



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Economic Development Division

m e m o r a n d u m

TO: Urbana Public Arts Commission

FROM: Pauline Tannos, Public Arts Coordinator

DATE: November 3rd, 2016

SUBJECT: Arts in the Schools 2017

Background

Arts in the Schools, a project-based arts education grant program, was developed by the Urbana Public Arts Program in 2012. Since then, four schools in the Urbana School District #116 have been awarded the grant.

The initiative aims to advance art education opportunities for students in Urbana public schools. Some of the goals that it addresses include:

- To support lifelong participation and learning in the arts
- To create conditions for equity and participation in programs of artistic excellence that are accessible, affordable, and diverse
- To promote community events and activities that bring the community together and promote Urbana's special character
- To expand the City's creative community
- To promote inquiry and confluence amongst Urbana residents
- To encourage relationships among artists and the public to further Urbana's cultural development

Update

The arts education grant Arts in the Schools received three proposals for the 2017 call for applications. Up to \$3,000 will be awarded to one or two projects involving schools in the Urbana School District #116. The proposals were scored remotely by the selection committee, and two of them have been selected as finalists.

The finalists move on to the second round of the application process, and will submit their complete applications by November 14th. The selection committee will meet the same week to make their final decision.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Public Arts Commission shares any comments or suggestions they might have on Arts in the Schools.

Prepared by:

Pauline Tannos