



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Title

A Resolution Approving a Funding Grant Agreement between the Village of Oak Park and the Oak Park Area Arts Council in the Amount of \$194,500 for Fiscal Year 2022 and Authorizing Its Execution

Overview

The 2022 Funding Grant Agreement between the Village of Oak Park and the Oak Park Area Arts Council (OPAAC) including a scope of services and program goals and measurements is presented for the Village Board's review and approval.

Recommendation

Approve the Resolution.

Fiscal Impact

The Recommended FY 2022 Budget includes \$194,500 in funding for the Oak Park Area Arts Council (Account # 1001.46260.233.585652).

Background

The Oak Park Area Arts Council was founded in 1974 by local artists as the Civic Arts Council of Oak Park. It became a non-profit agency in 1976. The mission of the Oak Park Area Arts Council is to celebrate, support and promote artists and art organizations in Oak Park, River Forest and Forest Park by raising funds for the arts, advocating for policies that promote art and enhance the social, economic and cultural foundations of the communities they service. The 2022 service agreement calls for OPAAC to continue assuming the duties of the Oak Park Public Arts Advisory Commission, to administer and Arts Funds Grant Program supporting local artists and arts organizations, to produce and distribute the e-Art Newsletter, to promote public art through the administration of a mini-mural program, and the Off the Wall program, to act as a resource for the local arts community, and to implement the community wide strategic plan for the arts. The OPAAC is recognized as an important community-based initiative which in partnership with other community-based initiatives, contributes to the health and economic vitality of Oak Park.

As part of the 2017 funding services agreement, the Village requested the OPAAC to combine activities with the Village's Public Arts Advisory Citizen Commission and included a provision that the OPAAC Board will include the Village Manager or her designee and two additional Board Members to be appointed and approved by the Village Board. At present, the staff person on the Arts Council Board is the Director of

Development Customer Services.

Additionally, the contract provided that the Arts Council would establish a separate committee of their board to review public art projects submitted by developers. In reality the entire Arts Council Board reviews the public art projects. The Arts Council is requesting that the requirement of a separate Public Arts Committee be removed from their contract. Staff concurs with this request.

Alternatives

Not approve the Resolution or approve at some lesser amount.

Previous Board Action

N/A

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

N/A

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

N/A

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

N/A