

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, DIRECTING STAFF TO CREATE
AND ADMINISTER THE FRESNO ARTS AND CULTURE
EMERGENCY RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a National
Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a State of
Emergency in the State of California related to COVID-19 (the Emergency Declaration);
and

WHEREAS, the City has declared a State of Emergency related to COVID-19;
and

WHEREAS, local museums and performing art theaters were abruptly shuttered
earlier this year with Emergency Orders due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, these venues not only provide the community with local performing
arts and access to cultural history they provide hundreds of local jobs and represent a
significant number in Fresno's workforce; and

WHEREAS, many of these organizations have not been able to generate
revenue necessary to maintain basic obligations such as rent and utilities and pay
employees; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the impacts of the aforementioned, local art and
culture museums, art theaters, and artists are in need of assistance to help them remain
viable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The Council hereby directs City staff to create a Fresno Arts and Culture Emergency Relief Grant Program for local arts and culture museums, art theaters, and artists, which are (1) conducting business in the City of Fresno, (2) were operating at the time of the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration, and (3) are impacted by COVID-19, to be funded by \$1,500,000 from City Coronavirus Relief Fund (CARES Act) allocation, with the following grant categories:

a. Art and Culture Institutions Grants between \$10,000 and \$150,000 shall be available to local museums which were operating at the time of COVID-19 Emergency Declaration and have been closed since March due to COVID-19-related emergency mandates.

b. Art and Culture Grants between \$10,000 and \$25,000 shall be available to local performing arts programs which were operating at the time of COVID-19 Emergency Declaration and have been closed since March due to COVID-19-related emergency mandates.

c. Local Artist Grants of \$5,000 shall be made available to individual Fresno resident artists, 18 years of age or older, who relied on income from artistic production, art and cultural events, or contract performing arts work. The negative impact of COVID-19 to local artists may be verified via an affidavit signed by the artist.

2. The Council further directs City staff to work with the Fresno Arts Council in administering the Fresno Arts and Culture Emergency Relief Grant Program, subject

to and in accordance with the grant criteria set forth herein. The City, through the Fresno Arts Council, shall commence accepting applications for the Arts and Culture Emergency Relief Grants within 10 days of this resolution.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____ 2020.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

YVONNE SPENCE, MMC CRM
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By: _____
Raj Singh Badhesha Date
Supervising Deputy City Attorney