

FYE 2027 Outside Agency Funding

City Council Finance Committee

3/19/2026



Outside Agency Funding History

- ▶ The Social and Voluntary Services Commission, established in 1973, evaluates community needs and supports coordination among social service agencies. It receives annual funding from Council to distribute to eligible 501(c)3 organizations serving Norman.
- ▶ Council has also provided funding to support other organizations, including CART, the Center for Children & Families, and NEDC, as well as organizations operating in City-owned facilities. This support has included covering a significant portion of facility-related costs, such as utilities and services for:
 - ▶ Firehouse Art Center
 - ▶ Historical Museum
 - ▶ Sooner Theater
 - ▶ Performing Arts Studio (hostess and custodial services)



Outside Agency Funding

Outside Agency Requests							
Agency	FYE 2022 Contrib.	FYE 2023 Contrib.	FYE 2024 Contrib.	FYE 2025 Contrib.	FYE 2026 Contrib.	FYE 2027 Requests	Request Increase
Social/Voluntary Services	\$ 250,000	\$225,000	\$ 225,000	\$ 250,000	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$ -
Veteran's Day Parade	\$ 531	\$ 530	\$ 450	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
Center for Children & Families Inc.	\$ 120,000	\$120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$ -
** Firehouse Art Center	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$120,000	\$150,000	\$ 30,000
** Historical Museum	\$ 35,000	\$ 41,500	\$ 44,500	\$ 44,500	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -
** Sooner Theatre	\$ 65,274	\$ 65,274	\$ 65,274	\$ 88,381	\$ 88,381	\$ 88,381	\$ -
Aging Services Inc. - Kiwanis Kruiser	\$ 14,500	\$ 14,500	\$ 14,500	\$ 14,500	\$ 14,500	\$ 14,500	\$ -
** Performing Arts Studio (Depot)- Hosted	\$ 5,600	\$ 5,600	\$ 11,800	\$ 50,700	\$ 56,400	\$ 67,000	\$ 10,600
Norman Music Festival	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 40,000
Wildcare	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000
	\$ 550,905	\$532,404	\$ 611,524	\$ 728,581	\$764,781	\$910,381	\$ 145,600



Current Funding Process

- ▶ Letters are sent to prior recipients to notify them of the Finance Committee meeting date and time, and to request submission of an annual report for Finance Committee review, including:
 - ▶ Current funding request
 - ▶ Prior year financial and tax statements
 - ▶ Annual budget
 - ▶ All sources of income
 - ▶ Use of prior City funding
 - ▶ Fees for services and the percentage of operations they support
 - ▶ Board efforts to generate additional revenue
- ▶ The Finance Committee may allow agencies to provide a brief presentation on their request.
- ▶ Funding decisions, including approval, denial, or adjustments to prior funding levels, are made by consensus of the Finance Committee.



Limitations of the Current Process

- ▶ **Limited Review Time**
- ▶ **Inconsistent Evaluation**
- ▶ **Administrative Burden on Council**
- ▶ **Limited Vetting of Applications**



Proposed New Process

- ▶ **Applicability**
- ▶ **Council Determines Total Funding**
- ▶ **Application Process**
- ▶ **Parks Board Review and Evaluation**
- ▶ **Funding Allocation**
- ▶ **Council Oversight**



FYE 2027 Proposed Outside Agency Funding

Agency	FYE 2025			FYE 2026			FYE 2027		8% cut to FYE 26 (excluding Capital Projects)
	Contribution	Other Support	Total	Contribution	Other Support	Total	Requests	Increase	
Social/Voluntary Services	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$250,000	\$ 275,000	\$ -	\$ 275,000	\$275,000	\$ -	\$ 253,000
Arts, Culture, & Event Organizations*	\$ 314,081	\$161,937	\$476,018	\$ 325,281	\$122,263	\$ 447,544	\$405,881	\$ 80,600	\$ 380,043
Center for Children & Families Inc.	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$150,000	\$ -	\$ 138,000
Aging Services Inc. - Kiwanis Kruiser	\$ 14,500	\$ -	\$ 14,500	\$ 14,500	\$ -	\$ 14,500	\$ 14,500	\$ -	\$ 13,340
	\$ 728,581	\$161,937	\$890,518	\$ 764,781	\$122,263	\$ 887,044	\$ 845,381	\$ 80,600	\$ 784,383

*"Arts, Culture, & Event Organizations" includes the Firehouse Art Center, the Historical Museum, the Sooner Theater, the Depot/Performing Arts facility, and the Norman Music Festival. Other Support consists of utility payments and building maintenance/ upgrades provided by the City



Questions/ Discussion

