



# City of Killeen

## Legislation Text

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Consider a memorandum/resolution approving the Killeen Arts Commission grant recommendations for fiscal year 2024.

**DATE:** August 15, 2023

**TO:** Kent Cagle, City Manager

**FROM:** Judith Tangalin, Executive Director of Finance

**SUBJECT:** Killeen Arts commission FY 2023 Grant Recommendations

**BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

One of the primary duties carried out by the Arts Commission involves providing recommendations to the City Council concerning the allocation of funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax. These funds are specifically designated for supporting arts-related grants. The utilization of municipal hotel occupancy taxes is governed by Texas Tax Code Chapter 351. As outlined in Section 351.101, there are two key criteria that must be fulfilled in order to utilize revenue from municipal hotel occupancy taxes: 1) the expenditures should contribute to the advancement of tourism and the convention and hotel industry, and 2) the expenditures should fall within one of the nine predefined categories mandated by statute. Notably, the encouragement, promotion, enhancement, and advancement of the arts constitute one of these nine categories. Additionally, Section 351.103(c) sets a limit on the proportion of hotel occupancy tax revenue that can be allocated to the arts, capping it at 15% of the total revenue collected from hotel occupancy taxes.

On June 9, 2023, a session of the Killeen Arts Commission took place. In this gathering, a total of ten (10) applicants put forth their grant The proposed events, put forth by these applicants, underwent assessment by the Arts Commission in accordance with the Rules and Regulations that were revised and adopted by the City Council on September 27, 2022. Furthermore, the board of the Arts Commission reached a decision to organize a Solar Eclipse event in the fiscal year 2024.

Upon City Council's approval of the recommended grant awards, contracts will be formulated and signed with the chosen grant recipients, with the designated commencement date set for October 1, 2024. The proposed allocations are as follows:

\$ 9,477	The Crossroads to Texas Quilt Guild
\$ 20,107	Project Spread a Lil Love
\$ 17,385	Killeen Sister Cities, Osan, Korea, Committee
\$ 45,594	Vive Les Arts Societe
\$ 13,394	The Zamore Foundation
\$ 135,719	Armed Forces Natural Hair and Health
\$ 33,391	IMPAC Outreach

\$ 35,722	Vive Les Arts Children's Theatre
\$ 37,212	Songhai Bamboo Roots Association
\$ 2,690	It's All About You Talent Services
\$ 50,442	Killeen Arts Commission - Solar Eclipse 2024
\$ 401,133	Total

**THE ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

1. Do not approve the Arts Commission's grant recommendations
2. Amend the Arts Commission's grant recommendations
3. Approve the Arts Commission's grant recommendations

**Which alternative is recommended? Why?**

City Council approve the Killeen Arts Commission's grant recommendations for fiscal year 2024.

**CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:**

In compliance with Texas Tax Code Section 351 and the Arts Commission Rules and Regulations.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**What is the amount of the expenditure in the current fiscal year? For future years?**

\$401,133 for FY 2024

**Is this a one-time or recurring expenditure?**

One-Time

**Is this expenditure budgeted?**

Yes, \$313,461 is included in the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund in account 214-2020-415.55-43, upon City Council approval of the FY 2024 Proposed Budget. ARPA funds total \$87,672.

FY	Authorized	Awarded/Pending	Remaining
2020	\$100,283	\$ 54,310	\$ 45,973
2021	102,167	60,468	41,699
2022	192,455	192,455	-
		Total	\$ 87,672

**If not, where will the money come from?**

N/A

**Is there a sufficient amount in the budgeted line-item for this expenditure?**

Yes, upon City Council approval of the FY 2024 Proposed Budget and approved ARPA funding.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

City Council approve the Killeen Arts Commission's grant recommendations for fiscal year 2024.

**DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

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**ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Grant Allocations