

arlington arts

Arlington Cultural Affairs is a Division of Arlington Economic Development

Cultural Affairs Director's Report for the Arlington Commission for the Arts April 24, 2024

- **Director/Administration**

- The Adopted Budget includes \$250,000 of new funding to support the Arts Grant Program. Note that the funding is comprised of \$150,000 in ongoing funds and \$100,000 in one-time funds. This funding is in addition to the \$215,810 of ongoing funding that was included in the base budget.
 - Throughout the budget process we heard ideas from some Board members to modify and enhance the existing grant program and we will be working over the next few weeks to better understand the board's intentions for these funds.
- Separate from the budget process, AED staff developed suggestions for how to improve the current grant program as part of a larger assessment of CAD services and programs. Those suggestions will be shared with the Commission next month following the completion of the assessment.
- Considering the new funding and the need for additional conversations with the commission and the arts community about the future of the grant program, we are delaying the launch of grant applications for FY25.
- We will communicate this change to the arts community via an e-mail message this week.
- Overall, we see the Board's decision to invest additional money into arts grants and their interest in enhancing the grant program as a positive development.

- **Arts Enterprise and Shared Studios**

- NVLAA workshop: **Community Engagement, in person at Studio PAUSE**
May 2 from 5-6:30pm at 4710 Columbia Pike, Arlington, VA 22204;
facilitated by Sushmita Mazumdar of Studio PAUSE
- LAC Studios spring sale: May 11, 2024 – 10-4pm, 5722 Langston Blvd., Arlington, VA 22207

- **Community Arts and Cultural Equity**

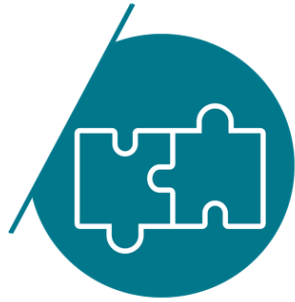
- Created both Grant programs in Slideroom
- Scheduled 9 grant workshops for May (on hold)
- Updated Commission membership on the website
- Preparing for NEA Grant review process scheduled for May 8th
- Update Grant website and schedule for launch (on hold)

- **Cultural Development**

- Earth Day Every Day event 4/21 with LBA a success. CAD provided musical programming, The Arlington Art Truck, and The Poet is IN.
- The Poet is IN final activation at Walter Reed Community Center, Sat. 4/27 @ 1-3pm.

- Arlington Art Truck continues Sunday, May 5 – 9-1 pm - Fairlington Farmers Market.
 - Music By The Metro kicks off Thursday May 2nd in partnership with Clarendon Alliance. Thursday in May 5:30 – 7:00 pm.
 - Blues Festival Lineup has been announced. Save the Date, June 15th.
- **Facilities and Technical Services**
 - Dominion Stage is closing out their season with the musical” RENT” at Gunston Theatre Two
 - Encore Stage and Studio is hosting an original production of “Flip the Script” great for the whole family.
 - Summer Camp Season is about to begin, and CAD will be hosting camps here at 3700.
- **Public Art**
 - This Saturday, April 27, 1 – 3 PM public program with Nekisha Durrett and Zaq Landsberg at HQ2 MoCA Arlington Innovation Studio
 - Next Wednesday, May 1, 5:30 PM ribbon cutting for new public art project by Olalekan Jeyifous at UrbA, new housing development as part of new Harris Teeter in Ballston
 - DESIGNArlington awards ceremony took place last Thursday, April 18. CB member Takis Karatonis had some very kind words to say about Public Art, starting at 32:40: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SL2oJ2eao3k>.

ENRICHING LIVES*: Strategic Goals



INTEGRATE

INTEGRATE ARTS AND CULTURE INTO ALL ASPECTS OF CIVIC AND COMMUNITY LIFE

- Engage
- Bring Together
- Embed



INVEST & BUILD

INVEST IN A VIBRANT, EQUITABLE, SUSTAINABLE AND EVOLVING ARTS AND CULTURE ECOSYSTEM

- Infrastructure
- Risky Business
- Cross-Pollinate



LEARN & EXPLORE

USE ARTS AND CULTURE TO FACILITATE ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIFELONG LEARNING, HEALTH, DISCOVERY AND CREATIVITY

- Ageless Inclusion
- School Days
- Multi-Culture Culture
- Tomorrow's Talent



SPOTLIGHT

INCREASE THE VISIBILITY, AWARENESS AND PROMINENCE OF ARTISTS, ARTISTIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS IN ARLINGTON

- Public Passion
- Keep it Local
- Shine



TERROIR

ESTABLISH PUBLIC SPACES THAT OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR APPRECIATING AND INTERACTING WITH ARTS AND CULTURE TO ENHANCE THE DAILY EXPERIENCE

- Everyone Wins
- Civic Fun
- Art Everywhere

*[Enriching Lives: Arlington Arts and Culture Strategy](#), adopted by County Board June 18, 2019