

DATE: September 18, 2017

TO: Mayor Stokes and City Councilmembers

FROM: Phillip Malkin, Arts Commission Vice Chair

SUBJECT: Arts Commission Report and Review of Grant Guidelines

Review of Grant Guidelines

At Council's direction, guidelines for these two arts funding programs are presented to Council annually for feedback and approval. The Arts Commission recommends to continue with the guidelines and application as developed last year with no changes. The Arts Commission requests Council feedback on the 2018 Guidelines for Eastside Arts Partnerships and Special Projects funding programs. The draft guidelines are attached for reference (Attachments A and B).

New Grant Program: Power Up Bellevue

Power Up Bellevue is a pilot funding program aimed at building organizational capacity. The program responds to stated needs collected from arts nonprofits earlier this year and aims to strengthen their ability to fulfill their missions and increase their capacities to serve Bellevue residents and visitors. The program provides project funding, a learning community, and technical assistance to existing and recent Eastside Arts Partners. The application review and funding allocation emphasizes readiness and commitment to engage in capacity building, demonstrated need, and project feasibility. The Arts Commission requests Council feedback on the 2018 Power Up Bellevue funding program. The draft guidelines are attached for reference (Attachment C).

Event: Power Up Bellevue on September 30

The Power Up Bellevue event is an opportunity for organizational staff and board members to connect with each other and the City, learn about key capacity building issues, and participate in group problem solving with experts in the field. The event is located at We Work Bellevue in Downtown Bellevue from 9am to 1pm on Saturday, September 30. The program will feature guest speakers, three expert presentations, a hosted lunch, and a pop-up Q&A corner where attendees can ask questions of nonprofit experts on a variety of organizational issues. The program flyer, agenda, and list of instructors are attached for reference (Attachment D).

Attachments:

- A. 2018 EAP Grant Guidelines
- B. 2018 Special Project Grant Guidelines
- C. 2018 Power Up Grant Guidelines
- D. Power Up Bellevue Information