

**CITY COMMUNITY EVENTS AND FESTIVALS COMMITTEE**  
**2019-2020 Events and Festivals Grant Award Recommendations**

The Events and Festivals (EF) grant is open to Santa Barbara based non-profit organizations that produce and/or manage events, festivals, or innovative programming series. The grant program supports quality community events that enhance the cultural life of Santa Barbara and attract tourism to the City. The maximum amount for an Events and Festivals grant is \$20,000.

**EVENTS AND FESTIVALS GRANT GENERAL INFORMATION**

<b>Total EF Grant Funding Requested:</b>	<b>\$293,740</b>
<b>Total EF Grant Funding Available:</b>	<b>\$106,100</b>
<b>Total Number of Applicants:</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Number of Applicants Recommended for Funding:</b>	<b>17</b>

**GRANT APPLICANTS, DESCRIPTIONS, AND AWARD AMOUNT RECOMMENDATIONS**

*(Please note: the grant descriptions provided below are submitted by the applicants as part of their grant application.)*

**10 West Gallery**

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“A pilot event for an annual art festival in Santa Barbara. The pilot festival will be a self guided walking tour of the Art District galleries and SBMA. There will be a series of staggered programs at the venues: artist talks, live painting demonstrations and live music. There will be a printed map guide to the galleries and a printed guide to the restaurants in the neighborhood. A kick-off party with light snacks, wine and music will be held on Friday evening. Walking tour all day Saturday.”

Amount Requested: \$20,000

**Recommended Grant Award: \$0**

**ARTSPACE INC DBA Center Stage Theater**

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“Host a conference at UCSB to discuss the lack of Gender and Racial Parity in American Theater. Inviting students and theater professionals from across the country to discuss the problem and work on potential solutions. The event will include speakers, panel discussions and performances at UCSB and at Center Stage Theater in downtown Santa Barbara.”

Amount Requested: \$5,000

**Recommended Grant Award: \$1,750**

**Ensemble Theatre Company**

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“Ensemble Theatre Company (ETC) is respectfully requesting support for its 41st season of providing professional quality live theater. Four of the five plays included in the 2019-20 season will take place from October through April. Selected for their variety and innovation, these remarkable productions will enhance the cultural life of Santa Barbara residents and tourists.”

Amount Requested: \$20,000

**Recommended Grant Award: \$15,000**

## Flamenco Arts Festival

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“[The Flamenco Arts Festival's] mission is to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month through the presentation of world-class flamenco performances and related educational programs; promote a better understanding and embrace of different cultures; diversify the local cultural arts calendar; make the performing arts accessible to children and families; promote and preserve flamenco dance and music; and build bridges of experiences between people. The FAF is an annual event held in September/October.”

Amount Requested: \$7,000

**Recommended Grant Award: \$5,000**

## Folk Orchestra

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“The Santa Barbara Folk Orchestra is a 32-piece ensemble featuring bagpipes, mandolins, acoustic, guitars, Irish whistles, harp, and flute, with a full contingent of classical strings, violins, violas, cellos, and double bass, along with instruments relevant to the current folk theme, from all over the world. [They] perform a new folk theme every quarter. The Folk Orchestra is a local ensemble full of the area's best musicians playing a rich amalgam of folk and classical.”

Amount Requested: \$8,000

**Recommended Grant Award: \$1,500**

## Foundation for Santa Barbara City College

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“The Collective Collaborative festival (CCF) brings together dance communities from across the state of California for two days of dance programming in Santa Barbara. [The Collective Collaborative Festival's] mission is to foster relationships between the SBCC dance company and others in and around the Santa Barbara area, Northern + Southern California, and eventually from out of state. To help bring other dance companies and their supporters to Santa Barbara, [the CCF] host[s] the event at the beautiful New Vic Theater.”

Amount Requested: \$10,000

**Recommended Grant Award: \$1,500**

## Jewish Federation of Greater Santa Barbara

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“The Jewish Federation of Greater Santa Barbara produces the Santa Barbara Jewish Film Festival specifically to celebrate the diversity of Jewish history, culture and identity, while hoping that the films and their stories will resonate beyond these settings and speak to universal experience and issues that confront our common humanity.”

Amount Requested: \$15,000

**Recommended Grant Award: \$3,500**

## Lobero Theatre Foundation

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“Lobero LIVE is a series of 20-30 stellar live music performances at the Lobero with some of the best in blues, folk, and jazz. The Lobero Theatre will present another season of top-quality entertainment through Lobero LIVE in 2019-20,

bringing shows that would normally be presented in larger cities like Los Angeles or San Francisco. Lobero LIVE is known for big names in a small room.”

Amount Requested: \$20,000

**Recommended Grant Award: \$14,250**

### **Museum of Contemporary Art, Santa Barbara**

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“The New York Times praises Kunsthalle for Music as the ‘takeover’ of an art space by an ensemble of musicians [as] an experiment to explore how contemporary classical music can be experienced as a form of contemporary art.’ Making its US debut, Ari Benjamin Meyers explores the concept of a museum dedicated to performance, expanding the definition of a museum and its community presence. Meyers explains his musical kunsthalle enables ‘a different relationship to the audience...they [have] agency.”

