Department Source: Cultural Affairs

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: October 16, 2017

Re: Contracts with Local Arts Agencies for FY18

Executive Summary

This legislation authorizes 29 contracts with local arts and culture organizations for a total of $108,500 in annual funding ($100,000 from OCA’s approved budget and $8,500 from the Columbia Arts Fund) and establishes a budget threshold of $3,000 for small request funding (up to $500 per agreement) awarded throughout the year for arts programming or services.

Discussion

The 29 contracts are for the annual allocation for various arts and cultural activities scheduled October 2017 through December 2018. In total, nearly 200,000 citizens and visitors are estimated to benefit from the proposed concerts, exhibitions, classes, performances, workshops, and special events.

This year, for the second time, annual funding is being augmented by a distribution of $8,500 from the Columbia Arts Fund. Since 2013, the Columbia Arts Fund has grown from $20,000 to

over $183,000 at present.

The awards resulted from the Commission on Cultural Affairs annual review process of applications received from local arts organizations. Commissioners reviewed the project proposals during two meetings and offered time for public comment at the July meeting. The details of the applicants along with the funding recommendations were presented to the Council in August. The following is a list of the award amounts:

Ragtag Film Society - $8,030

Columbia Art League - $7,811

Missouri Contemporary Ballet - $6,065

Jabberwocky Studios - $5,951

“We Always Swing” Jazz Series - $5,565

TRYPS Institute at Stephens College - $5,356

Odyssey Chamber Music Series - $5,253

Boone County Historical Society - $5,103

Maplewood Barn Association - $5,103

Missouri Symphony Society - $4,721

School of Service (dba Access Arts) - $4,629

The Columbia Book Festival, Inc. - $4,539

Columbia Entertainment Company - $4,113

Performing Arts in Children’s Education - $3,722

GreenHouse Theatre Project - $3,648

Columbia Civic Orchestra - $3,297

Resident Arts - $3,264

Choral Arts Alliance of Missouri - $3,198

Citizen Jane Film Festival - $3,008

Talking Horse Productions - $2,994

The Missouri Review - $2,302

Mid-Missouri Traditional Dancers - $2,091

North Village Arts District - $1,907

Columbia Community Band - $1,629

University Concert Series - $1,200

Columbia Chapter of the MO Writer’s Guild - $1,000

Columbia Handbell Ensemble, Inc. - $1,000

Dismal Niche Arts - $1,000

Mid Missouri Woodcarvers - $1,000

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: These funds are included in OCA’s FY18 budget or being received from the Community Foundation of Central Missouri.

Long-Term Impact: None.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impacts

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/city-manager/)

Primary Impact: Economy, Secondary Impact: Social Equity, Tertiary Impact: Public Safety

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/community_development/comprehensive_plan/documents/ColumbiaImagined-FINAL.pdf)

Primary Impact: Economic Development, Secondary Impact: Livable and Sustainable Communities, Tertiary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation

Legislative History

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Suggested Council Action

Staff recommends approval of the resolution.