## CITY OF WEST ALLIS RESOLUTION R-2025-0625

## RESOLUTION APPROVING A SMALL GRANT AWARD TO THE WEST ALLIS ARTS COLLECTIVE UP TO \$2,000

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Common Council of the City of West Allis, along with staff and citizens, recognize the importance of creative arts and culture in engaging the public, inspiring creativity, and strengthening a sense of belonging; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Common Council of the City of West Allis, established a small grant program to engage the community and support efforts to unite around common goals, foster community pride, and enhance public spaces; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Community Conversation on Arts & Entertainment brought together West Allis creatives who worked together to create the West Allis Arts Collective dedicated to establishing West Allis as a thriving hub for creativity, culture, and artistic expression; and

WHEREAS, The West Allis Arts Collective appointed a Board of Directors to develop and guide the organizational development and activities and events for the year, have established a direction and identified financial needs for the start-up organization, and work closely with City staff to collaborate on outcomes that will positively impact the quality of life in the community; and

WHEREAS, a small grant program exists to support newly emerging community groups to implement projects that will engage residents, build community, and enhance the quality of life in the area.

**NOW THEREFORE,** BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of West Allis that it hereby has reviewed a small grant request of up to \$2,000 to cover costs associated with organizational start-up to raise awareness, ensure organizational sustainability, and provide community-wide creative arts focused events and activities to engage the public and build a strong arts scene in the city.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or his designee is requesting authorization to enter into a grant agreement by and between the City of West Allis and the West Allis Arts Collective for up to \$2,000 and the parties agree to the following:

1. Grant. The City of West Allis will provide a small grant award to the grantee in the amount of up to \$2,000.

2. Use. The grantee will utilize funds with oversight of City staff through the organizational development start-up phase.

3. Records. The grantee shall maintain records of expenditures for a period of seven years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that up to \$2,000 will be appropriated from the West Allis Small Grant Program upon approval.

**SECTION 1:** <u>ADOPTION</u> "R-2025-0625" of the City Of West Allis Municipal Resolutions is hereby *added* as follows:

## ADOPTION

R-2025-0625(Added)

## PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF WEST ALLIS COUNCIL

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Ald. Ray Turner				
Ald. Kimberlee Grob				
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Tracey Uttke, City Clerk, City Of West Allis Dan Devine, Mayor, City Of West Allis