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TORONTO ARTS COUNCIL 2016 ANNUAL ALLOCATIONS REPORT

Date:September 19, 2017To:Economic Development CommitteeFrom:Director and CEO, Toronto Arts Council

SUMMARY

This report provides a quantitative and qualitative review of Toronto Arts Council's activities and allocations for the period January 1 to December 31, 2016, to illustrate the City's investment in its arts community for this period.

RECOMMENDATION

Toronto Arts Council recommends that:

1. The Economic Development Committee receives this report for information.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

The Grant Agreement between the City of Toronto and Toronto Arts Council, first approved by Council in December 1998, was most recently renewed in December 2013 to be effective January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2018. It requires Toronto Arts Council to submit an annual report to Economic Development Committee on TAC's previous year's activities.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Toronto Arts Council (TAC), appointed by the City to administer its cultural grant funding, disbursed over \$18 million to organizations and artists across the city in 2016, using a highly respected peer review process.

COMMENTS

Through TAC, City funds are matched many times over. Every dollar TAC invests in the city's arts organizations leverages 16 additional dollars into Toronto's economy from private sector sponsorships and donations, from ticket sales, and from federal and provincial grants. TAC received a total of 2,461 applications in 2016 with requests totalling \$32,638,395, and awarded 1,030 grants totalling \$18,224,922. The report provides a comprehensive list of the

allocations, clearly illustrating the wealth of experience and opportunity brought to Toronto by our city's artists.

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