



City of Winston-Salem City Council
Council Agenda Item Summary

Title	Consideration of Resolutions Approving Funding for Non-Profit Agencies
City Council Committee	Finance Committee
Staff Lead (Presenter)	Scott Tesh, Budget Director
Department Head	Scott Tesh, Budget Director
City Manager/ACM	W. Patrick Pate, City Manager

Agenda Item Summary

Recommended Council Action	Resolution Approval
Suggested Motion Options	Several motions required (with excusals for Council Members on selected non-profit boards)
Strategic Focus Area	Choose an item.
Strategic Plan Objective	Choose an item.
Anticipated Fiscal Impact	No Material Fiscal Impact

Summary of Information

Background

As part of the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget process, the City received requests for proposals from non-profit agencies to fund various programs. Staff reviewed applications submitted in January 2026 through the online portal (Neighborly application system), and the Mayor and City Council provided feedback on potential support for various agencies in March 2026. Funding amounts for specific agencies were discussed as part of two budget workshops (May 14, 2026 and May 21, 2026). At the final budget workshop on May 21, 2026, a proposal was provided by the Finance Committee Chairman to allocate community agencies funding for the general fund and occupancy tax fund; however, no formal approval was recommended by the Committee of the Whole.

The proposed amounts presented at the May 21, 2026 budget workshop allocated \$955,000 in the general fund and \$406,000 in the occupancy tax fund. The proposed funding levels for individual agencies/programs, by fund, are displayed below:

General Fund Community Agencies Proposal

<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Arts Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County	\$213,000
Kaleideum	134,000
Union Community Development Corporation	98,000
The Dwelling	89,000
YMCA of Northwest North Carolina	56,000
City with Dwellings	52,000
Forsyth County District Attorney	39,000
The Salvation Army	36,000
Mixxer Community Makerspace	26,000
Senior Services, Inc.	24,000
HARRY VCOS	19,000
Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem	15,000
Second Harvest Food Bank of NWNC	14,000
YWCA - Hawley House	14,000
A Bed and A Book	12,000
SUBTOTAL - PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED	\$841,000
Partnership for Prosperity	\$22,000
ANCHOR	20,000
Piedmont Environmental Alliance	17,000
Liberty East Redevelopment	15,000
Center For Creative Economy	14,000
LEAD Girls of NC	13,000
Authoring Action	13,000
SUBTOTAL - ADDITIONS	\$114,000
TOTAL - GENERAL FUND COMMUNITY AGENCIES	\$955,000

Occupancy Tax Fund Community Agencies Proposal



Vision: To be a premier city in the region providing world-class amenities while retaining a sense of charm and hospitality
Mission: To provide impactful services that enhance the quality of life for current and future generations
Values: Teamwork * Responsibility * Respect * Integrity * Customer Service

Organization Name	Amount
Old Salem	\$138,000
NC Black Repertory Company	125,000
RiverRun	48,000
Piedmont Triad Film Commission	42,000
Winston-Salem Symphony	25,000
SUBTOTAL - PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED	\$378,000
Kaleideum	\$12,000
Youth Summer Programming	8,000
Tri-City Film Consortium	8,000
SUBTOTAL - ADDITIONS	\$28,000
TOTAL – OCCUPANCY TAX COMMUNITY AGENCIES	\$406,000

Approved Budget Amounts

On June 1, 2026, the Mayor and City Council adopted fiscal year 2026-2027 budget ordinances providing total funding amounts for local community agencies, specifically in the general fund (\$956,550) and occupancy tax fund (\$406,240). At that time, the Mayor and City Council did not approve funding levels for specific agencies.

Attached Resolutions

The attached resolutions provide funding per the proposal submitted by the Finance Committee Chairman on May 21, 2026. Multiple resolutions are attached to this item due to legal requirements coming from North Carolina Session Law 2021-191, which prohibits public officials from “administering a contract, including the award of money in the form of a[n]...appropriation, with any nonprofit with which that public official is associated.” The resolutions attached to this item allow specific Council Members to be excused from voting on items that would conflict with the statute referenced above. More specifically, the following Council Members would need to be excused from voting on the attached items associated with these entities:

Council Member	Excused From Voting on Item Related To
Andree-Bowen	YMCA, Second Harvest Food Bank



Hall	Kaleideum
Scippio	Mixer, Downtown W-S Partnership, Family Services
Adams	National League of Cities
Clark	NC League of Municipalities

For reference, requested amounts from all local community agencies are attached to this item. These are the same amounts shared at the May 14, 2026 budget workshop.

Committee Action	FC 6/9/2026
For:	Against:
Remarks: Unanimous Approved	