

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

June 4, 2019

City Council

STAFF

Jim McDonald, Cultural Services Director
 Jody Hurst, Legal

SUBJECT

Resolution 2019-068 Approving Fort Fund Grant Disbursements.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to approve Fort Fund grants from the Cultural Development and Programming and Tourism Programming Accounts for the selected community events, based upon the recommendations of the Cultural Resources Board.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The Fort Fund grant program, established in 1989, disburses lodging tax revenues deposited in the City's Cultural Development and Programming Account and the Tourism Programming Account in accordance with the provisions of Section 25-244 of the City Code, where 25% of the revenue from the lodging tax fund is applied to the Cultural Development and Programming Account and 5% of revenue from lodging tax is dedicated to the Tourism Programming Account. Local non-profit organizations may apply to Fort Fund for cultural and/or tourism event support. The Cultural Resources Board is authorized to review grant applications based on approved guidelines and make recommendations for Fort Fund disbursements to City Council, pursuant to Section 2-203 (2) of the City Code.

Fort Fund grants support arts and cultural events that enrich the creative vitality of the community, promote local heritage and diversity, provide opportunities for arts and cultural participation, help promote Fort Collins as a cultural center and tourist destination, have wide appeal for a significant part of the community, and promote the health and well-being of all residents and visitors.

April 2019 Funding Session

At its April 25, 2019, funding session, the Cultural Resources Board reviewed 19 Project Support applications with total requests equaling \$199,000. 17 applications were found eligible and recommended for funding for \$140,000.

The following table summarizes the project support requests, available funds and grant award amounts:

Grant Requests	Available Funds	Grant Awards
\$199,000	\$140,000	\$140,000

The Cultural Resources Board reviewed nine Organizational Support applications with total requests equaling \$360,000. Nine applications were found eligible and recommended for funding for \$224,840.

The following table summarizes the organizational support requests, available funds and grant award amounts:

Grant Requests	Available Funds	Grant Awards
\$360,000	\$225,000	\$224,840

The Cultural Resources Board scored each application using the funding criteria outlined in the Fort Fund Guidelines and discussed the applications at its April 25, 2019 meeting. The Board discussion is outlined in the draft minutes (**Attachment 1**). The Board is recommending disbursement of \$364,840 to the eligible applicants as outlined in Exhibit A to the Resolution.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

The Fort Fund grant program, established in 1989, disburses lodging tax revenues deposited in the City's Cultural Development and Programming Account and Tourism Programming Account in accordance with the provisions of Section 25-244 of the City Code. This Resolution would distribute \$364,840 from the Cultural Development and Programming Account and Tourism Programming Account to local non-profit organizations. Each grantee organization must provide funds to match the grant amount. These funds were budgeted and appropriated in the 2019 budget. Lodging tax is collected pursuant to Section 25-242 of the City Code.

BOARD / COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

The Cultural Resources Board is presenting these recommendations to City Council for programs and organizations to receive funding at the recommended grant amounts from the Cultural Development and Programming Account and Tourism Programming Account.

Exhibit A to Resolution 2019-067 presents the allocations recommended by the Cultural Resources Board to the City Council for Project Support and Organizational Support funding.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Cultural Resources Board minutes, April 25, 2019 (draft) (PDF)

MINUTES

CITY OF FORT COLLINS • BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS



Cultural Resources Board

FUNDING SESSION

Thursday, April 25, 2019 – 5:00 p.m. Lincoln Center, Columbine Room

1. ALL TO ORDER: 5:00 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

- Board Members Present - Mr. Will Flowers, Ms. Jane Folsom, Ms. Lili Francuz, Ms. Tedi Cox, Ms. Jennifer Zidon, Ms. Vicki Fogel Mykles, Mr. Jesse Solomon
- Board Members Absent - None
- Staff Members Present - Mr. Jim McDonald, Ms. Liz Irvine, Ms. Jaime Jones

3. AGENDA REVIEW

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Consideration and approval of the minutes from March 28, 2019. Ms. Vicki Fogel Mykles made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Ms. Jenifer Zidon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Jim McDonald gave a report on the FoCo Creates Arts and Culture Master Plan to City Council at their Work Session on April 23rd. Mr. Jim McDonald advised the Board that the Plan will be reviewed by City Council on 5/21/19 for adoption.
- Project Support – Discussion and Funding Recommendations. The Board reviewed 19 applications. The Board recommended funding to 17 organizations for a total of \$140,000. Ms. Jane Folsom made a motion to accept the funding recommendations. Ms. Lili Francuz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The recommendations are listed below.

