



AGENDA ACTION FORM

Consideration of a Resolution Ratifying an Application for a Tennessee Arts Commission Partnership Grant for FY26

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen
From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

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Final Adoption: January 21, 2025
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Recommendation:

Approve the Resolution.

Executive Summary:

If approved the application for a Tennessee Arts Commission Partnership Grant will be ratified.

This is an annual partnership grant the Kingsport Cultural Arts (KCA) applies for and receives each year from the Tennessee Arts Commission. Grant funds are available to support operations and projects for qualified arts organizations headquartered and chartered in Tennessee. Organizations may request up to 20% of their total cash operating expenses in their most recently completed fiscal year. The Cultural Arts Division has an annual budget of approximately \$350k.

For FY25 KCA applied for \$57,010 and received \$12,300. For FY26 KCA is applying for \$55,240. Funding has historically been used for the sculpture walk, Iron Pour, and Arts Festivals including the G.O.A.T. Festival and Kingsport ARTS Festival. Funding in FY26 is projected to be used for the sculpture walk, community arts programming, Kingsport ARTS Festival, and partner programming with local arts organizations.

Award announcements are expected May 2025. The grant is to support projects through May 15, 2026.

The match requirement for this grant is met through the Office of Cultural Arts operating budget.

Attachments:

- 1. Resolution
- 2. Grant application

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