

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

July 16, 2019

City Council

STAFF

Jim McDonald, Cultural Services Director
 Jody Hurst, Legal

SUBJECT

Resolution 2019-081 Approving Fort Fund Grant Disbursements.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to approve Fort Fund grants from the Cultural Development and Programming Account 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, and promote the health and well-being of all residents and visitors.

June 2019 Funding Session

At its June 26, 2019 funding session, the Cultural Resources Board reviewed 13 Project Support II applications with total requests equaling \$51,000. 11 applications were found eligible and recommended for funding for \$38,675.

The following table summarizes the Project Support II requests, available funds and grant award amounts:

Grant Requests	Available Funds	Grant Awards
\$51,000	\$40,000	\$38,675

The Cultural Resources Board scored each application using the funding criteria outlined in the Fort Fund Guidelines and discussed the applications at its June 26, 2019 meeting (**Attachment 1**). The Board is recommending disbursement of \$38,675 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 distributes \$38,675 from the Cultural Development and 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.

Exhibit A to Resolution 2019-081 presents the allocations as recommended by the Cultural Resources Board to the City Council for Project Support II funding.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Cultural Resources Board Minutes Minutes June 26, 2019 (Draft) (PDF)

MINUTES

CITY OF FORT COLLINS • BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS



Cultural Resources Board

FUNDING SESSION

Wednesday, June 26, 2019 – 5:00 p.m. Lincoln Center, Columbine Room

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:05 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. AGENDA REVIEW

- Ms. Katy Schneider of Visit Fort Collins was unable to attend.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Consideration and approval of the minutes from May 23, 2019. Ms. Tedi Cox made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Jesse Solomon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Nina Bodenhamer, Director, City Give, gave presentation on the City Give Program.
- **Project Support II – Discussion and Funding Recommendations.** The Board reviewed 13 applications. The Board recommended funding to 11 organizations for a total of \$38,675. Ms. Tedi Cox made a motion to accept the funding recommendations. Ms. Jane Folsom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The recommendations are listed below.

MINUTES

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Cultural Resources Board

FUNDING SESSION

Wednesday, June 26, 2019 – 5:00 p.m. Lincoln Center, Columbine Room

City of Fort Collins Project Support II		FORT FUND GRANT PROGRAM June 2019					EXHIBIT A
APPLICANT	PROPOSED EVENT/DATE	FUNDING REQUESTS	Recommended Funding		UNFUNDED BALANCE	PERCENT OF REQUEST FUNDED	
			CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT & PROGRAMMING	TOURISM PROGRAMMING			
Brilliant Flash Fiction *	Brilliant Flash Fiction 5-Year Anthology and Launch October 18-26, 2019	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	0%	
Colorado Bach Ensemble	Colorado Bach Ensemble's 2019/2020 Season September 13, December 14, 2019 May 2020	\$5,000	\$4,250	\$0	\$750	85%	
Elderhaus Adult Day Program, Inc	2020 Elderhaus Senior Prom January 17, 2020	\$3,000	\$2,400	\$0	\$600	80%	
Fort Collins Children's Theatre	Fort Collins Children's Theatre Fall Program November 15-17, 2019	\$4,000	\$3,400	\$0	\$600	85%	
Friends of the Symphony	Musical Zoo 2020 March 1, 2020	\$5,000	\$4,250	\$0	\$750	85%	
Global Village Museum of Arts & Cultures	Dia de los Muertos November 1-2, 2019	\$2,500	\$2,125	\$0	\$375	85%	
High Performance Dance Theatre	2019/2020 Season of Dance September 27-28, 2019 February 21-22, 2020	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$1,000	80%	
IMPACT Dance Company	Every Voice Matters Outreach Program September 2019 - June 2020	\$5,000	\$4,250	\$0	\$750	85%	
International Keyboard Odysiad/Festival	IKOF in the Community and Soiree Series 2019-2020	\$5,000	\$4,250	\$0	\$750	85%	
Minnechaduza Foundation *	Roll With It - The Rickshaw Live July 20, 2019	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$2,500	0%	
Northern Colorado Equality	FOCO Pride Fest July 21, 2019	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$0	\$500	75%	
PYCH Project Youth and Chamber Music	Winterfest 2020 February 2-10, 2020	\$5,000	\$4,250	\$0	\$750	85%	
Windsor Community Playhouse	Fort Collins Fringe Festival July 25-28, 2019	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$1,000	80%	
Total Funding Requested by Applicants		\$51,000					
Total Funding Recommended for disbursement by CuRB			\$38,675	\$0			
Total Unfunded Balance					\$12,325		
% of Requested Amounts Funded						76%	

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

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- None

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

- Ms. Jane Folsom attended The Lincoln Center's Children's Concert Series "Suitcase Fairy Tales."

9. ADJOURNMENT: 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

RESOLUTION 2019-081
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 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 June 26, 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 THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$38,675) from the City's Cultural Development and 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 16th day of July, A.D. 2019.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk



Project Support II

FORT FUND GRANT PROGRAM
June 2019

EXHIBIT A

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