

STAFF REPORT

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Date: March 10, 2015

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Ronda Perez, Parks, Recreation and Arts Director

Subject: **Los Angeles County Arts Commission Antelope Valley Art Outpost Project Grant Award**

Recommendation:

Accept the Los Angeles County Arts Commission (LACAC) grant award and appropriate \$45,000 to Revenue Account No. 106-3204-101 and corresponding Expense Account No. 106-4644-225.

Fiscal Impact:

\$45,000 in expenditures to be offset by the LACAC grant in the amount of \$45,000.

Background:

LACAC in partnership with Lancaster's Museum of Art and History (MOAH), Otis College of Art and Design, the Greater Antelope Valley Economic Alliance (GAVEA), the Department of Regional Planning and the Office of Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich recently launched the AV Art Outpost Project (Outpost). This Project is a cross-sector collaborative effort where artists work alongside residents and community stakeholders to develop projects and programs that will provide information for community development in Littlerock and Sun Village. The Project dovetails with the L. A. County Department of Regional Planning's development of the Antelope Valley General Plan.

As a partner in Outpost, MOAH will develop and execute an innovative strategy to identify, engage and recruit Antelope Valley artists to apply to the Artist in Residence (AIR) Program in the unincorporated communities of Littlerock and Sun Village. Additionally, MOAH will be responsible for the production of Open Conversations; a series of five workshops featuring prominent artists discussing and exploring artist-driven, community development approaches in the Antelope Valley. This Project is funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, the California Art Council with support from Metabolic Studio and will run through March 2016.

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