



Office of the City Manager

INFORMATION CALENDAR
June 25, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Jordan Klein, Economic Development Manager
Subject: FY 2020 Civic Arts Grant Awards

INTRODUCTION

This report is to inform the City Council of the Civic Arts Grant awards for Fiscal Year 2020.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Fiscal Year 2020 Civic Arts Grant award amounts (see Attachment 1) as approved by the Civic Arts Commission include funding of \$448,922 for fifty-four (54) arts organizations, \$44,411 for twelve (12) individual artists, and \$156,866 for twenty-four (24) festivals. Most applicants that applied were awarded funding, although three (3) organizations, fifteen (15) individual artists, and two (2) festivals that applied were not awarded funds this year. There were also three (3) applications that were deemed ineligible and one (1) that was withdrawn by the applicant.

BACKGROUND

On January 29, 2019, City Council approved revised guidelines for the Civic Arts Grant process, which included guidelines for a new grant category for Festivals and corresponding revisions to the guidelines for Arts Organizations and Individual Artist Projects. The modifications to the program guidelines ensure that each of the grant processes managed by the Civic Arts Program are aligned and fit within a unified, overarching grants strategy.

The grant application period was from February 11 to April 25, 2019. This year the Civic Arts Program received 113 applications from nonprofit arts organizations, individual artists, and festival organizers for grant funding for the upcoming Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 cycle.

Civic Arts staff held grant application workshops on March 5 and 12, 2019 at the South Berkeley Branch Library to provide organizations, individual artists and festival organizers with a review of grant application requirements and instruction on using the on-line grant application system.

In February 2019, the Civic Arts Program issued an open call for potential grant review panelists and in early April 2019, staff worked with the Civic Arts Commission's Grants Subcommittee to identify a short list of potential panelists with substantial background in arts and culture and a demonstrated commitment to cultural equity.

Between May 7 and 17, 2019, the Civic Arts Program conducted five grant review panel meetings that were open to the public where grant applications were reviewed and scored relative to the grant application criteria by the grant review panels. In an effort to increase transparency and provide valuable feedback to grant applicants, the Civic Arts Program encouraged applicants to attend the grant review panel meeting for their application and provided applicants with the exact time for their review.

After the conclusion of the grant review panel meetings, the compiled panel scores were presented at a public meeting on May 21, 2019 to the Civic Arts Commission's Grants Subcommittee where grant award recommendations were determined based upon panel scores and in accordance with the program guidelines and funding criteria. The grant award amounts as recommended the Grants Subcommittee were made public on May 22, 2019 and communicated to all applicants.

On May 28, 2019, the Civic Arts Commission approved the final FY20 Civic Arts Grant award amounts:

Action: Motion/Second (Slattery/Blecher) to approve the final Civic Arts Grant Awards for FY2020 as revised at the meeting. The motion carried.

Vote: Ayes - Anno, Blecher, Covarrubias, Passmore, Slattery, Tamano; Nays - None; Abstain - None; Recused - Bullwinkel, Ross; Absent - Ozol.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The Civic Arts Grants program is administered completely online. Applicants applied by filling out an online form hosted by Submittable, a web-based grant application manager. Grant selection panelists reviewed and scored the applications using the same online tool.

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Attachments:

1. FY 2020 Civic Arts Grants Awards

Berkeley Civic Arts Grants FY2020: Approved by the Civic Arts Commission 5/28/2019		
Large Arts Organizations	Score	Grant Award Amount
Freight and Salvage	93.8	\$11,156
Small Press Distribution, Inc.	93.8	\$11,156
UC Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive (BAMPFA)	90.0	\$10,710
Shotgun Players, Inc.	90.0	\$10,710
Aurora Theatre Company	90.0	\$10,710
Berkeley Repertory Theatre	86.8	\$10,323
Heyday	86.3	\$10,264
Kala Art Institute	86.0	\$10,234
Shawl-Anderson Modern Dance Center	85.3	\$10,145
Bay Area Children's Theatre	83.8	\$9,966
Berkeley Symphony Orchestra	82.5	\$9,818
Cal Performances	82.5	\$9,818
Cazadero Performing Arts Camp	81.8	\$9,728
California Jazz Conservatory	80.0	\$9,520
Crowden Music Center	79.0	\$9,401
Berkeley Music Group dba The UC Theatre	77.5	\$9,223
Julia Morgan Center for the Arts DBA Berkeley Playhouse	74.0	\$8,806
Subtotal		\$171,687
Mid-Size Arts Organizations	Score	Grant Award Amount
La Peña Cultural Center	95.0	\$9,709
Gamelan Sekar Jaya	94.3	\$9,632
Youth Spirit Artworks	92.5	\$9,454
Luna Dance Institute	90.5	\$9,249
Berkeley Art Center	87.5	\$8,943
BrasArte the Damasceno Brazilian Cultural Exchange	87.5	\$8,943
Berkeley High School Jazz	86.0	\$8,789
Berkeley Ballet Theater INC	84.3	\$8,610
PlayGround	84.3	\$8,610
Ashkenaz Music & Dance Community Center	83.8	\$8,559
David Brower Center	82.5	\$8,432
TheatreFIRST	82.0	\$8,380
Berkeley Community Chorus & Orchestra	81.8	\$8,355
Central Works	81.8	\$8,355
Capoeira Arts Foundation	80.8	\$8,253
Habitot Children's Museum	79.5	\$8,125
Berkeley FILM Foundation	79.3	\$8,099
Mahea Uchiyama Center for International Dance	78.8	\$8,048
Young People's Symphony Orchestra	74.8	\$7,639
Youth Musical Theater Company	74.0	\$7,563
Subtotal		\$171,747

