approve the May 2, 2022, minutes.

Purnell asked staff to present the following report:

2023 Grantmaking Proposal and 2024 Grantmaking Preview (Haubrich and Cooksey)

Haubrich presented the 2023 Grantmaking Proposal which included the following: (1) purpose statement; (2) 2023 Grantmaking Goals; (3) noted that she [Haubrich], Cooksey and Smith are participating in the Grantmakers in the GIA Racial Equity in Arts Funding Workshop which presents real world examples; (4) 2023 Grantmaking Plan including (a) grant opportunities for General Operating Support, Program Support and Artist Support, (b) continuations from 2022 and (c) proposed changes for 2023 including/not limited to implementations based on 2022 feedback.

Brief discussion held regarding definition of flexibility as part of goals.

Cooksey then shared the 2024 Grantmaking Preview which included the following: (1) continue to evolve grantmaking approach with innovative best practices; (2) streamlining grant offerings; and (3) resource contributing to recommendations.

Committee discussion held regarding the following: (1) appreciation for the team and their forward thinking; (2) appreciation of team being receptive to needs through streamlining; (3) team's approach for 2024 - responsive and developed in a complete, equitable manner; (4) appreciation of changes to continue to support the artist community and the staff [gave kudos to Chloe for helping to manage overall processes]; (5) appreciation of video application option; (6) long-time concepts coming to fruition; (7) goal to expand fields and access; (8) importance of being inclusive in a measured way; and (9) appreciation of being intentional about DEI work as part of the thought process and criteria.

Purnell called for a motion to approve the 2023 Grantmaking Proposal and 2024 Grantmaking Preview as a "bundle" to move forward and present at the next full commission meeting.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Corcoran to unanimously approve the 2023 Grantmaking Proposal and 2024 Grantmaking Preview.

Adjourn

Meeting ended at 2:44 p.m.

Submitted by
L. Sutherlin, Exec. Asst. & Commission Administrator