



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission Executive Committee

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Friday, April 8, 2022

8:00 AM

See top of Agenda for virtual meeting log in details

A. Call To Order

Call to order at 8:01 a.m.

Staff: Mark Fraire, Augusta Brulla

Guest Commissioner: Amneris Curet

Present 5 - Chair RODERICK RITCHERSON, MARY KLEHR, STEVEN MORGAN, YOGESH CHAWLA, and MARCIA MIQUELON

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2021
MIN-731](#)

[Minutes from the 03/11/2022 Arts and Cultural Affairs Executive Committee Meeting]

Attachments: [2021 MIN-731](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morgan to approve the March 11, 2022 Executive Committee Minutes, seconded by Chair Ritcherson

The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Approve March commission minutes for recommendation to full commission

A motion was made by Commissioner Klehr to recommend the March 16, 2022 Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission minutes for approval by the full Commission, seconded by Vice Chair Morgan

The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

C. Cycle 1 Grants Preparation

1. Discuss new cycle one grant mathematical review formula

- Vice Chair Morgan confirmed that the highest grant score possible is 176 points
 - 2022 Cycle 1 has 59 applicants with a total of \$95,400 in funds for distribution

 - The new formula to determine awarded amount has two key steps:
 1. Applicant's requested amount - \$500 minimum grant allocation to all applicants = new, reduced requested amount
 2. Applicant's % of total possible score x applicant's new, reduced requested amount x % of available funds reduction = additional grant allocation based on score of application
- Example:
- Total possible application score is 176
 - Application score is 156
 - Requested application amount \$2,500
 - Minimum grant allocation \$500 (for all applicants)
 - Total funds reduction 56%
 - $156/176 = .886\% \times (\$2,500 - \$500) = \$1,772 \times .56 = \$992.32$ awarded amount based on score + \$500 minimum = \$1,492.32 award

 - Commissioner Curet will share the math formula summary at the beginning of the Commission meeting
 - The Commission reserves the ability to adjust any award amounts as they see fit
 - An example of the formula applied to the current cycle can be found here (column H reflects proposed award totals):
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14dXObCUerGDVgSy3x0hgeU-zUYLxgl_B/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=107371409276930589885&rtpof=true&sd=true

2. Review/compare previous percentage method of determining grant allocations

The previous percentage method was not reviewed, but can be at the April 13th full Commission meeting

3. Make a decision for recommendation to full commission

See Action Items 2 – 3 for the Executive Committee's discussion and recommendation to the full Commission

D. Action Items

1. Approve two selected Dane County sponsored artists for EUARCA+ 2022

- In March a jury of three individuals met to select two Dane County artists as visiting artist representatives for EUARCA + 2022 in Kassel, Germany
- The two artists will be announced after approval by the Executive Committee and full Commission on April 13, 2022

A motion was made by Supervisor Chawla to approve the two artists selected by the jury to represent Dane County during EUARCA+ 2022, seconded by Commissioner Miquelon.

The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

2. Make a decision for recommendation to full commission on grant score “cut off” level

- Vice Chair Morgan did not see a case for eliminating any grant applications, Director Fraire seconded the opinion that all grants in the current cycle should be funded
- The consensus was shared by the Executive Committee that a cut-off level will not be implemented in the current cycle

- Commissioner Curet discussed the option of allocating the minimum \$500 to all applicants scoring below 80% which will not be discussed further unless suggested by additional Commissioners at the next full Commission meeting

3. Make a decision for recommendation to full commission on minimum grant award amount for eligible funded applicants

A motion was made by Commissioner Klehr to recommend a \$500 minimum grant award for all eligible 2022 Cycle 1 applicants, seconded by Vice Chair Morgan

The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

E. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. May/June Executive Committee/Commission Discussion Topics

- prioritize
- add “project” funding
- equal access by all (new)

2. Develop April Commission Agenda

- roll call, establish quorum
- approve March minutes (action item)
- presentation group-NONE
- Grant allocation cut off level, \$500 Minimum grant award allocation (action items)
- Final review/approval of cycle one grant award allocations-(action item)
- Review of upcoming May/June commission discussion topics

F. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Director Fraire is meeting with arts administrators in the community to assess and discuss augmentations to the current Dane Arts grant process

G. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

H. Adjourn

A motion was made by Supervisor Chawla to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Augusta Brulla pending Commissioner approval.