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ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL.**

ORDINANCE

**ADOPTING REVISED GUIDELINES FOR DEPARTMENT OF ARTS &
CULTURE CORE GRANT FUNDING PROGRAMS, A COMPONENT OF
THE CUL-TU-ART PLAN, FOR USE BEGINNING WITH THE FISCAL
YEAR 2022-24 FUNDING CYCLE.**

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WHEREAS, since 2016, the Department of Arts & Culture (“Department”) developed components of its Cul-TU-Art Cultural Plan (“Plan”), a coordinated planning document to guide investments in the arts to provide equitable opportunities that encourage San Antonio’s arts community, residents and visitors to thrive in a culturally inclusive environment, and the Plan incorporates eight individual strategic plans, including the strategic plan for Arts Agency Funding; and

WHEREAS, through the Arts Agency Funding Program, the Department distributes funds to local non-profit arts organizations to enrich the quality of life in San Antonio for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Department led a public process to develop Arts Agency Funding Guidelines that are focused on funding allocations being distributed equitably and in 2018, when the Arts Agency Funding Guidelines were adopted by City Council through the passage of Ordinance No. 2018-02-15-0109, the Department of Arts & Culture committed to reviewing those Guidelines after their first 3-year grant cycle to determine if the policy changes were accomplishing the goals of achieving cultural equity; and

WHEREAS, in January 2020, the Department began a multifaceted strategic planning process for individual artists programs and began an extensive review and input process to determine the impact of the Arts Agency Funding Guidelines in order to determine if updates are needed prior to opening the next 3-year funding cycle; and

WHEREAS, the Department conducted surveying and benchmarking and hosted five virtual stakeholder feedback sessions to collect feedback on the existing Arts Agency Funding Guidelines and the strategic plan for individual artists was taken into consideration in the policy changes being recommended for the Arts Agency Funding Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the revised Arts Agency Funding Guidelines were renamed the Department of Arts & Culture Core Grant Funding Programs Guidelines and were approved by the Arts Funding Committee of the San Antonio Arts Commission on November 30, 2020 and the full San Antonio Arts Commission on December 1, 2020 and the City Council Culture and Neighborhood Services Committee was briefed on December 7, 2020; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The Core Grant Funding Programs Guidelines are authorized and approved for use beginning with the Fiscal year 2022-24 funding cycle. A copy of the new Core Grant Funding Programs Guidelines are attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit I. All prior Arts Funding Guidelines are repealed, except for their application to contracts previously approved by City Council.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise it shall be effective ten days after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of December, 2020.

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Tina J. Flores, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney