



# City of Denton

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## AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation

**ACM:** Christine Taylor, Assistant City Manager

**DATE:** June 4, 2026

### **SUBJECT**

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Original Denton District's support for Texas Filmmakers Corporation's application for a \$50,000.00 grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) Arts Respond - Cultural District Project grant program; and to provide a letter of support to the TCA.

### **BACKGROUND**

Joshua Butler, President of Texas Filmmakers Corporation, the producers of Denton's Thin Line Film Festival, contacted the City of Denton requesting a letter of support from the Original Denton District (ODD) for an application made to the Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) Arts Respond – Cultural District Project grants program, which is due June 15, 2026.

Texas Filmmakers Corporation is requesting \$50,000.00 of grant funding from the TCA to support the continued growth and sustainability of the Thin Line Fest, specifically for artist salaries. As it enters its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, the Thin Line Festival is Texas's longest running film festival specifically dedicated to the art and science of documentary film making. Almost all elements of the Thin Line Festival take place within the Original Denton District. The Texas Filmmakers Corporation metrics show over 60% of festival attendees come to the festival from zip codes outside of Denton.

The Texas Filmmakers Corporation received TCA funding in FY 25-26 in the amount of \$12,000.00 to support artist salaries.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval for the letter of support from the Original Denton District, signed by the City Manager or her Designee expressing the cultural district's support for the grant application.

**EXHIBITS**

- Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet
- Exhibit 2 - Letter of Request
- Exhibit 3 - 2025 TCA Closeout Report
- Exhibit 4 - Letter of Support

Respectfully submitted:  
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