

City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Monday, October 3, 2022

Regular Meeting

Item Reports1

Council to discuss and consider action on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Scottsbluff, West Nebraska Arts Center and the Oregon Trail Community Foundation and authorize the Mayor to sign the MOU.

Staff Contact: Starr Lehl, Economic Development Director

Memorandum of Understanding

WHEREAS, the City of Scottsbluff will be the applicant, and the City of Scottsbluff, the West Nebraska Arts Center and the Oregon Trail Community Foundation have come together to partner and to prepare applications for Creative District grants; and

WHEREAS, the partners listed above have agreed to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding in which the City of Scottsbluff will be the lead agency and named applicant and the other partners will work together in this application process and future Scottsbluff Creative District efforts; and

WHEREAS, the applications prepared and approved through its partners are to be submitted to the proper agencies before any set deadlines; and

WHEREAS, the partners are interested in improving the creative atmosphere of the City of Scottsbluff and have worked together in the past on other successful projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed by and between the partners as follows:

The City of Scottsbluff agrees to:

- Take the lead applicant role for the Creative District designation through the Nebraska Arts Council.
- Be the District Administrator, including the role of Project Coordinator.
- The Small Business Outreach Coordinator and/or the Economic Development Director or their designee will take an active part in the planning process for the Creative District.
- Provide financial grant match for Creative District grants, if needed.
- Assist with community outreach for any projects set forth by the Creative District committee and approved by the City Council.

The West Nebraska Arts Center agrees to:

- Provide a designee that will take an active part in the planning process for the Scottsbluff Creative District and hold a seat on the Creative District Committee.
- Assist with community outreach for the Creative District.
- Cooperate with the City of Scottsbluff in any needed advertising of projects set forth by the Creative District Committee and approved by the City Council.

The Oregon Trail Community Foundation agrees to:

- Provide a designee that will take an active part in the planning process for the Scottsbluff Creative District and hold a seat on the Creative District Committee.
- Assist with community outreach for the Creative District.
- Cooperate with the City of Scottsbluff in any needed advertising of projects set forth by the Creative District Committee and approved by the City Council.
- Take the lead role of Fiscal Agent for the District after setting up an Advisory Committee to be the responsible parties in this partnership.

City of Scottsbluff

By: _____

Date: _____

West Nebraska Arts Center

By: Mary B. Hunt

Date: 9-28-22

Oregon Trail Community Foundation

By: [Signature]

Date: 9/29/22