

NEVADA ARTS COUNCIL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, December 14, 2017

2:30 p.m.

Via Conference Call

716 N Carson St., Suite A

Carson City, NV 89701

Present:	Board	Julia Arger, Chair Mark Salinas Edward Estipona Gail Rappa Jerry Schefcik Ryrie Valdez
	Staff	Tony Manfredi, Executive Director Linda Ficklin, Administrative Services Officer Pat Atkinson, Folklife Director Kelli Du Fresne, Grants Specialist Maryjane Dorofachuk, Arts Learning Director Shoshana Zeldner, Community Arts Director Rebecca Snetselaar, Folklife Specialist Cathleen Wyatt, Administrative Assistant
	Excused	Eric Strain Joseph O’Neill, Vice Chair Annie Zucker
	Guests	Sarah Bradley, Deputy Attorney General Nathan Johns, Grant Applicant

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting convened in open public session at 2:30 p.m. Julia Arger, chair of the Nevada Arts Council (NAC) Board, welcomed everyone, and asked for introductions. (*Attachment A: Public Meeting Notice/Agenda*)

Arger took roll call/confirmed quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment in person or submitted via email.

APPROVAL OF NAC BOARD MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Arger requested approval of minutes from the NAC Board Meeting on September 13, 2017. (*Attachment B: Minutes from September 13, 2017 Board Meeting*)

MOTION: APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM September 13, 2017: Moved by Edward Estipona; seconded by Gail Rappa. Passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION, REVIEW AND VOTE OF FY18 3RD QUARTER JACKPOT GRANTS FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS, 14 APPLICATIONS, PANEL RECOMMENDED \$11,639.99, AVAILABLE FUNDING IS \$10,000.00. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Attachment C: Jackpot Score Sheet)

FY18 Third Quarter Jackpot Grant Recommendations:

Mark Salinas, panel chair, reported that the FY18 Third Quarter Jackpot Grants panel convened on Monday, December 4th, at 9:30 am. Salinas explained that the Jackpot Quarterly Grants of up to \$1,000 are designed to support first-time or sudden opportunity arts and arts learning/education projects initiated by artists, teaching artists, schools, nonprofit organizations, and public institutions.

Salinas reported that fifteen applications were submitted for the FY18 Third Quarter Jackpot Grants. A panel of specialists reviewed and scored the applications from 11 artists and four arts organizations requesting support for projects and activities scheduled to occur between January 1 and March 31, 2018. Panelists were: Bobbie Ann Howell, visual artist, Las Vegas; John LaBonney, media artist, Boulder City; Beverly Patton, musician, Las Vegas; and Charlie Seemann, folk artist, Spring Creek. The panel reviewed application narratives and required support materials using the new GO Smart system, and met via conference call to discuss and score applications. The Jackpot Grant Scoring Rubric allows for Creation, Public Project, Organizations and Arts Learning scoring on Jackpot grants. All applications are scored out of 100 possible points. The panel scores resulted in an overall funding recommendation for 14 applications of \$11,639.99 with available funding for the quarter of \$10,000.00. One application scored below the 60% threshold for no funding as established by the board.

To assist new and returning applicants to the Jackpot Grant category, NAC staff recommends that all applicants take advantage of the Advanced Review process, and webinars are offered in advance of each Jackpot deadline. Staff will work with all unfunded applicants to help develop eligible and competitive grant packets for future applications. Salinas then read the recommended grant amounts for the record:

- **Big Four Educational Theatre Foundation – Las Vegas:** requests \$1000 to support musicians' fees for accompaniment during its upcoming musical comedy "Company."
Average Score: 92.75% Recommended Funding: \$927.50
- **Zoe Bray – Reno:** requests \$1000 to support an exhibit of two life-sized portraits of Nevada Basques at the Western Folklife Center's Weigand Gallery and live portrait painting during the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering. Funds will help pay for painting materials and the cost of shipping the portraits to Elko.
Average Score: 94.25% Recommended Funding: \$942.50

