

Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission Budget Request 2014

Summary of Request:

<i>Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission 2014 Proposed Budget</i>	<u>2014 Proposed Budget</u>
<u>Program</u>	
Outdoor Sculpture	\$12,000
Grants	\$10,000
Phoenix Award	\$4,000
Cultural District enhancements	\$1,500
Miscellaneous	\$1,500
Total	\$29,000

2014 Programs:

The LCAC sees a continuation of its core current programming for 2014. Absent additional resources, expansions of existing programs or new efforts will not be possible. Examples of activities that would be desirable to expand, yet not possible without increased resources are:

Outdoor Downtown Sculpture Exhibition: It would be desirable to expand the Outdoor Downtown Sculpture Exhibition by enhancing the amount available to pay the artists for the loaned sculptures and also pay the juror. The historical budgeted amount has been \$750.00 honorarium. A \$1200 honorarium will be paid for the 2013 exhibition, which is the 25th anniversary. An increase in the budget of \$1000 for 2014 will enable the increase of the honorarium to \$1000 for the artists and juror. \$12,000 is recommended for this program during 2014.

Phoenix Awards: It would be desirable to increase the honorarium for the artist selected to produce the Phoenix Awards. The selected artist creates 6 awards, 5 for the awardees and 1 to be maintained by the City on public display at the Lawrence Arts Center. However, this will not be possible at this time without impacting current programs. Therefore, an increase in \$1000 for the Phoenix Award budget is recommended for 2014, bringing the total to \$4,000.

Community Arts Grants: In 2012, the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission presented \$7,200 in funded grants to five applicants. There was over \$20,000 in grant requests submitted. All the applications received were worthy; the funded projects represent an admirable range and diversity of projects and organizations in Lawrence. The LCAC believes that the demand for additional grant resources is present and would enable the program to be more impactful and significant. However, additional resources would be necessary. The historical budget has been \$7,000 annually. An increase to \$10,000 is recommended for 2014. This will enable the grants to be more widely distributed or provided to more impactful projects that benefit the community, helping to address the need that exists as evidenced by the large number of grant requests received.

Proposed New Program:

Cultural District Enhancements:

In early 2013, the City Commission approved a new Cultural District for Lawrence. Additionally, the City Commission authorized a Cultural Task Force. It is envisioned that this group would provide recommendations to the City Commission related to the new Cultural District. Some modest funding would enable some minor enhancements within the new Cultural District. \$1,500 is recommended for this for 2014.

Overall Budget Summary:

Overall, the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission is requesting an increase from the adopted 2013 budget of \$23,000 to a total of \$29,000, or a \$6,000 increase.