



## **County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors**

### **Agenda Item Submittal**

**From:** Parks, Open Spaces, and Cultural Services

**Subject:** Designate Arts Council Santa Cruz County as State/Local Partner to California Arts Council

**Meeting Date:** February 11, 2025

**Formal Title:** Adopt resolution approving designation of Arts Council Santa Cruz County as the Santa Cruz County representative to the State/Local Partnership Program for the California Arts Council

### **Recommended Action**

Adopt resolution approving designation of Arts Council Santa Cruz County as the Santa Cruz County representative to the State/Local Partnership Program for the California Arts Council.

### **Executive Summary**

The Director of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services is requesting that Arts Council Santa Cruz County be designated as the State/Local Partner for Santa Cruz County and therefore be eligible for funds allocated by the California Arts Council.

### **Discussion**

The California Arts Council (CAC) typically allocates funds to one Arts Council in each county through its State/Local Partnership Program to encourage cultural planning and decision making at the local level and for the development of programs to serve constituents.

For over three decades, Arts Council Santa Cruz County has been designated by the Board of Supervisors as the State/Local Partner for Santa Cruz County, thereby creating an opportunity for the Arts Council to apply for funds available under this program.

To qualify for the State/Local Partnership Program, an organization is required to have: 1) developed a comprehensive Arts Plan, which is currently being implemented; and 2) the organization must be designated a State/Local Partner via a resolution by the Board of Supervisors.

There is a possibility of grant funding awarded by the CAC in Fiscal Year 2025-26. To be eligible for this potential funding, the Parks Department is requesting that the Board adopt the required resolution.

The designation establishes a partnership and cultivates the arts in accordance with Objective 2.5 (Partnerships), and Objective 3.2 (Arts) of the Parks Strategic Plan

### **Financial Impact**

There is no financial impact from the recommended action.

### **Strategic Initiatives**

Equity Framework - Community Voices & Partnership

Operational Plan - Operational Excellence

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**Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:**

Artificial Intelligence (AI) did not significantly contribute to the development of this agenda item.