

TASHCO COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: March 24, 2009	1 st Reading _____ 2 nd Reading _____	Legal Review: N/A	Agenda Location: Business	Agenda Item:
Subject: 2008 ANNUAL REPORT ON THORNTON ARTS, SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES COUNCIL (TASHCO).				
Prepared by: Linda Lowe/Buz Hedglin		Approved by: Jack Ethredge		Ordinance previously introduced
Reviewed by: Mike Soderberg		Presented by: Frank Newton TASHCO President – Board of Dir.		by: _____

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

- TASHCO is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that was established in 1990, whose purpose is to promote cultural and scientific activities and events for the residents of Thornton. City Council serves as the TASHCO Corporation appointing the TASHCO Board of Directors. City staff provides support for grant preparation and program implementation.
- In 2008 TASHCO received SCFD funding in the amount of \$56,645 for the following programs:
 - ▶ \$31,491 for the Young Artists Festival. This was the twelfth year for this program. There were 410 students entered in this classical arts competition in the categories of piano, ballet, vocal, strings and visual art.
 - ▶ \$10,741 for Hispanic Heritage Week Celebration. This was a week-long celebration of the Hispanic Culture that began with a Cultural Exhibit at the Civic Center and culminated with a Atacama Adventure tent at Harvest Fest. The week included a variety of cultural opportunities for residents of all ages, and the total participation was approximately 4,432.
 - ▶ \$5,800 for the Water Festival. This was the 5th year for this educational program that was a collaboration between the cities of Thornton, Northglenn and Westminster, as well as Front Range Community College. The program was dedicated to teaching young people about the importance of water in their lives and its connection with nature and society. In 2008, there were 766 fifth graders who participated in the Water Festival. These students represented 12 area elementary schools.
 - ▶ \$8,613 for art EXPOsed. This was the 2nd year for this program which features classes in the culinary, dance, performance and visual arts. The program included middle and high school students from diverse backgrounds, generally residing in lower income neighborhoods. Participation during this 8-week event totaled 80 students culminating in an expo presentation for an audience of 400.
- TASHCO hosted 13 art exhibits in the City featuring 11 artists who were Thornton citizens. The exhibits included an Earth Day presentation and an employee art show.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPLICATIONS:

- None.

HISTORY: (includes previous action)

- For 2008, TASHCO received \$56,645.
- For 2007, TASHCO received \$63,112 in SCFD funding for six programs.

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- For 2006, TASHCO received \$96,506 in SCFD funding for six programs and a visual art project.
- For 2005, TASHCO received \$25,264.90 in SCFD funding for six programs.