



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Manager



Date: September 9, 2013
Board Meeting Date: October 22, 2013
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager

Subject: Designation of the San Mateo County Arts Commission as the Local Arts Partner with the California Arts Council and Authorization for an Application for a \$10,000 Technical Assistance Grant

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution:

- A) Designating the San Mateo County Arts Commission as the County's local arts partner with the California Arts Council; and
- B) Authorizing the County Manager to submit an application to the State-Local Partnership Development Program for a \$10,000 Technical Assistance Grant and execute the grant contract if awarded.

BACKGROUND:

In 2006, the Board of Supervisors sent a letter to the California Arts Council designating the County of San Mateo Arts Commission as the County's local arts partner. Recently, a representative from the California Arts Council contacted staff in the County Manager's Office/Board of Supervisors, which are the departments that supports the Arts Commission, to encourage the local arts partner to apply for funding to support and sustain the arts in San Mateo County. The application process for the grant funding requires a resolution formally designating the Arts Commission as the local arts partner and authorizing the submittal of an application for funding.

DISCUSSION:

In 2011, the San Mateo County Arts Commission developed and adopted a five year Strategic Plan. Key initiatives in the plan included developing a formal grant-making program to support arts educators, artists and arts organizations, increasing grant funding for the both the Commission and the grants program and improving exhibits in the County Center galleries. In Fiscal Year 2012/13, the Arts Commission made

significant progress on all their key initiatives. The Arts Commission expects to expand on their FY 2012/13 accomplishments in the upcoming year by obtaining additional outside funding for their grant program and getting more arts educators, artists and arts organizations to apply for grants. Through conversation with California Arts Council staff, potential funding to support this project was identified.

The County Manager's Office staff has authorized the San Mateo County Arts Commission Grants Manager to submit the grant application and will request Board authorization to execute a subsequent contract.

The designation of the County Arts Commission as the local arts partner with the State Local Partnership Program and submittal of an application for funding contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 for a collaborative community as the Arts Commission's goal is a local arts agency that represents the arts county-wide and can support and sustain the arts county-wide.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the County in designating the Arts Commission as the local arts partner; but, it opens up the potential to access funding from the state for the arts.