Memorandum



DATE October 7, 2010

Trinity River Corridor Project Committee Members:
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SUBJECT National Endowment for the Arts Grant to CityDesign Studio

On July 20, 2010, the City of Dallas submitted an application for \$100,000 to the National Endowment for the Arts as part of the Mayors' Institute on City Design 25th Anniversary Initiative for the Dallas CityDesign Studio's "Connecting the City" project. The City has received notice of the award from the National Endowment of the Arts in the amount of \$100,000.

The Studio is using the awarded grant funds to highlight how design can overcome physical barriers separating Dallas' communities. This will include cultural mapping of the creative community, with input from all citizens on how to build the city with specific focus on the arts and design; design of communities along the Trinity Corridor, such as West Dallas, South Dallas, and Oak Cliff; and public art competitions that will engage public infrastructure where it has divided or become a burden to communities.

Staff is preparing an agenda item for the October 26, 2010 City Council meeting to authorize the City to accept the grant. Please contact me if you have questions.

Jilf A. Jordan, P.E. Assistant City Manager

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C: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council Mary K. Suhm, City Manager Ryan S. Evans, First Assistant City Manager A.C. Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager Forest E. Turner, Assistant City Manager Jeanne Chipperfield, Chief Financial Officer Deborah A. Watkins, City Secretary Thomas P. Perkins, Jr., City Attorney Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor Judge C. Victor Lander Helena Stevens-Thompson, Assistant to the City Manager Frank Librio, Director, Public Information Office Kelly High, Director, Trinity Watershed Management Rebecca Rasor, P.E., Managing Director, Trinity River Corridor Project