

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

Date: September 20, 2022

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks requesting approval of 2022 CAMPAC allocations

File Type: Action Report

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**REQUEST**

Milwaukee County Parks, on behalf of the Cultural Artistic Musical Programming Advisory Council (CAMPAC), request approval of 2022 allocations from Org 1974 to cultural and performing arts groups.

**POLICY**

The duties of the Committee on Parks & Culture include departmental policy of parks, recreation and culture, zoological gardens, public museums, cultural activities (including fund for the arts), and university extension service.

Wisconsin State Statutes:	
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	1.11
Specific Adopted Budget:	2021
Specific Adopted Budget Amendment:	1A020
Specific Adopted Capital Project:	

**BACKGROUND**

In February of 2022 CAMPAC recommended that the proposed funding formula transition outlined in File 21-90 be suspended at the 2021 level. This recommendation was approved by the County Board via File# 22-439 in March of 2022.

With the recommended formula determined, applications for 2022 Fund for the Arts funding were open on the mycounty.milwaukee.gov portal from May 25, 2022 through June 8, 2022. Forty-two total applications were received with two organizations being first-time applicants.

In File# 21-612, which outlined the allocations for funding in 2021, the Community Cultural Event criteria was waived for organizations due to the difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. During 2022 application review, staff contacted organizations that failed to provide documentation that satisfied the Community Cultural Event criteria.

Many organizations reported lingering effects from the Omicron and Delta variants of COVID-19 that prevented in-person performances and their ability to satisfy the CCE criteria. At the September 19, 2022 meeting of CAMPAC suspension of the CCE criteria was approved for a second year.

Related File No's:	21-90, 22-612
Associated File No's (Including Transfer Packets):	
Previous Action Date(s):	2/22/2021, 8/9/2021

Applications were reviewed and the following assumptions were applied:

- If an organization reported funding from years prior to 2020, they were categorized as a new applicant
- Due to the Omicron and Delta variants of COVID-19 in 2021, the Community Cultural Event requirement was suspended.
- Funding for Concerts in the Park was allocated as a regular applicant

Proposed allocations for 2022 are outlined in the chart below (\*indicates first time applicant)

<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>2022 Award</b>
Aperi Animam	\$ 7,000.00
Arts @ Large	\$ 7,000.00
Bel Canto Chorus of Milwaukee, Inc.	\$ 8,352.59
Black Arts MKE	\$ 8,352.59
CIVIC MUSIC MKE (Civic Music Association of Milwaukee)	\$ 7,000.00
CONCORD CHAMBER ORCHESTRA INCORPORATED	\$ 8,352.59
DanceCircus, Ltd	\$ 7,085.48
Early Music Now^	\$ 3,500.00
Ex Fabula	\$ 8,352.59
Festival City Symphony	\$ 8,352.59
First Stage	\$ 14,048.54
Florentine Opera	\$ 8,356.92
Forte Theatre Company, Inc*	\$ 3,500.00
Frankly Music, Inc.	\$ 7,333.12
Kids From Wisconsin Ltd.	\$ 8,352.59
Ko-Thi Dance Company (Ko-Thi Inc.)	\$ 7,000.00
Latino Arts Inc.	\$ 8,352.59
Lynden Inc.	\$ 7,000.00
Marcus Performing Arts Center*	\$ 3,500.00
MASTER SINGERS OF MILWAUKEE, INC.	\$ 8,352.59
Milwaukee Ballet	\$ 16,484.66
Milwaukee Chamber Theatre	\$ 8,352.59
Milwaukee Opera Theatre	\$ 8,352.59
Milwaukee Repertory Theater	\$ 30,099.13
Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Inc	\$ 47,573.34

Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra, Inc. (MYSO)	\$ 8,352.59
Next Act Theatre, Inc.	\$ 8,352.59
Optimist Theatre	\$ 8,352.59
Organic Arts	\$ 7,000.00
Present Music, Inc.	\$ 8,352.59
Quasimondo Physical Theatre	\$ 7,000.00
Radio Milwaukee	\$ 7,000.00
Renaissance Theaterworks	\$ 8,352.59
RUACH, Inc.	\$ 8,352.59
Summit Players Theatre	\$ 7,000.00
TBEY ARTS CENTER, INC.	\$ 8,352.59
The Milwaukee Choristers, Inc.	\$ 7,000.00
The Wisconsin Conservatory of Music	\$ 8,352.59
Theatre Gigante	\$ 8,352.59
Walker's Point Center for the Arts	\$ 12,586.71
Wild Space Dance Company	\$ 8,352.59
Woodland Pattern Book Center	\$ 8,352.59
Milwaukee County Parks - Concerts in the Park	\$ 8,352.59
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$407,824.88</b>

^Early Music Now was a 2019 applicant

**ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

CAMPAC eligibility and formula distributions are intended to address strategic areas 1C (Increase the number of county contracts awarded to minority and women-owned businesses), 2C (Apply a racial equity lens to all decisions) and 3C (Dismantle barriers to diverse and inclusive communities).

**FISCAL EFFECT**

Funding for cultural allocations was included in the 2022 adopted budget.

**TERMS**

None

**VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES**

N/A

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

2020-2023 CAMPAC Allocations

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