



Contra Costa County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: David Twa, County Administrator
Date: March 28, 2017

Subject: Veterans in the Arts Initiative 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 will be included in the FY 2017-18 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 increase equity, access, and opportunities for veterans to participate in quality arts programming that is sensitive and responsive to their unique experiences. The VIA program provides 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.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **03/28/2017** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: Candace Andersen, District II
Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III
Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV
Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V
Supervisor

ABSENT: John Gioia, District I
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 28, 2017

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

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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Contra Costa, responded to the CAC VIA pilot grant opportunity with a proposal to develop the AboutFace: Building Veterans Self-understanding through Self-expression project. After a successful AboutFace pilot project in FY 15-16, the County competed for the FY 16-17 VIA grant. CAC VIA grant monies of \$9,400 were awarded to the County to support the second year of this project, and the Arts Commission FY 2016-17 budget includes \$4,700 for the County match. The Arts Commission of Contra Costa County (AC5) is currently wrapping up the 2016-17 fiscal year AboutFace project, which expanded painting workshops throughout the five County districts. Through the FY 2016-17 AboutFace project, the County is offering various two-day self-portrait painting workshops to interested Contra Costa County veterans, at no cost and with all painting materials provided. Through a recent partnership with Library Adult Services, the painting workshops have been offered at local County libraries.

Approval of this request will allow the County to compete for the new grant so that more County veterans can participate in the AboutFace project during the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The County will not compete for the grant and be able to provide AboutFace project painting workshops to veterans in FY 2017-18.