



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, February 9, 2022

SUBJECT: Deschutes Cultural Coalition Funding Request

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Deschutes Cultural Coalition has submitted a written proposal requesting \$25,000 for their arts and culture grant program. The goal of the program is to restore and support county-wide arts and culture organizations in their effort to rebuild their capacity to serve citizens in our region. Their proposal is attached to this staff report.

For the past five years, the Board has provided support for arts and culture programs through an internal Arts and Culture grant program. In FY22, the Board allocated \$25,000 in video lottery funds to support arts and culture grants. Through this program, grants are offered to local non-profit organizations that 1) seek to increase arts and culture opportunities in Deschutes County; 2) make arts and culture education available to Deschutes County residents; and/or 3) contribute to the local economy. This year, grants were awarded to 15 organizations and ranged from \$1,500 to \$4,000.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

This request was not budgeted for FY22. If the request is awarded for FY22 or FY23, staff would seek direction from the Board for a desired funding source.

ATTENDANCE:

Cate O'Hagan, Deschutes Cultural Coalition

Laura Skundrick, Administrative Analyst