

Memorandum

City of Lawrence

City Manager's Office

TO: David L. Corliss, City Manager
 From: Diane Stoddard, Assistant City Manager
 CC: Grace Peterson, Chair – Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission
 Date: April 4, 2014
 RE: 20th Annual Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission Community Arts Grants

Please include the following item on the City Commission consent agenda for the April 15, 2014 meeting.

Authorize the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission Community Arts Grants as recommended by the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission, if appropriate.

Project Description/History:

The Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission's Community Arts Grant program began in 1995 with the expressed purpose of providing grant funds intended as start-up money for projects or special community art-related ventures with a particular focus on encouraging the arts within the Lawrence community. Since the Community Arts Grant program inception, the Lawrence Arts Commission has provided grant funding totaling approximately \$110,000 to over 140 organizations and artists.

Project Status/Details:

The Lawrence Arts Commission's 20th Annual Community Arts Grant recommendations were selected based on the following three criteria: 1) community value, 2) project quality, 3) application quality. A total of 15 applications representing requests for over \$22,000 were submitted.

The Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission, at its April 2, 2014 meeting, unanimously approved a recommendation to approve the following 2014 Community Arts Grant Awardees:

2014 LCAC Art Grant Recommendations	
<u>Organization/Project Title</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>
Busker Festival- Lawrence Busker Festival 2014	\$2,000
Douglas County Housing Authority- Music for the People	\$545.00
Lawrence Alliance- Festival of Cultures	\$500
Lawrence Percolator- Lawrence Inside Out: City of the Arts	\$1,200
Silly Goose Records- MXM2014 Mix/Master Music Info Sessions & Showcase	\$1,100
Van Go- A Moving History of Lawrence	\$1,000
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$6,345.00</i>

Project Funding:

Funding for this program is through the Cultural Arts Commission budget within the Special Recreation Fund. \$7,000 is available for this program during this budget year.

Action Requested:

The Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission recommends that the City Commission authorize the 2014 Community Arts Grant checks to the grant awardees as shown in the table above. Checks will be presented at a late April or May City Commission meeting.