

NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a request for authority to apply for and accept a grant award from the National Endowment for the Arts, for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Big Read Program.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) or designee to:
 - a. Retroactively submit a grant application to the National Endowment for the Arts for the FY relative to a request for authority to apply for and accept a grant award from the National Endowment for the Arts, for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Big Read Program.
 - b. Submit all the necessary paperwork relative to the grant, subject to City Attorney approval as to form and content.
 - c. Negotiate and execute the grant award and agreement on behalf of the City and submit the required reporting relative to the grant, subject to City Attorney approval as to form and legality.
 - d. Prepare any Controller's instructions needed to implement actions approved by the Council and Mayor on matters presented in or deriving from the transmittal, and/or to make necessary technical adjustment, and further, request that the Controller implement these instructions.

2. AUTHORIZE the DCA to:
 - a. Receive and expend National Endowment for the Arts grant funds for activities for all eligible purposes for the twelve-month grant period.
 - b. Accept \$20,000 in grant funding from the National Endowment for the Arts for the FY 24/25 Big Read Program.

3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a new appropriation account within Fund No. 337, Cultural Affairs Grants, to be labeled "NEA BIG READ FY 24/25".
 - b. Appropriate \$20,000 received from the National Endowment for the Arts into the newly established account within Fund No. 337, "NEA BIG READ FY 24/25".

Fiscal Impact Statement: The DCA reports that there is no impact to the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On November 6, 2024, your Committee considered the October 23, 2024, DCA report relative to a request for authority to apply for and accept a grant award from the National Endowment for the Arts, for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Big Read Program. The report attached to the Council file includes some background on the matter.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HERNANDEZ:	YES
LEE:	YES
HUTT:	ABSENT

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