



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation
ACM: Christine Taylor, Assistant City Manager
DATE: June 1, 2023

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Original Denton District's support for Theatre Denton's application for the Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) Arts Respond - Cultural District Project grant program in the amount of \$18,000 to support honoraria for orchestra musicians during the 2023/2024 Main Stage Musicals Series; and to provide a letter of support to the TCA.

BACKGROUND

Mike Barrow, Managing Director of Theatre Denton, contacted the City of Denton requesting a letter of support from the Original Denton District (ODD) for an application being made to the Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) Arts Respond – Cultural District Project grant program, which is due by June 15, 2022.

Theatre Denton asks that the ODD support the TCA grant application requesting funding for musicians' honoraria for the 2023/2024 Main Stage Musicals Series. This series consists of four professional musicals and will ultimately require hiring 66 musicians who will work 16 calls. The total honoraria cost will be \$36,960. The TCA grant request is for roughly half this amount, or \$18,000.

A letter of support from the Original Denton District Committee Chair (PAC Chair) expressing the cultural district's supports for the project is required as part of the grant application. The letter from Theatre Denton requesting a letter of support is attached as Exhibit 2 and the draft letter of support is attached as Exhibit 3.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval for letter of support from the Original Denton District Committee Chair (PAC Chair) expressing the cultural district's support for the project.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet
Exhibit 2- Letter of Request
Exhibit 3- Letter of Support

Respectfully submitted:
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