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To: Board of Supervisors
From: David Twa, County Administrator
Date: December 18, 2018
Subject: Veterans 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 State's California Arts Council for the Veterans in the Arts program.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

If approved, the County will receive up to \$10,000. The grant requires a 100% County match, of which 50% can be an in-kind match.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Veterans 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.

In 2014, the County as the SLP in Contra Costa, responded to the CAC VIA pilot grant

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AYE: John Gioia, District I Superv Candace Andersen, District I Supervisor Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor	I 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: December 18, 2018 David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Contact: Julia Taylor, 925.335.1043	

opportunity with a proposal to develop the AboutFace: Building Veterans Self-understanding through Self-expression project.

# BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

After a successful AboutFace pilot project in FY15-16, the County has applied for an received VIA funding each fiscal year, ever since. The Arts Commission of Contra Costa County (AC5) has led the AboutFace project each year, which conducts painting workshops throughout the five County districts. The County offers two-day self-portrait painting workshops to interested Contra Costa County veterans, at no cost and with all painting materials provided. AC5 continues to engage community partners to lend support to this project.

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 grant period June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020.

## 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 2019-20.