

Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board Report 19-5  
To the Greenbelt City Council  
March 24, 2019

Subject: FY20 Budget Request for AAB – Sponsored Arts Networking Events

On October 23, 2018, the Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board hosted a networking event for Greenbelt arts organizations. The event was held at the New Deal Café with the support of Greenbelt Recreation and the Friends of New Deal Café Arts. Approximately 35 guests attended, including representatives of FONDCA, the Greenbelt Arts Center, the Greenbelt Writers Group, Friends of Greenbelt Theatre, GATE, the SPACE and Greenbelt Pottery, as well as members of City Council and city arts staff. All attendees were appreciative of the opportunity to meet, hear about each other's activities and identify opportunities for collaboration.

AAB was very satisfied with this outcome and would like to build on its success by hosting twice-annual arts networking events. The board envisions that the gatherings will vary in their focus. For instance, a given event may emphasize individual artists, arts organizations, or arts educators. There may be a focus on a particular creative arts discipline. AAB feels that sponsoring these programs will help the board to cultivate its evolving role as a convener of the Greenbelt arts community.

For the initial event in October, the cost of refreshments (approximately \$500 in total) was covered by Greenbelt Recreation and Friends of New Deal Café Arts. Some basic supplies were also provided by the city. Staff have advised that they believe a contribution can be arranged for a second AAB event in the spring of 2019 through existing budget appropriations.

Our intention in this report is to formally request Council funding for two arts networking events in FY20. A total of \$1,000 is requested for refreshments and sundry expenses. AAB members present at the March 5, 2019 board meeting unanimously agreed to advance this request.

Thank you for your consideration and support of the Board's initiative.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Granfors-Hunt, Chair  
Arts Advisory Board