



# STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** January 24, 2023

**TITLE:**

Receive presentation on the Cultural Arts Commission's 2023 Mini Grant Recipients.

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

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**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

In March 2022, the Cultural Arts Commission presented to City Council a two-year workplan designed to meet the intent of its adopted Themes, Values & Priorities as well as to follow the direction of the Cultural Arts Master Plan. The plan focuses heavily on collaborating with existing networks and partnerships to create and promote Cultural Arts. Action three of the work plan, outlined the launch of a Mini Grants program to help grow and strengthen the local arts community and creative economy by supporting arts and culture events and activities that make Bastrop a Cultural Arts Destination.

In April 2022, the Commission launched its Mini Grants program that included review criteria based on placemaking opportunities, community support, and outcomes. Eligibility for the grants include non-profits, schools, informal arts groups, and cultural organizations as well as jump-start initiatives. \$15,000 was allocated in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget to the Cultural Arts Commission from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds (HOT) for the program, and grants are anticipated to range from \$500 to \$1,500 each. The grant application period opened on October 1, 2022 and closed on December 31, 2022.

On January 3, 2023, the Cultural Arts Commission met to review the Mini Grant Submissions. Of the Nine (9) submission received, four (4) were selected to receive a Mini Grant. The Commission intends to announce the awards at the Gathering event on February 16, 2023 at the Lost Pines Art Center with a presentation from each grant recipient. All grant projects must be completed and reported on by August 31, 2023.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

\$6,000 from FY23 Cultural Arts Commission budget from Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund

**RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Grant Recipients