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MOTION


We MOVE that the City Administration provide a report within 30 days to evaluate the potential for reviving the Capital Arts Grant program, including the following items:

- Historical funding levels
- Historical eligibility criteria
- Application review process
- Recommendations for updates to the process
- If possible, a list of current outstanding capital requests from arts organizations

STATEMENT

The 2024 Economic Impact of Arts & Culture report¹, commissioned by ArtsWave and produced by the Center for Research & Data at the Cincinnati Regional Chamber, documented that the arts sector generated \$1.6 billion in total economic impact from 2019-2022.

Report #200800448 outlines how the Capital Arts Grant program was previously administered as a way for arts organizations to formally apply for capital funding. Given the increase in the number of capital requests from arts organizations and the lack of a formal application process to field these requests, City Council would like to explore bringing back a similar application process through which to evaluate and properly fund these organizations and support their capital funding needs.


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¹ <https://artswave.org/our-impact/economic-impact-of-the-arts/>

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EXHIBIT

1990

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