Amount Requested: \$20,000

**Recommended Grant Award: \$2,400**

### **Santa Barbara Acoustic Music Association**

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“SB Acoustic is a fall series of live international acoustic music concerts featuring some of the world's great guitarists: classical & modern, blues & Americana, gypsy jazz & flamenco, folk & more. In order to have more visibility and impact, the participating venues of The New Vic, Alhecama, Lobero and SOhO, and non-profits including the Flamenco Arts Festival, are cooperating in the co-promotion of this series in addition to individual efforts.”

Amount Requested: \$8,000

**Recommended Grant Award: \$2,000**

### **Santa Barbara Culinary Experience**

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“From March 13- March 15, 2020, the Santa Barbara Culinary Experience (SBCE) will bring out of town visitors and members of the local community to celebrate the bounty of what is grown in and around Santa Barbara, all in the spirit of why Julia Child chose to live in the American Riviera. This event will be in partnership with the Julia Child Foundation for Gastronomy and the Culinary Arts and an expanded version of the successful Santa Barbara Food & Wine Weekend at Bacara Resort from 2014-2017.”

Amount Requested: \$20,000

**Recommended Grant Award: \$15,000**

### **Santa Barbara Museum of Art**

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“After several years of renovation, SBMA will reopen its gallery spaces with an exhibition on Vincent Van Gogh. This show will immerse viewers in the visual imagination of one of the most beloved artists in the world. By presenting the artwork of Van Gogh alongside that of the artists he most admired, the show will reconnect Vincent to his late 19th-century context and inspiration. The show seeks to demonstrate both Vincent's indebtedness to the art world of his day and radical departure from it.”

Amount Requested: \$20,000

**Recommended Grant Award: \$15,000**

## **Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History**

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“Working with members of the Chumash tribes from throughout the region, the Anthropology & Education departments of the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History present Supak'a. Participating tribes include the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, Barbareño Band of Chumash Indians, Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Mission Indians, and yak tityu tityu yak tilhini (Northern Chumash Tribe). 2019 will mark the 4th annual Chumash Gathering. Events in 2016, 2017, and 2018 were hugely successful.”

Amount Requested: \$15,000

**Recommended Grant Award: \$1,500**

## **Santa Barbara Revels**

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“Described as an ‘invigorating theatrical blend of ritual, song, dance, tradition, and community’ (SB Independent), ‘The Christmas Revels’ 2019 production takes place in Venice during the Italian Renaissance. A diverse company of more than 60 performers will sing and play the rich music found in this crossroads of the world, a commedia dell'arte troupe will provide amusing antics, lively dancers will entertain. Revels encourages audience participation in this family-friendly theatrical experience.”

Amount Requested: \$20,000

**Recommended Grant Award: \$4,200**

## **Santa Barbara Symphony Orchestra Association**

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“The Santa Barbara Symphony requests support for a marketing campaign and related expenses to promote and present six of the nine concerts that are part of the 2019-20 performance season.”

Amount Requested: \$20,000

**Recommended Grant Award: \$8,000**

## **Santa Barbara Zoological Foundation**

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“Boo at the Zoo is the tri-county's most popular Halloween event, taking place this year on October 18, 19, and 20. For three evenings, the Zoo opens after hours and offers a variety of activities such as hay bale mazes, a dance floor, trick or treating tables, Zookeeper talks, costumed characters, animal encounters, various ‘ghoulish’ games, a scare zone, and ‘Boo Choo Choo’ train rides. Between 4,000 and 6,000 guests visit each year to participate in the safe and fun celebrations.”

Amount Requested: \$20,000

**Recommended Grant Award: \$0**

## **SummerDance Santa Barbara**

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“Summerdance Santa Barbara is requesting \$6,000 to support two DANCEworks performances in collaboration with the Lobero Theatre. Each year, a new work of dance is created and performed locally for 800+ people and goes on to be performed around the country and the world.”

Amount Requested: \$6,000

**Recommended Grant Award: \$2,500**

## **TEDxSantaBarbara**

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“TEDxSantaBarbara seeks support to produce our 10th TEDx event in Santa Barbara, spotlighting innovation, invention, and ideas that our community and the world need to know. In the last 9 years, ideas from our stage have been viewed over 13 million times around the globe. To build our local and regional audience at the live event, this year's outreach efforts include an even more expansive and strategic marketing plan, which requires us to seek additional, dedicated funding for advertising.”

Amount Requested: \$15,000

**Recommended Grant Award: \$5,000**

## **Tina Love Artist**

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“A flamenco tablao series at the Four Seasons Biltmore Ty Lounge, Santa Barbara. Local flamenco dancers and international guests will have a great venue supporting their tablao shows monthly between Sept. 2019 and May 2020. Since her last grant application, Tina has produced 4 successful events, with the Biltmore increasing their support each time. Tina has volunteered her time as she sees this as a pioneering home for ongoing tablao flamenco in Santa Barbara.”

Amount Requested: \$4,740

**Recommended Grant Award: \$0**

## **UCSB Arts & Lectures**

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“A&L is the premiere multidisciplinary presenting program between Los Angeles and San Francisco. Downtown Arts represents the many diverse events as part of A&L's annual series that take place at downtown SB venues, including the Arlington, Granada, Lobero and New Vic Theatres. Each year, A&L serves thousands of patrons with world-class events that help define Santa Barbara as a culturally vibrant community, many of whom (between 20 - 25%) travel from outside the city to participate.”

Amount Requested: \$20,000

**Recommended Grant Award: \$8,000**