

CULTURE AND ARTS GRANTS

The City Council hereby recognizes the importance of promoting culture and the arts within Newport Beach. Pursuant to City Council Policy A-12, the City budget specifically allows the City Council to direct revenue towards worthy projects and programs which the City Council deems beneficial to the quality of life for Newport Beach's residents. A number of individuals and groups have been organized with the express purpose of developing and promoting culture, theatre and the arts.

In regard to the City's role in financially sponsoring art and cultural events, up to \$55,000 shall be expended from the General Fund for culture and arts grants each fiscal year. The City Arts Commission shall review all programs and requests for support from arts groups. The Commission shall forward its recommendations for funding to the City Council for final approval. For the purpose of this policy, arts groups shall be defined as those involved in visual, musical, theatre, dance, crafts, performing and literary activities.

The following priorities shall be considered by the Commission. The order of preference for granting support shall be as follows:

- A. Local arts groups located within the City and offering programs to City residents;
- B. Regional arts groups located in Orange County and offering programs to City residents; and
- C. Arts groups located in California and performing or offering programs to City residents.

Groups not offering programs or services to local residents shall not be eligible for support from the City.

History

Adopted F-20 – 5-11-1981 (“Reserve Fund for Culture and Arts”)

Amended F-22 – 6-22-1981

Adopted I-20 – 1-24-1983 (“Co-Sponsorship for Cultural Events and Arts Groups”)

Amended F-20 – 11-14-1983

Amended F-20 – 1-23-1984

Amended F-20 – 3-28-1988

Amended F-20 – 10-28-1991

Created I-12 – 1-24-1994 (incorporating I-20 and F-20, and renaming “Financial Support for Culture and Arts”)

Amended I-12 – 5-8-2001

Amended I-12 - 4-8-2003 (changed to I-10)

Amended I-10 – 8-8-2017

Amended I-10 – 11-12-2024