

CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 08/07/2025

REQUESTER: Karla Sitton, Administrative Tech IV

PRESENTER: Andy Couch, Firehouse Art Center, Executive Director

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION,

AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 FOR THE FIREHOUSE ART CENTER JEWELRY

STUDIO RENOVATION

DISCUSSION:

The Norman Firehouse Art Center (FAC) approached the City of Norman Parks and Recreation Department regarding a Jewelry Studio Renovation Project at the Firehouse Art Center. The project would expand & renovate the Jewelry Studio by removing the south wall and taking advantage of unused space. The project has a budget of \$25,000. The expanded studio would allow jewelry classes to accommodate 12 students, helping FAC to meet the community's needs better and generate an additional \$12,500-\$15,000 each year in enrollment revenue.

FAC applied for and received a \$15,000 grant from the Kirkpatrick Family Fund to support the Jewelry Studio Renovation project. FAC will use Firehouse Arts Center Cash Contributions in the amount of \$10,000. Additionally, the Parks and Recreation Facility Maintenance Division has agreed to assist with plumbing and electrical work on the project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting the donation of \$15,000 for the renovation of the Jewelry Studio at the Firehouse Art Center.