



Administrative Report

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To: PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
From: ELIZABETH HAUSE, INTERIM COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

TITLE

RECEIVE AND FILE AN UPDATE ON EFFORTS TO-DATE OF THE LGBTQIA+ PERMANENT ART INSTALLATION SUBCOMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the March 27, 2024 Public Art Commission meeting, the Commission formed a subcommittee to expedite the outreach and procurement efforts for a permanent art installation commemorating the LGBTQIA+ community in Redondo Beach. The subcommittee consists of Chair Pucci, Vice Chair Christian-Kelly, and Commissioner Sharma. This report provides the subcommittee an opportunity to discuss their efforts and their goals for this project.

At the same meeting, the Commission was interested in pursuing grant opportunities that would help offset expenses for some of the City's art projects. Staff has become aware of a new grant opportunity from the National Endowment for the Arts. Below is a brief description and attached to this report are further details. Staff believes this particular grant may assist with the LGBTQIA+ Art project, as it requires a non-profit partner and focuses on the integration of arts and culture as a way to strengthen communities. A partnership with the South Bay LGBTQ Center could make the City eligible for these funds. Staff is presenting this grant opportunity for the Commission's discussion and consideration.

Our Town is the National Endowment for the Arts' creative placemaking grants program. Through project-based funding, we support projects that integrate arts, culture, and design activities into efforts that strengthen communities over the long term. Successful Our Town projects demonstrate a specific role for arts, culture, and design as part of strategies for strengthening local communities, ultimately centering equity and laying the groundwork for long-term systems change tailored to community needs and opportunities. All applications are submitted by one organization and require one partner organization. The applicant/partner pair must include 1) a nonprofit organization and 2) a local government or quasi-government entity. Cost share/matching grants range from \$25,000 to \$150,000, with a minimum cost share/match equal to the grant amount. The Arts Endowment's support of a project may start on July 1, 2025, or any time thereafter. A grant period of up to two years is allowed.

ATTACHMENTS

National Endowment of the Arts - Our Town Grant Opportunity