



Date of Council Meeting: March 29, 2016

**TOWN OF LEESBURG
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Subject: Fiscal Year 2017 Local Government Challenge Grant Application to Virginia Commission for the Arts

Staff Contact: Betsy Arnett, Public Information Officer
Anne D. Geiger, COPA Liaison

Council Action Requested: Authorize staff to apply for the Local Government Challenge Grant, and if awarded, to distribute the funds to the independent art organizations noted below in the Fiscal Impact section.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Town Council authorize staff to apply for the Local Government Challenge Grant, and if awarded, to distribute the funds to the independent art organizations noted below in the fiscal impact section.

Commission Recommendation: The Commission on Public Art (COPA) recommends that the Town Council authorize staff to apply for the Local Government Challenge Grant. If the Town is awarded the grant, COPA recommends the grant funding be distributed as follows: \$4,000 to Bluemont, \$4,835 to the Friends of Leesburg Public Arts, and \$1,165 to VSAarts of Loudoun County.

Fiscal Impact: The Town budget allocates \$5,000 in matching funds each year for this annual grant. If the Town receives the grant, the Town has \$10,000 available to distribute to the arts community.

Work Plan Impact: None.

Executive Summary: The Virginia Commission on the Arts offers a Local Government Challenge Grant of up to \$5,000 if local governments provide matching funds. Approving this resolution allows staff to apply for this grant. If awarded, this resolution further allows staff to distribute the funds as recommended by the Commission on Public Art as noted above in the fiscal impact section.

Background: Town Council has authorized staff to apply for this grant through the Virginia Commission for the Arts (VCA) in the past. Each application year, the Town was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the VCA that included the requirement for a \$5,000 match from the Town, making a total of \$10,000 available for distribution. The proposed Fiscal Year 2017 budget includes \$5,000 for this purpose.

PRESENTED March 29, 2016

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-_____

ADOPTED _____

A RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING STAFF TO APPLY FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHALLENGE GRANT THROUGH THE VIRGINIA COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE GRANT FUNDING AND TOWN MATCHING FUNDS TO CERTAIN INDEPENDENT ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

WHEREAS, the Town Council is committed to supporting performing and visual arts activities within the Town of Leesburg and the independent arts organizations that sponsor these activities; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Commission for the Arts' Local Government Challenge Grant program will provide up to \$5,000 in matching funds to local governments in support of local arts activities; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager's proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Budget includes \$5,000 of matching funds for the Local Government Challenge Grant, making a total of \$10,000 available for distribution; and

WHEREAS, the Leesburg Commission on Public Art solicited requests for funding from local arts organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Commission reviewed the requests received and recommends providing funding in the following amounts to these three organizations: \$4,000 to Bluemont, \$4,835 to the Friends of Leesburg Public Arts and \$1,165 to VSA of Loudoun.

THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia that the Town Council authorizes Town staff to:

1. Submit an application for a Local Government Challenge Grant from the Virginia Commission for the Arts in the amount of \$5,000, and, with Town matching funds of \$5,000, distribute to the organizations as recommended above by the Leesburg Commission on Public Art; and

2. In the event the Virginia Commission for the Arts does not award the Town a Local Government Challenge Grant, or awards a grant amount of less than \$5,000, to distribute Town funds

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in the amount of \$5,000, plus any grant funds received, to the organizations listed above, proportionately.

PASSED this ___ day of _____, 2016.

David S. Butler, Mayor
Town of Leesburg

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council