

Thursday, March 30, 2023: 9:00 am – 5:30 pm
Sandler Center for the Performing Arts/Classroom 1

The FY24 Project Grant Presentation Business Meeting of the Arts and Humanities Commission was held on Thursday, March 30, 2023, at 9 am in Classroom 1 at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts.

Commissioners Present:

- **OFFICER:** Susan C. Grube, Chair
- **OFFICER:** Brenda J. Roberts, Vice Chair
- **OFFICER:** Emma "Em" Davis, Secretary (left early)
- **OFFICER:** Hon. Winship C. Tower (Ret.), Treasurer
- Michael Cloud Butler
- C. Cheyney Cole, Jr.
- Mia Guile
- Raeesah Islam
- Alicia "Sunny" Phillips Peoples
- Cynthia Romero, MD
- Olga Torres-Baker

Cultural Affairs Department Staff Present:

- Emily S. Labows, Director
- Beth Hundley, Assistant Director
- Hillary L. Plate, Cultural Programs & Grants Coordinator
- Mari R. Coronado, Executive Assistant II

City Manager Office Staff Present:

- Monica Croskey Chaparro, Assistant City Manager

I. Call to Order and Welcome

*Ms. Susan C. Grube, Chair called the meeting to order at **9:00 am** and welcomed Ms. Monica Croskey Chaparro, Assistant City Manager.*

II. Grant Presentation Process

- a. Business discussion was conducted prior to hearing the grant presentations.
- b. Signs were posted announcing available Leadership and Organizational Development (LOD) Grant funding.
- c. Grant applicants are to wait in the conference room until called in for their presentation.
- d. There is (1) one 15-minute morning break and (1) one 15-minute afternoon break.
- e. A 30-minute lunch, catered by Taste will be taken mid-day.
- f. **REQUEST:** For next year's grant presentation preparations, include applicant/organization name with the program name to easily identify them while reviewing the applications.

III. FY24 Grant Presentations

a. FY24 Budget Discussion

Ms. Susan C. Grube, Chair asked the Commission to review the proposed FY24 Budget:

Revenue

City of Virginia Beach Allocation & VCA Grant \$580,000.00

Total Revenue

\$580,000.00

Expenses

Project Grant Allocations \$552,600.00

Community Arts Program Grants \$10,000.00

Arts Orgs. Advertising: Marketing Committee \$10,000.00

LOD Grants (Technical Assistance) \$4,500.00

Workshops & Deliberations \$200.00

Operating Expenses, Postage, Printing & Misc. \$200.00

Champion of the Arts: Awards Committee \$2,500.00

Total Expenses

\$580,000.00

Motion I.

A motion was made by *Ms. Emma "Em" Davis, Secretary*, seconded by *Mr. Michael Cloud-Butler* to approve the FY24 Budget. There was no discussion. **The motion *unanimously* passed to approve the FY24 Budget.**

Members voting **AYE**: Grube, Roberts, Davis, Tower, Cloud-Butler, Cole, Guile, Islam, Peoples, Torres-Baker

Members voting **NAY**: Zero

Members **ABSTAINING**: Zero

b. FY24 Project Grant Presentations

Each organization is given (10) ten minutes for their presentation, (15) fifteen minutes for new applicants followed by a (5) five-minute Q&A session. A (1) one-minute warning is given before time is up.

Ms. Susan C. Grube, Chair asked the Commission to give the presenters their full attention. The following 22 organizations did their presentations, advocating for their funding request:

1. Young Audiences of Virginia, Inc. (10-minute presentation)

Presenters: Christine Everly, Anna Green

Program: Arts + Learning Initiatives

Funding Request: **\$10,000**

- 2. Virginia Musical Theatre, Inc. (10-minute presentation)**
Presenters: Chip Gallagher, Anthony Wayne Greet, Mark Huggins, Martha McClees
Program: VMT Presents its 32nd Season
Funding Request: **\$125,000**
- 3. Ballet Virginia International (10-minute presentation)**
Presenters: Suzanne Lownsbury, Janina Michalski, Hayley-Ann Vasco
Program: Ballet VA requesting funds for 2023-24 season compromised of 4 productions
Funding Request: **\$50,000**
- 4. Virginia Beach Chorale (10-minute presentation)**
Presenter: Mike Ready
Program: Preservation of the choral art through diversification and community outreach/Year 2
Funding Request: **\$4,000**
- 5. Mosaic Street Orchestra, Inc. (*New applicant-15-minutes presentation)**
Presenter: Brian Hunt
Program: Mosaic Academy
Funding Request: **\$10,000**
- 6. The Governor's School for the Arts Foundation (10-minute presentation)**
Presenter: Deborah Thorpe
Program: Music of Peace
Funding Request: **\$5,000**
- 7. United Jewish Federation of Tidewater (10-minute presentation)**
Presenters: Todd Holcomb, Hunter Thomas
Program: Art + Ideas
Funding Request: **\$15,000**
- 8. The Hurrah Players, Inc. (10-minute presentation)**
Presenters: Eileen Carpenter, Hugh Copeland, Trish Wilbourne,
Program: Virginia Beach Expansion 3
Funding Request: **\$35,000**
- 9. The Virginia Beach Art Center, Inc. (10-minute presentation)**
Presenters: Margaret Foltz, Maggie Kerrigan
Program: Fourteen Visual Aid Exhibitions
Funding Request: **\$22,000**
- 10. Symphonicity (10-minute presentation)**
Presenters: Daniel W. Boothe, Lynette Andrews,
Program: Symphonicity's 2023-24 Series; Piano Perspective
Funding Request: **\$95,000**

11. Little Theatre of Virginia Beach (10-minute presentation)

Presenters: James Bryan, Kay Burcher, Sandy Lawrence
Program: Six Live Theatrical Productions
Funding Request: **\$27,000**

12. Zeiders American Dream Theater (10-minute presentation)

Presenters: Terry Flint, Sibel Galindez
Program: The Z's Community Based Festivals
Funding Request: **\$60,000**

13. WHRO (10-minute presentation)

Presenter: Mike Diller, Jeff Fine, Heather Mazzoni
Program: Curate
Funding Request: **\$5,000**

14. Tidewater African Cultural Alliance (TACA) (10-minute presentation)

Presenter: Rita Cohen
Program: African Cultural Education with TACA for Hampton Roads, VB School
Funding Request: **\$6,000**

15. Teens With a Purpose (TWP) – The Youth Movement (10-minute presentation)

Presenter: Diedre Love
Program: Hear this-Arts and Humanities for Youth
Funding Request: **\$26,007**

16. Virginia Symphony Orchestra (10-minute presentation)

Presenters: Matthew Lawhead, Helen Martell
Program: VSO Programs & Services in Virginia Beach
Funding Request: **\$90,000**

17. Access Virginia (10-minute presentation)

Presenter: Angela Hill
Program: Accessibility Project
Funding Request: **\$6,000**

18. Virginia African American Cultural Center (VAACC) (10-minute presentation)

Presenters: Dr. Amelia Ross-Hammond, Tamar Smithers
Program: VAACC 2024 Programming Series
Funding Request: **\$20,000**

19. ViBe Creative District (10-minute presentation)

Presenter: Kate Pittman
Program: ViBe Creative District Public Art Project, Events & Marketing for FY24
Funding Request: **\$100,000**

20. Virginia Stage Company (10-minute presentation)

Presenters: Kandis Hyde, Jeff Ryder

Program: Virginia Stage Company's Education and Community Engagement Programs

Funding Request: **\$5,000**

21. Tidewater Arts Outreach (TAO) (10-minute presentation)

Presenter: Kate Powell

Program: Arts Outreach for Older & Isolated Adults

Funding Request: **\$15,000**

22. Virginia Arts Festival (VAF) (10-minute presentation)

Presenter: Scott Jackson

Program: Virginia Arts Festival's 27th Season in Virginia Beach

Funding Request: **\$25,000**

IV. FY24 Project Grant Deliberations

- a. Deliberations of the FY24 project grant applications are to be held on Friday, March 31st between 9 am – 5 pm in Classroom 1 at the Sandler Center.
- b. A schedule and reminder were given regarding the individual and group photos to be taken by the City Photographer during break sessions on Friday, March 31st.
- c. Lunch catered by Taste will be provided.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **5:30 pm.**



Called to order by;
Ms. Susan C. Grube
AHC Chair



Minutes prepared by:
Mari R. Coronado
CAD Executive Assistant II

VIX. Attachments

- A. FY24 Proposed AHC Budget

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CONSIDERATION
2/28/2023

**VIRGINIA BEACH ARTS & HUMANITIES COMMISSION
FY 2024 Budget (Proposed)**

FY24 Proposed Allocation

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Amount Remaining in Budget

\$0.00