- **Kathleen AKA “Kristy Love” Brooks – Las Vegas:** requests \$1000 to support creation of a marketing and promotional campaign to include radio and social media for her new song “Keep Believing.”
Average Score: 83.5% Recommended Funding: \$835.00
- **Ronda Churchill – Las Vegas:** requests \$1000 to support her show “96 Hours” at Clark County’s Whitney Library. Funds would be used for materials including framing, matting and specific hardware requested by the library.
Average Score: 88% Recommended Funding: \$880.00
- **Lisa Fields Clark – Las Vegas:** requests \$538 to support supplies for her exhibit “New Awakening,” a 25-piece body of work to be exhibited at the Wonderland Gallery in March.
Average Score: 82% Recommended Funding: \$460.00
- **Antwan Davis – Las Vegas:** requests \$1000 to support fees associated with incorporating his dance company Molodi into a nonprofit in Nevada and receiving a tax exempt status.
Average Score: 59.25% Recommended Funding: \$0.00
- **Nathan Johns – Dayton:** requests \$1000 to support creation of a movie script titled “Horatio: Into the Under” and the purchase of computer software (Final Draft 10) to use on the project.
Average Score: 68% Recommended Funding: \$680.00
- **Moapa Valley Performing Arts Council – Overton:** requests \$1000 to fund a visit by the Missoula Children’s Theater. Up to 60 children will have an opportunity to participate in a play through the week-long program.
Average Score: 90.75% Recommended Funding: \$907.50
- **Allen Muresan – Henderson:** requests \$1000 to support recording of an EP consisting of 5 pieces from the canon of Western art music to be played on modern, amplified/electric instruments along with an original composition by local composer James Dahl.
Average Score: 83.5% Recommended Funding: \$835.00
- **Stephen Nasser – Las Vegas:** requests \$1000 to support UNLV TV staff and editing time to record a documentary of Nasser, a Holocaust Survivor who lost his immediate family in Nazi Germany during World War II. The film will premiere during the Las Vegas Jewish Film Festival in January.
Average Score: 92% Recommended Funding: \$920.00

- **The Nevada Preservation Foundation – Las Vegas:** requests \$1000 to support fees for Las Vegas artist Kirsten Clarke to photograph the art of 1940s-1970s architecture around Las Vegas.
Average Score: 86.75% Recommended Funding: \$867.50
- **Vogue Robinson – North Las Vegas:** requests \$1000 to support artist fees and travel for “Southwest Laureates” at Left of Center. The project is both a tour of the art gallery and the convergence of laureates of the Southwest.
Average Score: 91.5% Recommended Funding: \$915.00
- **Sharon Schafer – Henderson:** requests \$1000 to support the 2018 workshop series “Two Deserts One Sky” Panchla Diddha, Pajasthan, India where she will use art to help connect 4th grade students in Rajastan with students in Southern Nevada.
Average Score: 88.5% Recommended Funding: \$885.00
- **Lisa Stamanis – Las Vegas:** requests \$1000 to support her exhibition “Lucky to be Alive” at the Winchester Cultural Center Gallery. Stamanis will direct the installation and create handmade pieces for the show.
Average Score: 84.5% Recommended Funding: \$845.00
- **Theatre in the Valley – Henderson** requests \$1000 to purchase royalties for the production rights to “Squabbles,” a comedy by Marshall Karp this February. Theatre in the Valley is Henderson’s only community theatre company.
Average Score: 74% Recommended Funding: \$740.00

Arger asked if there were any comments, or questions, regarding the FY18 Third Quarter Jackpot Grants funding recommendations.

MOTION: TO APPROVE FY18 THIRD QUARTER JACKPOT GRANTS FUNDING RECOMMENDATION SCENARIO FOUR: Moved by Jerry Schefcik; seconded by Rylie Valdez. Passed unanimously.

