



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Tourism Commission

Meeting Date: January 5, 2025

Item Title:	Consider and take action to approve Tourism Grant final reports
Submitted By:	David Bennett, Communications & Economic Development Coordinator
Strategic Plan Objective:	None

Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

From the March 31, 2025, application window, the Tourism Commission had since awarded room tax grants to several non-profits and City government that totaled \$10,000 between 7 applications. In the inaugural year since revamping the grants, there have been more than double the applications from previous years. Staff have met with and remained in contact with the applicants, and although there could be improvements, overall, the process has been smooth and otherwise successful.

Staff recommends approving the following awards:

- \$6,000 to the Columbus 4th of July Organization for its 4th of July Celebration event
- \$750 to the Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission for their Summer Concerts Series
- \$800 to the Columbus Recreation Department for tables at the Fireman's Park Pavilion
- \$750 to the Redbud Players for their Charlotte's Web performances
- \$500 to Wyverns Trove for its Art & Garden event
- \$900 to Wyverns Trove for its Fall Quilt Workshop and Show

Staff recommends rescinding the following awards:

- \$300 to the Columbus Historical Society as it couldn't host the museum grand opening

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

- Final Reports from the tourism grant applicants

Action Requested of the Committee of the Whole:

Review final reports and either review or approve the awarded Tourism Grant amounts to applicants and to reject the award to the Historical Society.