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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to requiring the commissioner of cultural affairs to report annually on department funding of art and cultural organizations and institutions

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 67 the New York city charter is amended by adding a new section 2510 to read as follows:

§ 2510. Funding for arts and cultural organizations and institutions. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Capacity-building funding. The term “capacity-building funding” means funding to help small, community-based organizations serving low-to-moderate income populations provide arts or cultural programming to members of the public.

Capital funding. The term “capital funding” means funding to support design and construction projects or to purchase or lease major equipment or machinery, such as vehicles or computers.

Commissioner. The term “commissioner” means the commissioner of cultural affairs.

Cultural institution funding. The term “cultural institution funding” means funding provided to a cultural institution in the cultural institutions group.

Cultural institutions group. The term “cultural institutions group” has the same meaning as set forth in section 2507.

Department. The term “department” means the department of cultural affairs.

Program funding. The term “program funding” means grant funding for a nonprofit organization to provide arts or cultural programming to members of the public.

b. No later than September 30, 2024, and no later than September 30 of each year thereafter, the commissioner shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council, and post on the department’s website, a report on funding provided by the department to arts and cultural organizations and institutions during the prior fiscal year. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, the following information:

1. The name of each organization or institution that received funds from the department during the prior fiscal year, and for each such organization or institution:

(a) The zip code, borough, community board, and council district in which such organization or institution’s offices are located;

(b) The amount of funds the department provided to such organization or institution during such fiscal year, and for each such amount, the type of funds provided, including but not limited to program funding, cultural institution funding, capital funding, and capacity-building funding;

(c) If provided to the department, the percentage of individuals served by such organization or institution that identify as (i) Black, indigenous, or people of color, including individuals who identify as Native American, Native Hawaiian, Alaskan Native, Desi, Asian, Pacific Islander, Chicanx, or Latinx, (ii) immigrants, (iii) people with disabilities, (iv) seniors, or (v) lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, or asexual; and

(d) The name of the leader of such organization or institution and the demographic information of such leader, if such information is disclosed to the department for purposes of the report required by this subdivision;

2. The total amount of funds used for staff and operating costs of the department during the prior fiscal year;

3. A summary description of any trends or significant changes to funding provided by the department to

arts and cultural organizations and institutions; and

4. A description of any challenges to obtaining data needed to produce the report required by this subdivision.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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