



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: David Twa, County Administrator  
Date: November 5, 2019

Subject: Apply for and Accept Veterans in the Arts Grant for Fiscal Year 2020-21

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the County Administrator, or designee, to apply for and accept funding in an amount not to exceed \$11,000 from the State's California Arts Council, Veterans in the Arts grant to provide AboutFace veterans self-portrait painting workshops for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If approved, the County will receive up to \$11,000. 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.

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☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **11/05/2019** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V 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: November 5, 2019

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

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

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cc:

In 2014, the County as the SLP in 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.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

After a successful AboutFace pilot project in FY15-16, the County has applied for and 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 July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

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 2020-21.