

MEMORANDUM



TO: Business & Economic Development Committee
FROM: Caitlin Brooke, Business Development
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Commission on Cultural Development Grant Recommendations

At its most recent meeting, the Commission on Cultural Development recommended that the Bangor City Council approve the following three grant applications.

Bangor Symphony Orchestra

Project Summary

The Bangor Symphony Orchestra (BSO) would like to continue to expand its outreach initiatives throughout Bangor via its "On the Town" program. The BSO has requested funding to conduct ensemble performances at a variety of locations in Bangor (Bangor Mall, Bangor Public Library, Bangor International Airport, Acadia Hospital, and others). The BSO's application was for \$5,000. The Commission recommendation is to award a grant for \$2,500.

Maine Discovery Museum/Maine Science Festival

Project Summary

The Maine Science Festival (MSF), with its inaugural festival to be held in March 2015 in Bangor, is committed to showcasing and highlighting the remarkable science that happens throughout Maine every day. The requested funds will support general funding for the Festival. (The Maine Discovery Museum is acting as the fiscal sponsor for the MSF.) The application was for \$2,500. The Commission recommendation is to award a grant for \$2,000.

Penobscot Theatre Company

Project Summary

Penobscot Theatre Company's request would support the Maine premiere of the production *End Days*, which is presented in collaboration with the Maine Science Festival. Specifically, the funds will be used to defray the cost of dramatic rights, professional wages for the director, five-person cast and four-person design team, production materials, and additional programming that leverages the play as a "jumping off point" for facilitated discussions. The Theatre's application was for \$2,000. The Commission recommendation is to award a grant for \$1,500.

If the three projects are funded by the Council at the recommended levels, the Commission will have \$1,081 remaining for this fiscal year.