



**Date of Council Meeting: May 24, 2016**

**TOWN OF LEESBURG  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**Subject:** Fiscal Year 2017 Funding Request for Loudoun Chorale and Loudoun Lyric Opera

**Staff Contact:** Anne Geiger, Commission on Public Art Staff Liaison  
Clark Case, Director of Finance and Administrative Services  
Jason Cournoyer, Management and Budget Officer

**Council Action Requested:** Appropriation of \$5,000 for the Fiscal Year 2017 to accommodate funding requests from Loudoun Chorale and Loudoun Lyric Opera.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff supports the request.

**Commission Recommendation:** The Commission on Public Art voted 5-0-2 at their May 2, 2016 meeting to recommend to Town Council to appropriate \$5,000 for the Fiscal Year 2017 to accommodate funding requests from Loudoun Chorale and Loudoun Lyric Opera.

**Fiscal Impact:** The additional funding request is \$5,000, and the funding is available from within the Town Manager's Contingency Fund as part of the approved Fiscal Year 2017 budget.

**Work Plan Impact:** None.

**Executive Summary:** This additional appropriation request by the Commission on Public Art is to fund requests of two non-profit organizations (Loudoun Chorale and Loudoun Lyric Opera) that were unable to meet the application deadline for the Fiscal Year 2017 Local Government Challenge Grant Program. The Commission on Public Art would likely have granted some or all of the requested funds from these two applications had their applications been successfully submitted.

**Background:** Over the past years, the Town has applied for and has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Virginia Commission for the Arts (VCA) that has included the requirement for a \$5,000 match from the Town, making a total of \$10,000 available for distribution.

This year the Town initiated an on-line application process. As of the February 21, 2016 deadline, seven (7) art organizations successfully submitted their applications.

At its March 7, 2016 meeting, the Commission on Public Art (COPA) voted to recommend to Town Council that the grant funding be distributed in the following amounts to these three arts organizations:

- \$4,000 to Bluemont;
- \$4,835 to the Friends of Leesburg Public Arts; and
- \$1,165 to VSAarts of Loudoun County.

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At its March 29, 2016 meeting, the Town Council endorsed this recommendation and authorized staff to apply for the match grant from the VCA.

In mid-April 2016, representatives of the Loudoun Chorale and Loudoun Lyric Opera inquired about the program, and were informed by staff that the grants had been awarded and that neither of their groups had applied. However, both groups indicated that they had applied. As a result, staff reviewed website logs to verify whether or not that they had applied, but the website logs were inconclusive. Consequently, both non-profit groups asked COPA if they would consider their funding requests and COPA agreed since both organizations had received funds in the past through the grant program.

On May 2, 2016, the Commission on Public Art voted to endorse an additional appropriation of \$5,000 for the Fiscal Year 2017. COPA's recommended funding distribution includes \$2,000 for Loudoun Chorale and \$3,000 for Loudoun Lyric Opera.

**Attachment:** Resolution 2016-049 for Original Grant Funding

The Town of  
**Leesburg,  
Virginia**

PRESENTED March 29, 2016

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-049

ADOPTED March 29, 2016

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

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

PASSED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.



David S. Butler, Mayor  
Town of Leesburg

ATTEST

  
Clerk of Council

PRESENTED May 24, 2016

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-\_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING STAFF TO APPROPRIATE \$3,000 TO LOUDOUN LYRIC OPERA AND \$2,000 FOR LOUDOUN CHORALE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

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, in March the Town Council authorized staff to apply for a Virginia Commission for the Arts Local Government Challenge Grant program after the Leesburg Commission on Public Art solicited, received and recommended recipients of the grant to Town Council; and

WHEREAS, the grant, if approved by Virginia Commission for the Arts, will provide a grant totaling \$10,000: \$5,000 from the Virginia Commission for the Arts and \$5,000 of matching funds from the Town of Leesburg; and

WHEREAS, two organizations have since come forward indicating they had submitted applications for the grant but the Town did not receive the applications; and

WHEREAS, the two organizations requested that the Leesburg Commission on Public Art consider their organizations for additional funds; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Public Art voted to recommend that Town Council appropriate an additional \$5,000 in Town funds to provide grants of \$3,000 to Loudoun Lyric Opera and \$2,000 to Loudoun Chorale.

THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia that the Town Council authorizes Town staff to appropriate an additional \$5,000 in Fiscal Year 2017 to the organizations as recommended above by the Leesburg Commission on Public Art.

PASSED this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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David S. Butler, Mayor  
Town of Leesburg

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council