



# Grants Committee

## MEETING MINUTES

May 30, 2023

11:30 a.m.

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### In attendance:

Councilors: Chris Sloan, David Fakunle, Lily Bengfort, John Schratwieser, Moline Jackson

Staff: David Mitchell, Emily Sollenberger, Laura Weiss, Cathy Teixeira, Steven Skerritt-Davis, Keyonna Penick

John called the meeting to order approximately 11:40 am

Minutes from May 19, 2022 - David F. moved, Chris seconded, all in favor, Molly abstained, the minutes are approved.

Steven reviewed the Finance Committee's recommendations for grant program allocations

Increases to program allocations roughly in line with general budget \$3 million for Capital Grants is new this year - program was created by the legislature in session 2021 creating a dedicated fund for organizations with budgets under \$3 million; we will begin building the program in late June/early July; it will be online asap in the next fiscal year

David reviewed County Arts Development funding recommendations

David M presented recommendations

Chris questioned how long the funding formula has been in place Staff and other councilors responded probably 20 years, originating out of a concern for distribution of funds county to county, noting that discussion of the formula came up during the last revision process.

While other models were discussed, there wasn't consensus around a different method that was more equitable.

It's a tricky balance but worth continued conversation.



David F. moved, Chris seconded, all in favor, John abstained, motion passed.

Emily and Laura reviewed Grants for Organizations funding recommendations, including a reminder of the intent of the program, review of organizations that did not apply

Responding to questions, Emily and Laura explained the process of checking in with organizations and movement of small organizations from GFO to Creativity General Operating  
Discussion about distribution of grants across the state

Lily moved to approve, David F seconded, all in favor, Chris abstained, David abstained for Wombworks.

No New Business

Council thanked the staff for the work that went into the recommendations saying it is always insightful.

John moved to adjourn, David F. seconded, all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.