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## RESOLUTION NO.

**WHEREAS**, the City allocates 15 percent of the funds received from the hotel occupancy tax to the Cultural Arts Fund for the encouragement, promotion, improvement, and application of the arts, including instrumental and vocal music, dance, drama, folk art, creative writing, architecture, design and applied fields, painting, sculpture, photography, graphic and creative arts, motion pictures, radio, television, tape and sound recording and other arts related to the presentation, performance, execution and exhibition of a major art form; and

WHEREAS, the City, through its Economic Development Department, Cultural Arts Division, serves to encourage, develop, and facilitate an enriched environment of artistic, creative, and cultural activity in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Arts Division manages the Cultural Arts Fund in compliance with Chapter 351 of the Texas Tax Code, which authorizes funds to be spent to encourage the promotion of tourism and the hotel and convention industry; and

**WHEREAS**, the Economic Development Department created the Thrive program to provide focused investment to sustain and grow arts organizations that are deeply rooted in and reflective of Austin's diverse cultures. This program seeks to directly correct the historical under-funding, displacement, and cultural erasure of vulnerable communities within Austin by offering substantial funding for these

organizations to self-determine and invest in their own sustainability and growth; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Council approves the award of Thrive grants for Fiscal Year 2023 to the applicants listed in the attached Exhibit "A" in the corresponding amounts, in a total amount not to exceed \$3,935,000 and authorizes the City Manager to negotiate and execute these grant contracts with terms and conditions as may be favorable, necessary, or required.

ADOPTED:	, 2023	ATTEST:	
			Myrna Rios
			City Clerk