

**Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission Budget Request 2015**  
**Summary of Request:**

<b><i>Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission 2015 Proposed Operating Budget</i></b>		<b><u>2015 Proposed Operating Budget</u></b>
<b><u>Program</u></b>		
Outdoor Sculpture		\$12,000
Grants		\$10,000
Phoenix Award		\$4,000
Cultural District enhancements		\$1,500
Miscellaneous		\$1,500
Arts Related Festivals/Events		\$20,000
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$49,000</b>
<b><i>Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission 2015 Proposed Capital Budget</i></b>		<b><u>2015 Proposed Capital Budget</u></b>
Percent for Art- roundabout project		\$6,600
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$6,600</b>
<b><i>Grand Total</i></b>		<b>\$55,600</b>

**2015 Programs:**

The LCAC sees a continuation of its core current programming for 2015, along with a request for additional funds for arts-related festivals/events and a capital request for public art related to the roundabout to be constructed in 2014 at the intersection of Wakarusa and Inverness.

**Outdoor Downtown Sculpture Exhibition:** \$12,000 is recommended for this program during 2015. This will enable the continuation of this popular program into its 27<sup>th</sup> annual exhibition.

**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 2015, bringing the total to \$4,000.

**Community Arts Grants:** In 2014, the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission received fifteen applications for community arts grants totaling over \$20,000. Many of 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 2015. 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 Programs:**

#### **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 and received the task force report in December 2013. Some modest funding would enable some minor enhancements within the new Cultural District. \$1,500 is recommended for this for 2015.

#### **Funding for Arts-Related Festivals/Events:**

\$20,000 is being requested for support of various arts-related festivals and events. This funding would be used to support new and current arts related festivals that have the potential to generate visitors and stimulate economic development. Examples include Arts in the Park, Festival of Cultures, Free State Festival, and the Busker Festival. Funding could also be utilized to leverage grants for these activities. Currently, these events seek support via the community arts grants programs or approach the City for funding through other avenues.

#### **Capital Request: Public Art:**

The Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission sent a recommendation to the City Commission to consider public art related to the roundabout project at Wakarusa and Inverness. The estimated budget for the roundabout project is approximately \$330,000. 2% of the amount would equal \$6,600. The LCAC requests a capital funding allocation from the City Commission in the amount of \$6,600 for 2015 to be used to add a public art component to the roundabout project, which could include the acquisition of new art, or the moving of artwork within the existing city collection.

### **Overall Budget Summary:**

Overall, the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission is requesting an increase from the adopted 2014 budget of \$22,500 to a total of \$55,600, or a \$33,100 increase.