



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Consider the ArtsCenter COVID-19 Mitigation Business Grant Award Modification

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is to request that the Town Council consider a modification to the ArtsCenter COVID-19 Mitigation Business Grant award.

DEPARTMENT: Economic Development

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COUNCIL DIRECTION:

☐ Race/Equity ☐ Climate ☐ Comprehensive Plan ☒ Other

This is a follow-up item to a previous Council action that originally awarded COVID-19 Mitigation Business Grants.

INFORMATION: On December 14, 2021, the Town Council approved an original COVID-19 Mitigation Business Grant award to the ArtsCenter for \$8,000 which included various technology enhancements to allow for remote training (see Attachment C). The ArtsCenter has requested a change to their COVID-19 Mitigation Business Grant budget (see Attachment D). The purpose of the change in the budget request is that they have learned of new technology that will better serve their needs in offering hybrid meeting and classroom solutions for their programming and have a desire to utilize these technologies. There are no changes in their total expenditure, but a desire to change what the funds are used for which is different from the original application submitted.

The COVID Loan/Grant Review Committee met on February 20, 2023 and reviewed the budget requested changes and recommended that the Town Council approve the budget modification. It should be noted that the committee did not have a quorum with only Elmira Mangum, Randee Haven-O'Donnell, and Stephen Winters being able to attend. The three members were in favor of recommending that the Town Council approve the modification request.

FISCAL IMPACT: There are no fiscal or staff impacts associated with the approval of this request. The total grant request remains the same.

RECOMMENDATION: The COVID Loan/Grant Review Committee recommends approval of the budget modification.