



# Cycle Three Grant Guidelines Review

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# Subcommittee Formation & Purpose

As a reminder, this subcommittee was formed as a **standing subcommittee** and will adhere to all Brown Act requirements.

The purpose of the Subcommittee as outlined in the resolution is to: **“assist and provide input and recommendations to the Commission related to Expanded Access to Arts and Culture Fund (EAAC) grant guidelines.”**



# Overview

The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview and collect **feedback on the draft guidelines for cycle three.**

This presentation provides a section-by-section review of the proposed draft.



# Grant Guidelines – Discussion Draft

- Staff have prepared a draft for review and discussion purposes.
- Staff propose centralizing all guidelines into one document (vs. four) for ease of use. The discussion draft consolidates all four into one.
- Many discussion points are flagged throughout the draft document.
- Feedback is essential to the guideline update process and comments are welcome on all aspects.



# Draft Guideline Review & Discussion



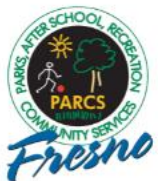
# Discussion Items

Section	Discussion Items
I. Overview and background	Updated to include more information about the Cultural Arts Plan goals, recommendations, strategies and priorities.
II. Available Funding & Funding Allocations	Project Support & General Operating Support Discuss: 1) Set aside(s) 2) Funding request minimum/maximum 3) Emerging and established designation
III. Timeline	Notice of Funding Opportunity must be released by June 30, 2026.
IV. Eligibility	Updates recommended to add or clarify eligibility.
V. Fiscal Sponsorship	Updates recommended to foster capacity building in alignment with the Cultural Arts Plan goals.
VI. Application Questions	General question topics and any needed permissions included. Brief note on the use of Artificial Intelligence included.



# Discussion Items (continued)

Section	Discussion Items
VII. Application Review and Scoring Process	Application Review Committee (ARC) Composition Scoring Handbook Training and compensation Conflict of Interest disclosure and recusal process
VIII. Scoring Rubrics	Detailed to support objective rating based on scoring criteria and a standard points scale.
IX. How to Apply	Eligibility screening form to replace letter of intent
X. Questions & Technical Assistance	Technical assistance workshops offered. Questions accepted in writing. All questions and answers published on the website.
XI. Appeals	More flexible appeals process.



# Discussion Items (continued)

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XII. Regulated Communications	City ordinance for proposer communications incorporated into guidelines.
XIII. Post-Award Requirements	Updated to include city-specific requirements. Payment terms discussion needed.
XIV through XIX	Standard city language included regarding confidentiality, debarment, public records, indemnification, conflict of interest, accessibility and non-discrimination.

