

MEMORANDUM
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

TO: City Manager Thomas Thomas

SUBJECT: Arts Conference Support

DATE: 5/14/13

The biennial One State Together in the Arts Conference will be held at the i Wireless Center June 24th and 25th. Since 1999, the conference has provided an opportunity for creative professionals and arts-passionate people from across the state to network with their peers, and discovers new arts related resources. The focus for this year's One State Conference will be on the role of the arts in community planning, partnerships, and progress.

The Arts Advisory Committee would like to offer conference attendees transportation to the Downtown Arts and Entertainment District on Monday night, June 24th. In addition to support from the Quad Cities Visitors Bureau, members of the downtown arts galleries and other venues plan to be open to welcome attendees and to showcase Rock Island's support of the arts. Efforts are also underway to work with local restaurants and other retailers to be open during this time frame.

The attached request from Arts Advisory Committee Chair Bret Hitchcock and Catherine Rodgers-Ingles from The District requests financial support in the amount of \$1,000 to cover the cost of bussing attendees to Rock Island. A flyer outlining additional details about the conference is provided for your review.

Vendor: The District, Inc.
Payment Amount: \$1,000
Fund: 201
Department: 312 Economic Development
Cost Center: 801 General Development
Object Code: 53112
Project: 0000000

Recommendation:

Council authorize the payment of \$1,000 to The District to cover the cost to transport attendees of the One State Together in the Arts Conference to downtown Rock Island on Monday, June 24, 2013.

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