



**ETHICS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – DECISIONS AND VOTING**
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OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
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In accordance with IC 4-2-6-9, you must file your disclosure with the State Ethics Commission no later than seven (7) days after the conduct that gives rise to the conflict. You must also include a copy of the notification provided to your agency appointing authority and ethics officer when filing this disclosure. This disclosure will be posted on the Inspector General's website.

Name (last) Smith	Name (first) Daria	Name (middle)
Name of office or agency Indiana Arts Commission		Job title Grant Reviewer (Special State Appointee)
Address of office (number and street) 100 N Senate Ave., N505		City Indianapolis
Office telephone number (317) 232-1269		ZIP code 46204
Office e-mail address (required) grantsadmin@iac.in.gov		

Describe the conflict of interest:

Ms. Smith serves as a Grant Reviewer for the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) FY26-27 Arts Organization Support (AOS) Grant Program and is considered a Special State Appointee, as defined in IC 4-2-6-1 (18).

Ms. Smith has disclosed to the IAC that she has a conflict of interest with one (1) organization who is applying for the FY26-27 AOS Grant Program:

A) Brown Co. Arts Gallery Foundation (Nashville, IN): Ms. Smith serves as a partner of this organization in her professional capacity at Monroe Co. Community School Corp.
This was disclosed to the IAC via email after Ms. Smith was assigned a list of all the grants applications to be reviewed.

Describe the screen established by your ethics officer: (Attach additional pages as needed.)

Ethics Screen for Ms. Smith:

1) Ms. Smith has disclosed to the IAC about the one (1) conflict of Interest. Per the IAC's Grant Reviewer's Conflict of Interest Standard Operating Procedure (IAC-OPS-007) the following screenings have been established by the IAC:

A) Brown Co. Arts Gallery Foundation (Nashville, IN): Ethics Screen C, the Grant Reviewer was removed from the discussion and scoring of grant application review during the Grant Review Zoom Meeting that took place on Thursday, April 24, 2025.

AFFIRMATION

Your signature below affirms that your disclosures on this form are true, complete, and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. In addition to this form, you have attached a copy of your written disclosure to your agency appointing authority and ethics officer.

Signature of state officer, employee or special state appointee

Date signed (month, day, year)

Printed full name of state officer, employee or special state appointee

Daria Smith

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Your signature below affirms that you have reviewed this disclosure form and that it is true, complete, and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. You also attest that your agency has implemented the screen described above.

Signature of ethics officer

Date signed (month, day, year)

Printed full name of ethics officer

André Zhang Sonera

Subject: [Ethics Notice] Smith, Daria - Conflict of Interest - Brown Co. Arts Gallery Foundation
Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 4:48:01 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Zhang Sonera, André <AZhangsonera@iac.IN.gov>
To: indypenny@yahoo.com <indypenny@yahoo.com>
CC: Michaelsen, Miah <MMichaelsen@iac.IN.gov>
Attachments: Smith, Daria - COI Disclosure Form.pdf

Dear Chair Valentine,

As the Indiana Arts Commission's appointing authority, this email serves as notice of Daria Smith's conflict of interest under IC 4-2-6-9.

Ms. Smith is a Grant Reviewer for the FY26-27 Arts Organization Support Grant Program.

An ethics screen has been established and described in the attached Ethics Disclosure Form and will be filed with the State Ethics Commission.

Respectfully,

André

André Zhang Sonera, MPA

Deputy Director & Chief of Staff

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