MINUTES

CITY OF FORT COLLINS • BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS



Cultural Resources Board

FUNDING SESSION

Thursday, April 25, 2019 – 5:00 p.m. Lincoln Center, Columbine Room

Project Support

APPLICANT	PROPOSED EVENT/DATE	FUNDING REQUESTS	Recommended Funding			PERCENT OF REQUEST FUNDED
			CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT & PROGRAMMING	TOURISM PROGRAMMING	UNFUNDED BALANCE	
Art Wear Biennial/Lincoln Center Gallery	19th Annual ArtWear Biennial October 18 - 26, 2019	\$7,000	\$0	\$5,224	\$1,776	75%
**Arts Reach Center, Inc. ** Event not recommended for a grant due to low score.	Storybook Theater Programming June 2019 - August 2019	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	0%
Centennial Children's Chorus	2019 - 2020 Season	\$15,000	\$10,536	\$0	\$4,464	70%
ACT Human Rights Film Festival Colorado State University	ACT Human Rights Film Festival April 2020	\$15,000	\$0	\$11,853	\$3,147	79%
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Poudre Landmarks Foundation, Inc.	2019 - 2020 Season	\$15,000	\$0	\$11,195	\$3,805	75%
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Six Degrees Dance Collaborative	Les Voyage Dans La Lune Performance July 10 - 13, 2019	\$5,000	\$3,293	\$0	\$1,707	66%
Total Funding Requested by Applicants		\$199,000				
Total Funding Recommended for disbursement by CuRB			\$65,808	\$74,192		
Total Unfunded Balance					\$59,000	
% of Requested Amounts Funded						70%

Scores are based on application materials and Fort Fund's "Criteria for Funding"
 ** Event not recommended for a grant due to low score.

- Organizational Support - Discussion and Funding Recommendations. The Board reviewed 9 applications. The Board recommended funding to 9 organizations for a total of \$224,840. Ms. Tedi Cox made a motion to accept the funding recommendations. Ms. Lili Francuz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The recommendations are listed below.

MINUTES

CITY OF FORT COLLINS • BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS



Cultural Resources Board

FUNDING SESSION

Thursday, April 25, 2019 – 5:00 p.m. Lincoln Center, Columbine Room

Organizational Support

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Museum of Art Fort Collins	2019 - 2020 Exhibitions & Educational Programs	\$40,000	\$24,820	\$0	\$15,180	62%
OpenStage Theatre & Company, Inc.	2019 - 2020 Season	\$40,000	\$24,820	\$0	\$15,180	62%
Opera Fort Collins	Season 40 2019 - 2020	\$40,000	\$23,360	\$0	\$16,640	58%
The Center for Fine Art Photography	2019 - 2020 Programming	\$40,000	\$24,820	\$0	\$15,180	62%
Total Funding Requested by Applicants		\$360,000				
Total Funding Recommended for disbursement by CuRB			\$224,840	\$0		
Total Unfunded Balance					\$135,160	
% of Requested Amounts Funded						62%

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7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS (EVENT ATTENDANCE, ETC.)

- Ms. Lili Francuz and Ms. Vicki Fogel Mykles both attended the CSU ACT Human Rights Film Festival.
- Mr. Jesse Soloman attended the Poudre Heritage Alliance's Poudre Pour and the Sustainable Living Association's Earth Day Fort Collins.
- Ms. Vicki Fogel Mykles attended the Northern Colorado Intertribal Powwow and Indian Art Market.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

9. ADJOURNMENT: 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Irvine
Business Support III

RESOLUTION 2019-068
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROVING FORT FUND GRANT DISBURSEMENTS

WHEREAS, providers of lodging accommodations in the City are required by Section 25-250 of the City Code to pay three percent of all revenues derived from such lodging accommodations to the City as a lodging tax; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 25-244 of the City Code, twenty-five percent of those revenues are reserved for cultural development and programming, and seventy-five percent of all revenues received by the City from lodging tax are reserved for promotion of convention and visitor activities; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Development and Programming Account was established for the purpose of funding cultural development and programming activities, and the Tourism Programming Account was established for the purpose of funding tourist-related special events; and

WHEREAS, the City disburses funds from the Cultural Development and Programming Account and Tourism Programming Account in accordance with Sections 2-203 and 25-244 of the City Code through its Fort Fund Program; and

WHEREAS, the City's Cultural Resources Board reviews applications from the community for Fort Fund monies and makes recommendations to the City Council in accordance with Section 2-203(2) of the City Code, and in accordance with the administrative guidelines for the Fort Fund program (the "Fort Fund Guidelines"); and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting on April 25, 2019, the Cultural Resources Board recommended funding for various proposals based on the criteria and considerations set forth in the Fort Fund Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the use of lodging tax revenues will provide a public benefit to the Fort Collins community by supporting cultural development and public programming activities within the City that promote the use of public accommodations within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to approve Fort Fund grant disbursements as set forth in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and incorporated by this reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That the City Council hereby finds that the distribution of funds through the Fort Fund program as set forth on Exhibit "A" serves a public purpose that benefits the community.

Section 3. That funds in the total amount of TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$224,840) from the City's Cultural Development and Programming Account and SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO DOLLARS (\$74,192) from the City's Tourism Programming Account are hereby approved for distribution as set forth in Exhibit "A".

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 4th day of June, A.D. 2019.

Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

City Clerk



Project Support

FORT FUND GRANT PROGRAM April 2019

EXHIBIT A

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Organizational Support

Approved Funding

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