

Special Events Community Arts Commission

2025 Annual Report

2025 Accomplishments

- Recommended \$1,097,762 in CY25 SECA funding allocations to City Council, revising the unified funding recommendation due to event cancellations
- Set-aside and awarded \$10,883 for new public art projects: (1) DuPage Hispanic Alliance-Raul Rodea's Window Mural, (2) ARTFORUM-Naperville's Music Box
- Successfully advocated for increasing the CY26 annual allocation to accommodate rising City Services costs
- Reviewed 86 CY26 SECA applications and approved a unified funding recommendation for \$1,200,737 in CY26 SECA Funding

2025 Challenges

- Cancellation of two major special events, Naperville Salute and India Day Celebration & Parade
- Mid-year increase in City Services costs due to City approval of new three-year labor agreements with the Police and Fire unions

2026 Upcoming Work

- Continue to review and improve the SECA Grant Fund application, review, award processes, and procedures
- Review and revise the procedure for change-of-scope requests that arise throughout the year