



DATE: November 25, 2025

TO: Governing Body

FROM: Chelsey Johnson, Arts and Culture Director *CJ*

RE: Request for FY26 BAR for Arts & Culture

ACTION:

The Arts and Culture Department respectfully requests approval of \$440,000 in one-time funding from current Lodger's Tax balances to assist in funding community events, art in public places, and grants and services for FY26.

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:

In FY26, Arts and Culture is managing and supporting significant one-time initiatives. These include:

- Restoring and expanding our art in public places portfolio, including maintenance of current works, revamping and installing signage, and preparing new calls for sculptures and murals
- public programming for the 20th anniversary of Santa Fe's prestigious UNESCO Creative City designation
- expanded our one-time event funding of popular and culturally relevant Santa Fe events including the Honoring Native Nations Pow Wow on the Plaza, the Wonderful Fantastic Hip Hop Festival, Lowrider Day on the Plaza, Canyon Road Summer Walks and Guadalupe Winter Walk, the Recycled Art Show, the Tewa Nangeh exhibit at Georgia O'Keeffe, and more
- funding a feasibility study for the future restoration and operation of the Garson Theater at Midtown, in collaboration with the Midtown Redevelopment Authority

We therefore request a BAR of funds from our Lodger's Tax balance reserves to pay for these operations.

FUNDING SOURCE:

Fund Name/Number: 213/ Lodgers Tax Fund

Org Name/Number: Arts and Culture/2132775

Munis Expenditure Object Name/Number:

Sponsorship Expense 2132775.562800

Other Consulting 2132775 / 510340

Advertising 2132775 / 561850

Arts CIP 3502775 / 760350

Arts CIP - Other Consulting 3502775 / 510340

ATTACHMENTS: BAR

Log # {Finance use <i>only</i> }:	
Journal # {Finance use <i>only</i> }:	

City of Santa Fe, New Mexico BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION (BAR)

DEPARTMENT / DIVISION NAME					DATE	
Arts and Culture Department					11/21/2025	
ITEM DESCRIPTION	ORG	OBJECT	PROJECT	INCREASE	DECREASE	
EXPENDITURES				<i>{enter as positive #}</i>	<i>{enter as negative #}</i>	
Sponsorship Expense	2132775	562800		150,000		
Other Consulting	2132775	510340		70,000		
Advertising	2132775	561850		42,800		
Professional Contracts	2132775	510300		15,000		
Service Contracts	2132775	510310		20,000		
Operating Supplies	2132775	530200		12,000		
Land/Building Rental	2132775	562550		5,200		
Grants and Services	2132775	510400		125,000		
REVENUES				<i>{enter as negative #}</i>	<i>{enter as positive #}</i>	

JUSTIFICATION: *(use additional page if needed)*
 --Attach supporting documentation/memo

\$ 440,000

Appropriation of FY26 Lodgers' Tax balances earned in excess of budget estimates for ongoing Arts & Culture initiatives, into the Arts operating fund (2132775).

<i>{Complete section below if BAR results in a net change to ANY Fund}</i>	
Fund(s) Affected	Fund Balance Increase/(Decrease)
213	(440,000)
TOTAL:	(440,000)

Melissa Velasquez Prepared By <i>{print name}</i>	11/24/2025 Date	<i>{Use this form for Finance Committee/ City Council agenda items ONLY}</i>	<i>Andy Hopkins</i> Budget Officer	Nov 25, 2025 Date
 Chelsey Johnson (Nov 25, 2025 15:09:26 MST) Division Director Signature <i>{optional}</i>	Nov 25, 2025 Date	CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL City Council <input type="text"/> Approval Date	N/A Finance Director {≤ \$5,000}	Date
 ELISA MONTOYA (Nov 25, 2025 16:35:28 MST) Department Director Signature	Nov 25, 2025 Date	Agenda Item #: <input type="text"/>	N/A City Manager {≤ \$60,000}	Date