



# Contra Costa County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: David Twa, County Administrator  
Date: March 29, 2016

Subject: Veterans Initiative in the Arts Grant

## **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

Approve and Authorize the County Administrator, or designee, to apply for and accept funding in an amount up to \$10,000 from the California State Arts Council for the Veterans Initiative in the Arts program.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

If approved, the grant will require a 100% County match of which 50% can be an in-kind match. The maximum general fund impact would be \$5,000 and is included in the FY 2016-17 Recommended Budget for the Arts Commission.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Veterans Initiative in the Arts (VIA) program is rooted in the California Arts Council's (CAC) desire to launch a competitive grant which would address the needs and improve the lives of California's veterans, active military, and their families through quality arts programming. The VIA program addresses equity, access, and opportunity by providing

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **03/29/2016** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

### **VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I  
Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II  
Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV  
Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V  
Supervisor

ABSENT: Mary N. Piepho, District III  
Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: March 29, 2016

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Chris Heck, Deputy

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project and partnership support for State-Local Partners (SLPs) to reach veterans, active military, and their families. VIA serves to enrich the lives of veterans through arts programming that is sensitive and responsive to their unique experiences.

### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

The Arts Commission of Contra Costa County (AC5) is currently wrapping up the 2015-16 fiscal year AboutFace pilot project, which was funded by CAC VIA grant monies. This pilot program offered various two-day self-portrait painting workshops to interested Contra Costa County veterans, at no cost and with all painting materials provided. The workshops have been offered at ARTU4ia in Martinez to veterans, with or without prior art experience.

Due to the success of the AboutFace pilot project, the County Administrator's Office and AC5 would like to apply for fiscal year 2016-17 VIA grant monies, and if granted the award, will continue the program for another year.

### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Contra Costa County will not be able to compete for the Veterans Initiative in the Arts grant, nor continue the AboutFace project in fiscal year 2016-17.