Board of Supervisors Memorandum

September 3, 2013

Borderlands Theater

Background

Borderlands Theater is a professional theater company recognized nationally and internationally for the development and production of theater and educational programs that reflect the diversity of the voices of the United States/Mexico border region. Although focusing on the Latino/Chicano/Mexicano voice as the core voice to nurture and support, Borderlands works interactively with all voices of the region.

Borderlands Theater has been recognized locally, nationally and internationally for its contributions to the arts. Awards and recognition include:

- First ever Tucson/Pima Arts Council Mayor's Award for the arts and service to the community, 1999;
- *Corazon de Justicia Award,* 2001 (*Coalicion de Derechos Humanos);*
- *Coalicion Indigina de La Frontera*, Community Service Award;
- Feature with cover in American Theater Magazine, 2007;
- One of eight theaters nationwide selected for interview in Theater in America Series, 2005
- Kennedy Center New American Play Award
- Rockefeller Map Award for E*lectricidad*
- Special Citation, Mayor of Mexico City for 100th performances of *La Mujer Que Cayo del Cielo*
- Tucson Community Foundation, community service award for Best Small Nonprofit Organization, 2009.

Recommendation

I recommend the Board of Supervisors approve $10,000 in Contingency Fund support for Borderlands Theater programs.

Respectfully submitted,

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County Administrator

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