



Board Agenda Item 12

DATE: April 21, 2026

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Paul Nerland, County Administrative Officer
Olga Gutierrez de Nunez, Board President, Fresno Arts Council

SUBJECT: Resolution Designating Fresno Arts Council as a Local Partner

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Adopt Resolution designating the Fresno Arts Council to serve as the County of Fresno's local partner with the California Arts Council for FY 2026-27.

Approval of the recommended action will adopt a resolution designating the Fresno Arts Council (FAC) to serve as the County's local partner with the California Arts Council (CAC) for FY 2026-27, which will enable the FAC to submit a new CAC grant application for FY 2026-27 State and Local Partnership Program (SLPP) funding.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

If the resolution is not adopted, the FAC would not be able to apply for SLPP funding through the CAC. A resolution that demonstrates support of the FAC by the County is required by CAC, and has been requested by FAC.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The recommended action has no fiscal impact on the County of Fresno. Any grant funds would be distributed directly to the FAC to offset its program expenditures.

DISCUSSION:

Each year, the FAC requests adoption of a resolution designating the FAC to serve as the County's local partner with the CAC. With this designation, the FAC can partner with others in the community to provide consulting services for public art, technical assistance, serve as an arts incubator for small groups and collectives, and manage a teaching artists program for both schools and correctional institutions.

Approval of the recommended action will allow the FAC to submit a new CAC grant application for FY 2026-27 SLPP funding, which has ranged from \$45,000 to \$90,000 per year. The FAC is able to leverage this funding to provide earned income opportunities for the creative workforce of Fresno County, such as accessing national endowments for the arts funds to support rural art projects throughout Fresno County and to manage expanded access to arts and culture funds within the City of Fresno.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #24, May 6, 2025

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Resolution

CAO ANALYST:

Ronald Alexander