

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**WHEREAS**, Council adopted Resolution No. 20160303-019 directing the City Manager to take actions to explore options to support and protect performance spaces for artists; and

**WHEREAS**, affordable space has been identified by the City Manager, through the Economic Development Department, as a priority area of concern; and

**WHEREAS**, arts organizations provide jobs and economic opportunity for artists and those who support the arts community in Austin; and

**WHEREAS**, assisting these organizations to stay in the Austin area helps the City's economy provide diverse employment options for its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has provided funding through the Music Venue Loan Program Fund for assistance to artists; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**Section 1.** Council authorizes the City Manager, or her designee, to establish a grant program to support non-profit arts organizations facing permanent displacement, those who are previously displaced, and those facing lease renewals at substantially higher rents.

**Section 2.** The grants may be use for tenant improvements or rent stipends.

**Section 3.** The Economic Development Department's Guidelines for the Art Space Assistance Program (ASAP) are approved by Council in substantially the form attached to this Resolution.

**Section 4.** This Resolution is adopted for the purpose of approving this program as a pilot program using this one-time funding source of \$200,000. Staff will report annually regarding the results of the ASAP pilot program.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2017    **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk