



# City of Denton

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## AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** Finance  
**ACM:** Christine Taylor  
**DATE:** September 30, 2025

### **SUBJECT**

Consider adoption of an ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Denton and The Greater Denton Arts Council, Inc., and Denton Community Theater, Inc., dba Theatre Denton, Inc., regarding providing for utility services, and facility and maintenance services in consideration for the valuable cultural and public services provided by both entities; authorizing the City Manager to execute the amendment; approving the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date.

### **BACKGROUND**

The City of Denton's Public Art Policy was established to encourage the integration of public art into the daily lives of the City's citizens. One of many goals established by the policy is to promote ongoing collaboration between the City of Denton and the Greater Denton Arts Council (GDAC).

Since 1981, this collaboration has included a lease agreement allowing for the GDAC's use of the Center for Visual Arts (a.k.a. the Paterson Appleton Arts Center), a City-owned facility located at 400 E. Hickory St. In addition to the lease, the terms of the agreement specified that City funding be provided to GDAC to assist with utility, maintenance, and janitorial expenses. The lease agreement was renewed in 2006, and the 25-year term is set to expire on August 31, 2031.

In October 1990, the City signed an agreement with GDAC concerning the Denton Community Theatre, commonly referred to as the Campus Theatre, located at 214 West Hickory Street. The agreement specified that, upon the building's renovation, the City would similarly provide funds to pay for the facility's utility and maintenance expenses. Over the years, the aforementioned agreements have been amended to adjust utility and maintenance funding levels.

GDAC's most recent amended agreement was approved by the City Council on September 22, 2020, and expires on September 30, 2025.

Staff, GDAC, and DCT leadership have discussed the continuation of this agreement. In considering the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget, staff recommend renewing the agreement for a one-year term starting on October 1, 2025, and expiring on September 30, 2026, at the current funding level of \$111,300. Staff, GDAC, and DCT leadership will reevaluate the utility and maintenance costs and future funding amounts during the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget process.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval.

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

The allocation to GDAC for the Center for Visual Arts and Denton Community Theatre for the Campus Theatre is \$111,300 for Fiscal Year 2025-26 and has been included in the Annual Program of Services in the General Fund.

**EXHIBITS**

Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 - Ordinance

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