

RESOLUTION NO. CR-018-2026

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL AFFIRMING THE
SELECTION OF FUNDING RECIPIENTS FOR THE 2026-2027 EXTERNAL
AGENCIES FUNDING PROGRAM**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Lafayette City Council, that:

WHEREAS, the Lafayette City Council has acknowledged that, among the public purposes and functions of a consolidated government under the laws of the State of Louisiana, is the function to provide services which aid in enhancing the economic, social, educational, and cultural welfare of the citizens of the jurisdiction of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized and accepted that there exists within the City of Lafayette certain public and private non-profit agencies and organizations (hereinafter referred to as "external agencies"), which, because of demonstrated expertise, experience, and organizational structure, provide certain services to citizenry in a manner deemed to be more effective and efficient than would be possible by the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government; and

WHEREAS, the Lafayette City-Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. O-047-2017, which pertains to relationships with external agencies and establishes policies and procedures with respect to funding external agencies; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. O-047-2017 allows for the creation and establishment of review panels, including a Community Development Arts Review Panel; and

WHEREAS, members of the Community Development Arts Review Panel are charged with the duty and responsibility to review and evaluate all applications for funding by the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government submitted by external agencies within the purview of the Community Development Arts Review Panel; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Arts Review Panel has convened and has developed recommendations with respect to the external agencies to which funding should be extended and the amount of funding; and

WHEREAS, these recommendations are hereby submitted to the Lafayette Mayor-President and Lafayette City Council, and attached as Exhibit A to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the funding recommendations of the Community Development Arts Review Panel must be affirmed by the Lafayette City Council before grants can be awarded to external agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Lafayette City Council, that:

SECTION 1: All of the aforescribed “Whereas” clauses are adopted as part of this resolution.

SECTION 2: The Lafayette City Council hereby affirms the Community Development Arts Review Panel’s recommendations for funding of the external agencies that applied to the 2026-2027 External Agencies Funding Program, as shown in the attached Exhibit A.

SECTION 3: The Lafayette City Council hereby authorizes the Lafayette Mayor-President, or her designee, to execute and process all documents associated with the External Agencies Funding Program, including, but not limited to, applications, public service contracts, amendments, payment requests, and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

SECTION 4: All resolutions or parts thereof, in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed. This resolution, having been submitted to a vote, the vote on behalf of the Lafayette City Council thereon was as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

AND the resolution was declared adopted on this, the ____ day of _____, 2026.

JOSEPH GORDON-WILTZ
LAFAYETTE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Exhibit A

2026-27 External Agency Funding Program - Social Services Applicants

Number	Applicant	Grant Request	Amount Granted
1	Acadiana Symphony Orchestra	\$7,500.00	\$6,375.00
2	Children's Museum of Acadiana	\$7,500.00	\$6,375.00
3	Basin Arts	\$7,500.00	\$5,250.00
4	Louisiana Crafts Guild	\$7,500.00	\$5,250.00
5	Cite des Arts	\$7,500.00	\$5,250.00
6	Heritage Parc	\$7,500.00	\$4,500.00
7	Looking Glass Theatre	\$7,500.00	\$4,500.00
8	Chorale Acadienne	\$7,500.00	\$4,500.00
9	PASA - Performing Arts Serving Acadiana	\$7,500.00	\$3,000.00
10	Southern Screen	\$7,500.00	\$3,000.00
11	Louisiana Trombone Collective	\$7,500.00	\$2,000.00
TOTAL REQUESTED:		\$82,500.00	\$50,000.00



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Internal Memorandum

Community Development & Planning Department
Office of the Director (9041)

TO: Rachel Godeaux
DATE: September 29, 2026

FROM: Tammy Luke

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item: City Resolution
2026-2027 External Agencies Funding Program Recommendations**

Attached are a city resolution and funding recommendations for the 2026-2027 External Agencies Funding Program for Arts & Culture organizations, per Ordinance No. O-047-2017. LCG has worked with Acadiana Center for the Arts to solicit grant applications from local arts and culture non-profit organizations. We now ask the Council to affirm these recommendations, developed through the panelists' objective evaluation and thoughtful consideration. Arts and Culture funding recommendations are summarized in Exhibit A. This item is proposed as a City Council resolution due to the program's funding through the City General Fund.

If the proposed resolution and funding recommendations meet with your approval, please forward them for City Council introduction and adoption on October 20, 2026.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Luke", written over a horizontal line.

Tammy Luke
Community Development & Planning Director

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LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL FORM

1) JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST: A resolution of the Lafayette City Council affirming the selection of
funding recipients for the 2026-2027 External Agencies Funding Program

2) ACTION REQUESTED: Adoption of resolution.

3) COUNCIL DISTRICT(S) (if applicable): _____

4) REQUESTED ACTION OF COUNCIL:

A) INTRODUCTION: October 20, 2026

B) FINAL ADOPTION: October 20, 2026

5) DOCUMENTATION INCLUDED WITH THIS REQUEST:

A) Cover Memo from Director (1 page)

B) Submittal Item Justification Form (1 page)

C) Resolution (2 pages)

D) Exhibit (1page)

6) FISCAL IMPACT:

_____ Fiscal Impact

X No Fiscal Impact

RECOMMENDED BY:



DIRECTOR

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER