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Board Of Supervisors Enables County's Arts Council To Receive State Grant

SAN BERNARDINO – San Bernardino County's new arts council, Arts Connection, was designated Tuesday morning by the Board of Supervisors as the County's State-Local partner with the California Arts Council. The resolution will enable the local non-profit organization to receive state grant funding through California Arts Council's State-Local Partnership Program.

"This kind of financial support for the creative arts is crucial to enriching and preserving the cultural and educational value within our communities, and helps moves us towards achieving the Countywide Vision," said Supervisor Gonzales.

Arts Connection was officially formed in 2012 after the Board of Supervisors approved a contract last June to support the reestablishment of a new arts council for the county. The former Arts Council closed in 2006 after funds and support diminished. Supervisor Gonzales spearheaded the revival of the arts council in 2008 with support from The Community Foundation.

"Our work consists of sharing needed knowledge and resources, supporting initiatives that engage, encourage and advocate community building through the arts," said Executive Director Andy Woods.

Art's Connection looks to act as an umbrella organization for other local arts agencies in need of financial support.

"Perhaps most importantly-we offer funding solutions for progressive projects to groups and artists that in turn help economic growth. The arts are essential in building a strong community."

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