

RESOLUTION #

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ASHEVILLE AREA ARTS COUNCIL AS THE DESIGNATED ARTS COUNCIL FOR BUNCOMBE COUNTY AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, AND REGRANT STATE AND FEDERAL ARTS FUNDING IN BUNCOMBE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Asheville Area Arts Council (originally named the Civic Arts Council) was incorporated in 1953, and has been the only arts council (also called a local arts agency) in Buncombe County since 1979.

WHEREAS, the Asheville Area Arts Council has been the recipient of state arts funding and regranteeing partner of the North Carolina Arts Council on behalf of Buncombe County since 1979.

WHEREAS, the Asheville Area Arts Council had previously received local community funding for the purpose of regranteeing to other local arts organizations.

WHEREAS, the mission of the Asheville Area Arts Council is to keep the arts at the heart of our community, and the arts council fulfills this mission by serving artists and arts organizations in Buncombe County.

WHEREAS, American for the Arts states the role of Local Arts Agencies or Arts Councils is to "promote, support, and develop the arts at the local level ensuring a vital presence for the arts throughout America's communities."

WHEREAS, the National Endowment for the Arts identifies Local Arts Agencies or Arts Councils as critical partners for dispersing arts funding because "local arts agencies have the closest ties to arts organizations in local communities."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the Asheville Area Arts Council is the designated local arts agency for Buncombe County and has the authority to apply for, receive, and regrant state and federal arts funding in Buncombe County.
2. That the Asheville Area Arts Council will notify County staff before submitting funding requests as well as when funding is received.
3. That the Buncombe County Commission reserves the right to include a representative on grant selection panels and/or project teams.

This the 13th of July, 2021.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

Lamar Joyner, Clerk

By: _____
Brownie Newman, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM

County Attorney