

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2019-2020 Community Arts Grant Award Recommendations

The City of Santa Barbara’s Community Arts grants are designed to support specific projects by arts organizations or individual artists who have a partnership with an arts or educational non-profit organization. The program supports projects that increase accessibility to the arts for under-served communities. The City Arts Advisory Committee encourages proposals that focus on youth and families. The maximum amount of a Community Arts Grant is \$6,000.

COMMUNITY ARTS GRANT GENERAL INFORMATION

Total CA Grant Funding Requested:	\$108,200
Total CA Grant Funding Available:	\$48,500
Total Number of Applicants:	21
Number of Applicants Recommended for Funding:	20

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.)

ALPHA RESOURCE CENTER OF SANTA BARBARA (SLINGSHOT)

“Funding will support artists with disabilities at SlingShot Alpha Art Studio & Gallery. This project aims to increase their visibility and access to Santa Barbara's visual arts community by participating in Downtown Santa Barbara 1st Thursday Art Walk.”

Amount Requested: \$4,300

Recommended Grant Award: \$1,500

Beacon of Light Foundation (DBA Inner Light Choir)

“The Gospel Music Workshop and Concert provides an opportunity for the greater Santa Barbara community to engage in an intensive, immersive experience in traditional and contemporary gospel music. The workshop runs for 3 days and culminates in a rousing Saturday concert performance. For the last 24 years, this annual workshop has been bringing together people of the Santa Barbara community, uniting them in musical celebration regardless of race or creed.”

Amount Requested: \$3,000

Recommended Grant Award: \$1,500

Boys and Girls Club of Santa Barbara

“Funding of this request will fully supply year-round afterschool art classes and projects for underserved children ages 5-18 at the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Barbara (BGCSB) and enable the hiring of local artists as guest instructors for the 2019-20 school year.”

Amount Requested: \$6,000

Recommended Grant Award: \$3,000

Children's Creative Project

“Grant support will fund and subsidize in part performances by professional touring artists. [Children's Creative Project] will expand to serve eight to twelve of the elementary and/or secondary school sites and roughly 3800 to 5600 underserved students in the SB Unified School District during the 2019-20 academic year. Schools may collaborate and select one or more touring artists for a block-booked tour or select from multicultural touring artists from [their] local region or beyond sponsored in the CCP Arts Catalog.”

Amount Requested: \$6,000

Recommended Grant Award: \$3,800

DramaDogs

“As the resident theater company at the SB Library, DramaDogs has been consistently involved with the library's schedule of events in various ways. [They] are looking to expand our involvement, adding to [their] successful track record of creating workshops and performances that integrate literacy with personal creativity and expression. This fund will allow [them] to continue supporting and enhancing library activities by developing original works and community activities in line with library programming.”

Amount Requested: \$6,000

Recommended Grant Award: \$4,000

Foundation for Santa Barbara City College

“This grant project pays bilingual student artists to create submissions for UCSB Professor Jane Mulfinger's site-specific project, West is South, at the Atkinson Gallery. Working with Franklin Elementary School and other regional sites in the fall of 2019, this exhibition encourages the community to share their thoughts that give context to the profound human sensation of belonging within the Santa Barbara area.”

Amount Requested: \$6,000

Recommended Grant Award: \$1,500

Friends of the East Side Library

“Friends of the East Side Library will Provide Art and Multi-Cultural Performances and programming at the Eastside Branch Library for underserved youth and families. [They] added a pilot teen art and leadership program in 2019. The group has been meeting regularly during the academic year and have a series of art classes during the summer. They will also work with youth patrons in the summer reading programs at the branch library.”

Amount Requested: \$6,000

Recommended Grant Award: \$3,650

Girls Rock Santa Barbara

"Girls Rock's award-winning Amplify sleep away camp combines music and art education, mentorship, and social justice workshops to empower youth to express themselves, build confidence, and treat each other with respect. [Their] goal is

for all girls in Santa Barbara to have access to music education, regardless of ability to pay or other barriers. [They] especially aim to reach underserved and marginalized girls, particularly girls of color, low-income girls, LGBTQ youth, and foster youth.”

Amount Requested: \$5,000

Recommended Grant Award: \$2,500

LifeChronicles

“The Connection Project will use \$6,000 in grant funds to: produce videos by high school student volunteers with the help and supervision of video artists to capture low income seniors sharing life stories, profound experiences and wisdom gained in the course of their lives for the use of educators. This project will create meaningful connections and provide opportunities to share deepest thoughts and feelings between generations.”

Amount Requested: \$6,000

Recommended Grant Award: \$2,000

Michael Katz Storytelling Residencies

“There will be 3 Academy for Success Storytelling Troupe residencies. One will be located at San Marcos H.S., the second at Santa Barbara H.S., and the third at one of these two high schools. Each residency will be comprised of up to 6 students drawn from the Academy for Success Program at each of these schools. These 11th grade students will be instructed in the art of storytelling by Storyteller Michael Katz, after which they will perform for elementary aged students at 2 local schools.”

