



## LIBRARY BOARD ITEM DESCRIPTION

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**DATE OF MEETING:** April 22, 2024

**ITEM TITLE:** BCCF Grant Application

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Art Around Us was submitted for our 2024 grant request from the Buchanan County Community Foundation.

Here are a few of the basics:

Request Summary: The library (IPL) will increase availability, awareness, and involvement in the arts by promoting artists and their works. IPL will facilitate the creation of a one-of-a-kind sculpture, improve access and engagement in the arts, and further appreciation and understanding of the visual arts.

The components of the grant are a chainsaw sculpture using the oak trunk in front of the Lee Mansion, an interactive art fair with local and state artists demonstrating their craft, improved presentation of library artwork including framing and signage, an art brochure including art inside and outside of the library, a Robert Tabor (past local artist) program, and a dedication of the sculpture with a family-friendly outdoor event.

I have proposed a grant of \$3,600 from BCCF with donated and agency funds of \$2,500, with a total project cost of \$6,100. The donated funds are from the IPL Foundation, the IPL Friends Group, and the Independence Area Art Association. Agency funds are salaries/wages for the planning and implementation of the project/program. Four letters of support were included as well as some visuals of the library/Lee Mansion setting.

We will find out about the grant the middle of June.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Keeping you up-to-date with additional information about the grant request.