

Bloomington Arts Commission - Grants Subcommittee Meeting

May 27, 2026, 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Hybrid Meeting:

Committee In person: Gerard Pannekoek, Paul Anderson, Austin White

Committee Virtual: n/a

Other: Nada Abdelrahim (BAC Chair), Paige Sharp (City Staff), Christina Elem (City Staff)

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. No meeting in April, no minutes to approve
3. Discussion and Vote on Project Grant Funding Allocation
 - a. The committee discussed the proposed funding package based on a tiered system:
 - i. Tier 1 (scores of 18-20) would all be funded up to \$3000 with one exception
 - ii. Tier 2 (scores of 15-17) would all be funded between \$1000-\$1500
 - iii. Tier 3 (scores of 12-14) would have the top 8 funded up to \$1000
 - iv. Tier 4 (scores of 7-11) would have 3 funded at \$1000 pending a rescore by a committee member not present at the meeting
 - v. Tier 5 (scores of 0-6) would not be funded
 - b. The committee discussed whether to rescore three applications in Tier 4. It agreed to fund them if a rescore by a committee member not present at the meeting bumped the application into a higher tier.
 - c. The committee unanimously approved the proposed funding package pending the results of the rescored applications. The full package would award a total of \$69,500.
4. Artistic Advancement Timeline and Plans
 - a. The committee discussed a revised timeline to update guidelines for the Artistic Advancement grant cycle.
 - b. The committee agreed to postpone the cycle by several weeks and would open the cycle once the revised guidelines were approved.
5. Grants Chair Updates
 - a. No updates
6. Call to Adjourn