### Arts and Culture Investments

**Requestor**: Winston

**Mayor and Council Questions**

- Where is funding going?
- Will it fund overhead or labor cost?

**City Response**

In FY 2019, the city awarded Arts and Science Council (ASC) $3.2 million in Financial Partner funding. A total of 14 percent ($446,715) of ASC’s city-funding supports operations and personnel, and the remaining 86 percent ($2.7 million) supports community investment grants such as:

- **Operating Support Grants**: Provides grant support for the general operations, administration, and programs of eligible arts, science and history/heritage organizations. These tier-structured grants are based on the total agency’s budget. Since July 1, 2018, ASC provided a total of 32 Operating Support Grants to the community. The Jazz Arts Initiative, Carolina Latin Dance Company, and Children’s Theatre of Charlotte are example grant recipients.

- **Cultural Vision Grants**: Provides grant funding for neighborhood-based projects supporting quality arts and culture projects that build community and increase relevance and innovation including paying artists, scientist and history/heritage professionals to provide programming. Since July 1, 2018, ASC provided a total of 44 Cultural Vision Grants to neighborhood-based organizations. For example, the Arts Empowerment Project is a grant recipient award of $10,000 to support the art-based program promoting building the community-police relations in Charlotte.

**Staff Lead**: Phil Reiger
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<td>Immigrant Community Committee Closeout</td>
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<td>How will the language access plan be incorporated into the 2040 Comprehensive Plan?</td>
<td>Currently, translation services are offered during community engagement activities, will be on the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)/Transit Oriented Development (TOD) website, and will be employed on the Comprehensive Plan website. The Planning Department is working on communicating to language minorities through various platforms including Spanish language media.</td>
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<td>How is United Way identifying rising immigrant community leaders? How do we ensure those leaders are being protected?</td>
<td>In collaboration with United Way, the city is exploring the potential of utilizing and adapting the City of Greensboro’s program. The city will work with the City of Greensboro to ascertain the best practices they employed in the vetting of candidates for their Immigrant Advisory Committee.</td>
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<td>Citywide Janitorial Services</td>
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<td>What would it take to make janitorial employees city employees?</td>
<td>Analysis is currently being done.</td>
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| Budget Public Hearing Speaker 10 – Mr. Dawson | Lyles    | Expessed concerns with light rail platforms being too small and the blight condition of the Woodlawn Station. | CATS Director John Lewis contacted Mr. Dawson and shared the following information:  
  • CATS received a federal grant that allowed the expansion of four stations on the South Corridor of the Blue Line to accommodate three car trains.  
  • Expansion of the Stations allows the flexibility to utilize three car trains during large special events like Panther football games.  
  • All stations on the Blue Line extension were built to accommodate future three car trains.  
  • CATS understands that there may be some trips during rush hour that have crush loads of passengers. The average CATS train carries 130 people per trip while the capacity of our trains are 215 people per train. Operation of three car trains is not necessary at this time from a ridership standpoint.  
  • The costs of upgrading the remaining eight stations on the South Corridor is approximately $40-$50 million. CATS estimates being seven to ten years from needing to make that investment from a ridership standpoint.  
  • Trash around the Woodlawn Station will be addressed by CATS and Solid Waste Services with additional monitoring and clean up. | Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) |