

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Community Services - Accept and appropriate a grant from the County of Los Angeles, Fourth District Arts Education Partnership Program

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council accept and appropriate a grant from the County of Los Angeles, Fourth District Arts Education Partnership Program in the amount of \$6,671.16.

FUNDING

Funding is available from the County of Los Angeles

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

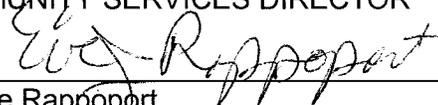
Supervisor Don Knabe's Arts Education Partnership Program (AEPP) was established in 2002 to support broad arts education experiences in dance, music, theatre and the visual arts for K-12 students in the Supervisor's Fourth District of Los Angeles County.

In October 2008, the Cultural Services Division of the Community Services Department submitted an application to the County of Los Angeles requesting \$7,830 to fund several visual arts activities as joint projects between the Torrance Art Museum and the Torrance Public Library. In June 2009, the Division was awarded a grant in the amount of \$6,671.16. This is the third year the City has applied for and received this grant.

Funding will be used to offer the Stories in Art Program which allows youth in 1st – 8th grades to experience learning verbally at the library, visually at the museum and experientially in the art studio. For the first time, Stories in Art will be offered to enrollees in the City's after school program as well as to the general public. Two animation projects will also be funded; a workshop in which youth will make a short animated film and a free public lecture on the history of animation by a distinguished professional in that field. All projects will be completed by June 30, 2010.

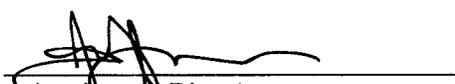
Respectfully submitted,

JOHN JONES
COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

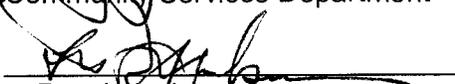
By: 

Eve Rappoport
Cultural Services Manager

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Community Services Department



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Ms. Eve Rappoport
City of Torrance Cultural Service Division
3031 Torrance Boulevard
Torrance, California 90503

Dear Ms. Rappoport:

I am pleased to inform you that your organization will be awarded Supervisor Knabe's 2009 Arts Education Partnership Program grant in the amount of \$6,671.16.

This year, we received considerably more applications than we have received in past years. The judges evaluated each application on his or her own and then met to discuss each application. The judges' scores for each application were then averaged. You received a score of 94.7 percent. The amount that you are being awarded reflects your organization's percentage of the amount you requested, minus ten percent. Unfortunately, because of the budget crisis, we were forced to reduce all of the grants by ten percent.

In the next few weeks, you will be receiving paperwork to complete and return to us. Please return the paperwork as soon as possible.

Should you have questions or need assistance, please contact Gail Tierney or Elma Granger, of my staff, at (213) 974-4444.

Again, Congratulations!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Curt Pedersen".

CURT PEDERSEN
Chief of Staff, Fourth District
County of Los Angeles

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