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## City of Sebastopol Public Arts Committee Staff Report

Meeting Date: August 5, 2020  
Agenda Item: 6B  
To: Public Arts Committee  
From: Marghe Mills-Thysen, Vice Chair  
Alan Montes, Associate Planner  
Subject: Support for Artists During Covid-19  
Recommendation: Discuss and provide a recommendation to the City Council

### **Introduction:**

At the July 1, 2020, Public Arts Committee (PAC) meeting there was a discussion on providing financial support for artists during Covid-19. Vice Chair Mills-Thysen volunteered to create draft language for the lottery. The draft language has been provided as an attachment.

### **Discussion:**

The PAC should discuss the draft language, including several of the items listed below:

1. Deadlines.
2. Amount of funds requested.
3. Number of recipients.
4. How can artists demonstrate their income is based on artwork by 60%?
5. Does "resident of Sebastopol" need to be further defined?

### **Recommendation**

Discuss the proposed language and provide a recommendation to the City Council.

### **Attachments:**

Draft Sebastopol Public Arts Committee Lottery and Support of Local Artists

## **Sebastopol Public Arts Committee Lottery and Support of Local Artists**

### **Eligible Artists:**

1. Are currently a Resident of Sebastopol
2. Can demonstrate they depend upon income from their artwork for a minimum of 60% of livelihood support.
3. Are in current need because of decrease in income from their artwork DUE To the covid 19 pandemic.
4. Agree of consider participation in Public Participation items 1-4 listed below.

### **How Artists will be notified about entering Lottery**

SCA : will they contact their List of current artists, including but not limited to Art at the Source and Art Trails artists.

Announcement in City Announcements? In local newspapers? Radio?

Other Artists: Eligible if apply by deadline and fulfill all items listed under Eligible Artists above.

### **Lottery**

Amount allocated for lottery from PAC account: a minimum of \$1,000  
E.g.: If amount is \$1,000 it will be divided into 2 or 4 gifts.

Tax: Is this gift from public funds Non-Taxable? If not, will recipients need to pay tax on amount gifted?

### **Public Participation**

Shall we ask recipients if they would be willing to participate in any or all of the items listed below?

1. Allow the PAC to list their names as recipients of PAC Artist Support Lottery
2. Have a photograph taken of artist with at least one piece of their artwork.
3. Willing to consider being interviewed for local newspapers, radio and/or Sebastopol City Newsletter
4. Willing to consider allowing Sebastopol Library to display one piece of their artwork for 3 weeks.

### **Dates:** TBA

\_\_\_ Announce Lottery in City Announcements, local Newspapers  
& Send out Call For Applications

\_\_\_ Deadline to receive Applications/ Entries for Lottery

\_\_\_ Lottery:

\_\_\_ Winners receive funds.  
Winners announced.