Small Arts Organizations	Score	Grant Award Amount
Creative Residencies for Emerging Artists Teaching Empowerment (C.R.E.A.T.E.)	92.0	\$6,992
Poetry Flash	88.8	\$6,745
Left Margin LIT	87.5	\$6,650
Indra's Net Theater	86.8	\$6,593
Bay Area Creative BAC	84.5	\$6,422
Those Women Productions	84.0	\$6,384
Berkeley Chamber Performances	83.8	\$6,365
California Institute for Community, Art & Nature	83.0	\$6,308
Pacific Edge Voices	80.3	\$6,099
Sacred and Profane, a chamber chorus	80.0	\$6,080
WEE POETS	79.3	\$6,023
Bella Musica Chorus	78.5	\$5,966
Miriam Wolodarski / Sense Object	77.5	\$5,890
Play Cafe, Inc.	76.8	\$5,833
Inferno Theatre	76.8	\$5,833
Antons Well Theater Company	75.8	\$5,757
Chora Nova	73.0	\$5,548
Subtotal		\$105,488
Individual Artists	Score	Grant Award Amount
Erika Oba	89.5	\$3,983
Patricia Mullan	88.3	\$3,931
David Roderick	86.2	\$3,834
Susan Duhan Felix	85.2	\$3,790
Deborah Craig	84.8	\$3,775
Priscilla Hine	83.3	\$3,708
Sharon Siskin	82.2	\$3,656
Rebecca Morris	82.0	\$3,649
Denise Zmekhol	80.0	\$3,560
Mary Curtis Ratcliff	79.5	\$3,538
Miriam Wolodarski Lundberg	78.7	\$3,501
Ivan Andres Rondon Triana	78.3	\$3,486
Subtotal		\$44,411
Large Festivals	Score	Grant Award Amount
Freight Fest	88.5	\$9,027
Downtown Berkeley Jazz Festival 2020 (DBJF 2020)	59.2	\$6,035
Subtotal		\$15,062
Mid-Size Festivals	Score	Grant Award Amount
Queering Dance: An East Bay Festival	89.8	\$8,049
BERKELEY JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL	89.5	\$8,019
Berkeley Kite Festival	87.5	\$7,840
Berkeley Old Time Music Convention	86.8	\$7,780
SF Bay Brazilian Day & Lavagem Festival 2019	86.5	\$7,750

Dia de los Muertos (DDL M)	82.5	\$7,392
Berkeley Earth Day 2020	82.2	\$7,362
Watershed Environmental Poetry Festival	81.8	\$7,332
27th Annual Berkeley Indigenous Peoples Day Powwow and Market	81.5	\$7,302
Chocolate & Chalk Art Festival	74.8	\$6,705
Contemporary Diasporas Festival	72.7	\$6,511
Berkeley High School All Class Reunion Picnic 2019	71.7	\$6,421
Berkeley Farmers Market Salsa Festival	71.0	\$6,362
Berkeley Video and Film Festival	70.5	\$6,317
Celebrando Comunidad en la Placita	70.2	\$6,287
ResoNation: Sacred Sounds Beyond Borders	67.3	\$6,033
Sunday Streets Berkeley, Telegraph Avenue	66.7	\$5,973
Sunday Streets (Downtown Berkeley)	62.8	\$5,630
Telegraph Avenue Holiday Street Fair	58.5	\$5,242
Cornerfest	55.5	\$4,973
Celebrating Berkeley's Black Musical Heritage	52.5	\$4,704
Subtotal		\$139,985
Small Festivals	Score	Grant Award Amount
Intersections (Berkeley Pathways)	56.8	\$1,819
Subtotal		\$1,819
Total Grant Awards		\$650,199