Amount Requested: \$5,175

Recommended Grant Award: \$2,000

Nebula Dance Lab

“Nebula Dance Lab provides a professional forum to produce new and existing works. This year's project is focused on restaging new original work from 2015 featuring live music by Adam Phillips, producing two new works by Nebula, a repertory piece by Nebula Dance (Devyn Duex), and guest performances. Additional collaborators creating original content for the work include: Light designer, costume designer, music composer, visual artist, and stage manager. Performances will include 4 school matinee performances, and 1 public performance.”

Amount Requested: \$6,000

Recommended Grant Award: \$3,800

Our Mesa Neighborhood Inc

“An Art Renaissance on the Mesa is one of the objectives for OMNI, Our Mesa Neighborhood Inc, a grassroots nonprofit neighborhood organization. [Their] goal is to add artwork by local artists on the drab utility boxes in the area.”

Amount Requested: \$6,000

Recommended Grant Award: \$0*

**(This grantee did not demonstrate the required 501(c)(3) status and was therefore determined ineligible by the grant committee.)*

PARC Foundation

“The PARC Foundation is requesting \$6,000 to hire adult artist mentors. Funds received will be used strictly to pay artist salaries. Approximately 50 youth will participate in this art based mentoring program and receive hands-on art training, will participate in graffiti abatement, Adopt-A-Block Program, neighborhood clean-ups, and will assist the City with maintenance and repair of public murals. Youth will be recruited from La Cuesta High School, Probation Department, and local schools.”

Amount Requested: \$6,000

Recommended Grant Award: \$4,000

Performing and Visual Arts Camp

“The Performing and Visual Arts Camp (PVAC) is a 4-week summer arts camp for underprivileged youth (aged 7 to 18) from Santa Barbara to experience the creative process of musical production. Campers meet daily with artists and educators in dance, theater, music, and visual arts. Students rehearse and give several performances of a musical theater production. They also perform in the Fiesta Children's Parade.”

Amount Requested: \$6,000

Recommended Grant Award: \$4,000

PRINT POWER

“Print Power will offer free screen printing workshops during Sexual Assault Awareness Month, April 2020, to survivors of sexual assault and interpersonal violence. An exhibition of the prints at a public gallery will educate the general public about the trauma of sexual assault and the healing power of creating visual art.”

Amount Requested: \$6,000

Recommended Grant Award: \$3,000

Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation

“The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) requests support for the annual Founding Day Festival on Saturday, April 25, 2020. This free public festival celebrates the city's birthday, including the founding of the Presidio on April 21, 1782. The festival attracts over 500 people, mostly families. The event celebrates the diverse cultures that make Santa Barbara unique with local cultural performances, nonprofit educational booths, artisans, food trucks, living history, and tours.”

Amount Requested: \$6,000

Recommended Grant Award: \$1,500

Santa Barbara Vocal Jazz Foundation

“Santa Barbara Vocal Jazz Foundation is requesting funds to support one 7-week in-classroom residency for local 4th through 6th graders. Curriculum includes concepts of harmony, melody, improvisation, voicetrumental, a cappella, scat singing and American Jazz history. Each residency culminates in one performance at the school for students, and one professionally produced performance on the Lobero stage for family and friends.”

Amount Requested: \$2,800

Recommended Grant Award: \$1,500

Santa Barbara Young Black Professionals

“The successful pop-up gallery is a fun and meaningful experience for local Black artists to showcase their work and for people in the community to be and feel represented in Santa Barbara. In 2020, [they] will utilize the whole weekend to create a multi-faceted, family-friendly cultural experience. [They] will use the grant money requested to fund such things as marketing materials, artists, art installation, an MC, venue lease and sound equipment.”

Amount Requested: \$2,925

Recommended Grant Award: \$1,250

Simon Kiefer Artist

“Under this proposal, Public Typewriters for public usage at no charge would be placed in nine participating partnership venue locations throughout Downtown Santa Barbara - like Pianos on State Street, only this would involve typewriters, would be indoors in locations on and off State Street. Numerous related events and writing workshops would occur at each of the nine venues. The public would be invited to share their creations for uploading to a specially created website.”

Amount Requested: \$1,000

Recommended Grant Award: \$1,000

The Turner Foundation

“The Turner Foundation own two low-income housing communities on the west side of Santa Barbara. In each community [they] have Learning Centers to house our after-school education and enrichment programs. This Music, Art and Enrichment Program brings the benefits of music education and learning to play musical instruments (piano, violin, guitar, flute or drums), singing, song-writing, creating music videos, art lessons and dance lessons for our youth at no additional cost to [their] resident families.”

Amount Requested: \$6,000

Recommended Grant Award: \$1,500

UCP Work, Inc.

“The UCP WORK, Inc. Santa Barbara Art Works Studio, is seeking to purchase one Formlabs 3D Printer so that artists with physical disabilities will have custom-made tools to enhance accessibility. [They] are currently creating simple and crude tools to support artists with cerebral palsy. By utilizing a 3D printer, [they] will be able to create art tools that will allow greater accessibility to artists, so they may fully engage in the creative process.”

Amount Requested: \$6,000

Recommended Grant Award: \$1,500