Big Four Educational Theatre Foundation – Las Vegas: requests \$1000. *Average Score: 92.75% Recommended Funding: \$927.50. Actual Award: \$927.50*

Zoe Bray – Reno: requests \$1000. *Average Score: 94.25% Recommended Funding: \$942.50. Actual Award: \$942.50*

Kathleen AKA “Kristy Love” Brooks – Las Vegas: requests \$1000. *Average Score: 83.5% Recommended Funding: \$835.00. Actual Award: \$700.00*

Ronda Churchill – Las Vegas: requests. *Average Score: 88% Recommended Funding: \$880.00. Actual Award: \$880.00*

Lisa Fields Clark – Las Vegas: requests \$538. *Average Score: 82% Recommended Funding: \$460.00. Actual Award: \$430.00*

Antwan Davis – Las Vegas: requests \$1000. *Average Score: 59.25% Recommended Funding: \$0.00. Actual Award: \$0.00*

Nathan Johns – Dayton: requests \$1000. *Average Score: 68% Recommended Funding: \$680.00. Actual Award: \$0.00*

Moapa Valley Performing Arts Council – Overton: requests \$1000. *Average Score: 90.75% Recommended Funding: \$907.50. Actual Award: \$907.50*

Allen Muresan – Henderson: requests \$1000. *Average Score: 83.5% Recommended Funding: \$835.00. Actual Award: \$700.00*

Stephen Nasser – Las Vegas: requests \$1000. *Average Score: 92% Recommended Funding: \$920.00. Actual Award: \$920.00*

The Nevada Preservation Foundation – Las Vegas: requests \$1000. *Average Score: 86.75% Recommended Funding: \$867.50. Actual Award: \$832.50*

Vogue Robinson – North Las Vegas: requests \$1000. *Average Score: 91.5% Recommended Funding: \$915.00. Actual Award: \$915.00*

Sharon Schafer – Henderson: requests \$1000. *Average Score: 88.5% Recommended Funding: \$885.00. Actual Award: \$885.00*

Lisa Stamanis – Las Vegas: requests \$1000. *Average Score: 84.5% Recommended Funding: \$845.00. Actual Award: \$700.00*

Theatre in the Valley – Henderson requests \$1000. *Average Score: 74% Recommended Funding: \$740.00. Actual Award: \$0.00*

BOARD MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Salinas: His event, Capital Collage, a one-night only, curated celebration of Nevada Arts & Culture, held on October 27th, was a success. It featured artists including Mischell Riley, who created the 7.5 ton sculpture *Inside the Mind of daVinci*, that was installed in front of the Carson City Community Center in October. Schefcik: Attended two Jackpot Grantee's exhibitions. Rappa: Attended Jackpot Grantee Trish Reynold's Wild Women exhibition in Reno, saying she was quite impressed. Valdez: Is traveling with the Take Me Home Huey project, which she is enjoying immensely, and recently went with to Palm Desert in California. Estipona: Is working with

Manfredi to keep Arts4Nevada.org up and running. Arger: Attended the Governor's Conference on Global Tourism in Las Vegas, December 4-5. Manfredi: Attended the Governor's Conference on Global Tourism in Las Vegas, December 4-5, and Westaff's Executive Director's Forum in Denver, December 10-12.

Manfredi thanked Salinas for chairing the FY18 Third Quarter Jackpot Grants Panel. Also informed the board that December 22nd would be Kelli Du Fresne's last day with NAC, and thanked her for her hard work in the Grants Department. Arger also thanked Du Fresne for her work on behalf of NAC.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment in person or submitted via email.

ADJOURNMENT

Arger requested a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. Moved by Edward Estipona; seconded by Mark Salinas. Passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathleen Wyatt, Administrative Assistant III
Nevada Arts Council

List of Attachments on file with original minutes in NAC offices:

- Attachment A: Public Meeting Notice/Agenda
- Attachment B: Minutes from September 13, 2017 Board Meeting
- Attachment C: Jackpot Score Sheet
- Attachment D: FY18 Third Quarter Jackpot Grant Recommendations