

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

*Economic Development Division*

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**TO:** Arts and Culture Commission  
**FROM:** Rachel Lauren Storm, Public Arts Coordinator  
**DATE:** March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** **Tier III Arts Grants Recommendation for Urbana Arts Grant Cycle 2019-2020**

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**Background**

The Urbana Arts and Culture Commission's grant program offers artists and artistic groups supportive funding towards creative projects within the City of Urbana. In this 2019 cycle of its Urbana Arts Grants Program, up to \$80,000 is available to be awarded to artists, arts organizations, and festival presenters for creative projects that enrich the lives of Urbana residents and visitors.

The Tier III Grant Category, newly designated this cycle, supports special events and festivals with the City of Urbana, offering between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in financial support.

The Urbana Arts and Culture Commission reviewed four applications this cycle and received corresponding presentations from each applicant in a special meeting. The next step is for the Urbana Arts and Culture Commission to make the funding determination in this category.

**Options**

The Commission may:

1. Approve the recommendation of Tier III Urbana Arts Grants
2. Approve the recommendation of Tier III Urbana Arts Grants with revisions
3. Deny the recommendation of Tier III Urbana Arts Grants

*Please note*, commission members may vote on the Tier III Urbana Arts Grants recommendation as a whole or each grant recommendation one by one.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the recommendation of Tier III Urbana Arts Grants as presented.

***2019 Urbana Sweetcorn Festival presented by Urbana Business Association***

Funding recommendation: \$10,000.00

***Boneyard Arts Festival 2019 presented 40 North|88 West***

Funding recommendation: \$6,000.00

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**2019 Champaign-Urbana Folk and Roots Festival presented by Champaign-Urbana Folk and Roots**  
Funding recommendation: \$9,050.00

**Pygmalion presented by Fein-Bursoni, Inc.**  
Funding recommendation: \$9,950.00



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