Town Council
Regular Meeting
Agenda Item 6.b.

Agenda Item: **Resolution 25-G-60 to award a donation to Arts Herndon in support of a Juneteenth event held June 21, 2025**

Meeting Date: October 28, 2025

Category: Consent

Prepared by: Marjorie Sloan, Finance Director

Description:
This is a request to consider a request for a cash donation to Arts Herndon as reimbursement for costs incurred for their Juneteenth Celebration event held June 21, 2025.

Background:
The Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 adopted budget included $10,000 donation funding for Pakistan and Juneteenth events that occur between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025. As the adopted budget does not identify the donation amounts allocated for each event or to what organization the donation should be awarded, Council consideration and action on the donation request is required.

Arts Herndon submitted a donation request as reimbursement to offset event costs for the Juneteenth event held on June 21, 2025. Arts Herndon submitted documentation, including an invoice for the music for Council's consideration. All requested application materials, including the required IRS determination, have been reviewed by staff.

The donation request from Arts Herndon was reviewed and discussed by the Town Council at the July 15, 2025 Regular Meeting; the August 6, 2025 Work Session; and the October 7, 2025 Work Session. At the October Work Session, Council agreed by consensus to proceed with placing a resolution to award the donation to Arts Herndon on a meeting agenda for Council action. The attached resolution authorizes reimbursement to Arts Herndon in the amount of $6,250.

Strategic Focus Area:
Thriving Community

Fiscal Impact:
If approved, the cash donation will be disbursed from the FY 2026 Budget, as amended.

Legal Impact:
Under the Code of Virginia § 15.2-953, localities may appropriate public funds to any charitable institution or association, located within the locality's limits or outside the limits if the organization provides services to residents of the locality, and if such organizations are not controlled in whole or in part by any church or sectarian society. In addition, under Code of Virginia § 15.2-953, donations include the lawful provision of inkind resources for any event sponsored by the donee.

Staff Recommendation/Next Steps:
Staff recommends adoption of the resolution.

Attachments:
1. Resolution (Proposed)