



## Cultural Arts Commission Staff Report

**Meeting Date:** August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**To:** Cultural Arts Commission

**From:** Planning Division

**Subject:** Artist Robert Roach – Requesting Increase of Budget

**Item Type:** Discussion

### Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the Cultural Arts Commission approve the updated budget for Artist Robert Roach (“The Artist”).

### Background

The Cultural Arts Commission (“The Commission”) first reviewed the Artist's application in the Call for Visual Arts 2022 at the August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting. The Artist submitted a graphic novel program that would be 10-weeks long where they would engage with Youth ages 13+ years old on creating graphic novels/comics (physically & digitally) while focusing on the foundational artistic element of perspective. Staff asked that the Artist move his location from The dA Center for the Arts because it is not public property and the Artist had mentioned they could move to the Pomona Public Library. The Pomona Public Library was contacted and agreed to house the program while also suggesting they would allow the students to display their works. The Artist’s original requested budget was \$15,825.00. However, the Commission requested that the Artist’s application be sent to technical assistance to outline program specifics, technology required, and including an anthology to be printed. The Artist complied with the technical assistance inquiries and was re-presented to the Commission on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 with a new budget of \$3,240.00 and an understanding that the technology equipment will be purchased separately by the City through the AIPP fund and be City property. However, this new budget did not reflect the entire program and was only a reflection of the cost of publication of the anthology for the class. The Artist has supplied a request for a budget of \$7,715.00 to be inclusive of all costs for the program.

*Attachment: Draft Resolution w/ Exhibit A: Budget*

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Item: H1, Approval of Call for Visual Arts Applicants

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