



**CITY of CALABASAS**

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

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**DATE: AUGUST 18, 2021**

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS**

**FROM: KINDON MEIK, CITY MANAGER** 

**SUBJECT: CONSIDER FUNDING REQUEST FROM KELLEY FRIES FOR THE 2021 CALABASAS FILM FESTIVAL**

**MEETING**

**DATE: AUGUST 25, 2021**

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**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:**

Consider request from the Calabasas Film Festival for \$20,000 to be used toward projected expenses associated with the festival to be held on September 29 – October 3, 2021.

**BACKGROUND:**

On June 3, 2021 the City Council received an email from Kelley Fries, Calabasas Film Festival Co-Founder/Director, outlining the financial hardships caused by COVID-19 and the corresponding constraints that the pandemic had on generating needed sponsorships for the 2021 festival. As such, the Calabasas Film Festival team requested \$100,000 from the City's American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds to be used to offset costs associated with the event.

The request for funding was presented to the City Council on June 29, 2021 as part of the overall discussion on ARPA or federal stimulus funds received by the City. No action was taken by the Council on that request.

On August 12, 2021 the Ms. Fries reached out to the City Council and submitted a modified request for funding in the amount of \$20,000 to assist in financing the Festival.

**FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Staff has consulted with the City Attorney to determine if the request by the Calabasas Film Festival would be an eligible expense under the ARPA guidelines. If the City is not able to use stimulus funds, the \$20,000 would be a General Fund expense.

As part of the regular budget process, the City Council approved \$15,000 from the General Fund for FY 2021-2022 as a grant to the Calabasas Film Festival. That amount has already been distributed.

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

Consider the request from the Calabasas Film Festival and provide direction to staff.

**ATTACHMENT:**

Letter from Kelley Fries, Calabasas Film Festival Co-Founder/Director