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Contra Costa County Releases Request for Proposal (RFP) for Arts Council Services

(Martinez, CA) – Recently, the Board of Supervisors adopted an “[Arts & Culture Master Plan for Contra Costa County](#)” as part of its effort to identify an organization that will serve as a new countywide arts council. (The Spanish version of the Arts & Culture Master Plan is available [here](#).)

At that meeting, the Board also directed staff to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Arts Council services. [Request for Proposal \(RFP\) #2306-667](#) was released, seeking a qualified contractor to provide the recommended services of a Contra Costa County Arts Council, as further described in the adopted Arts & Culture Master Plan, and to serve as the County's State-Local Partner with the California Arts Council. A [Potential Responders Conference](#) will be held on July 18. Responses are due by 3 p.m. on August 28.

As noted in the Master Plan, the arts and culture landscape of Contra Costa County is comprised of more than 300 organizations and venues, beginning with the artistic and cultural practices of its native peoples and growing with its population over the years. With this rich history and portfolio of resources, a unifying presence of an Arts Council would represent their interests, advocate for their needs, facilitate their communications, and foster their connectivity.

“Contra Costa is a culturally diverse county with talented artists and arts/culture organizations. A countywide arts council will bring together this world-class arts community and empower it to play a stronger role in the civic and cultural life for our county's 1.2 million residents,” added Board of Supervisors Chair John Gioia.

The County invites proposals from all qualified service providers who are non-profit organizations, fiscally-sponsored organizations, or non-profit organizations in development. The Board of Supervisors is expected to consider the results of this solicitation process at their October 24 meeting.

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