



Civic Arts Commission Meeting

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

6:00 PM

**Meeting Location: Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch Library
1901 Russell St, Berkeley, CA 94703**

UPDATED Agenda 06/24/2024 Late Materials Included

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Kim Anno, Mayor
Dana Blecher (Chair), District 6
Lisa Bullwinkel, District 4
Modesto Covarrubias, District 7
Kathleen Crandall, District 8
Cristina Ibarra, District 3
Matthew Passmore, District 1
Eduardo Pineda, District 5
Cameron Woo (Vice Chair), District 2

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of Huchiun (*Hooch-yoon*), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (*Cho-chen-yo*) speaking Ohlone (*Oh-low-nee*) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona (*Vuh-roh-nuh*) Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. We acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today. The City

of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan (*Lih-Shawn*) Tribe and create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this Land Acknowledgement.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (for items not on the agenda)

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a) Appreciation for Commissioner Matthew Passmore's service on the Civic Arts Commission
- b) Mildred Howard sculpture ribbon cutting event
- c) Review of Commission meeting protocol changes announced last month
- d) Reminder: Upcoming Civic Arts Commission Retreat on September 15, 2024 and retreat planning

6. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS (All items for presentation, discussion and possible action)

- a) **Action Item:** Approval of Design Development Phase of Artwork for the West Service Center by Lara Kaur
Introduced by Mark Salinas, Public Art Program Lead and Presented by Lara Kaur (**Attachment 5**)
Public Comment
- b) **Discussion:** FY25 Community Festivals and Arts Programs Grant Process Memo
Introduced by Dana Blecher, Grants Subcommittee Chair and Presented by Hilary Amnah, Grants Program Lead (Attachment 1)
Public Comment
- c) **Action:** FY25 Community Festivals Grant Awards
Introduced and Presented by Dana Blecher, Grants Subcommittee Chair (Attachment 2)
Public Comment
- d) **Action:** FY25 Arts Programs Grant Awards
Introduced and Presented by Dana Blecher, Grants Subcommittee Chair (Attachment 3)
Public Comment
- e) **Action:** Approval of Commission Subcommittees and Subcommittee members
Introduced by Dana Blecher, Commission Chair
Public Comment

- f) **Discussion and Action:** Discussion of Potential Arts Ballot Measure and Approval of Letter to Council **(Attachment 6)**
Introduced by Commissioner Lisa Bullwinkel and Commission Chair Dana Blecher
Public Comment
- g) **Discussion:** Berkeley Arts and Music Summit and Berkeley Cultural Trust
Introduced by Commissioners Kathleen Crandall and Lisa Bullwinkel
Public Comment
- h) **Discussion:** Report on Community Convening to Discuss a West Berkeley Arts & Culture District
Introduced by Commissioners Kim Anno and Cameron Woo
Public Comment
- i) **Presentation:** State Designation Process for Cultural Districts Introduced and Presented by Hilary Amnah, Grants Program Lead **Public Comment**
- j) **Presentation:** FY23 Artist Grantee Showcase Video
Introduced and Presented by Hilary Amnah, Grants Program Lead **Public Comment**
- k) **Presentation:** FY24 Public Art Accomplishments
Introduced and Presented by Mark Salinas, Public Art Program Lead **Public Comment**
- l) **Action:** FY25 Civic Arts Commission Work Plan **(Attachment 7)**
(06/24/2024) Introduced and Presented by Dana Blecher, Commission Chair
Public Comment

7. STAFF REPORT

- a) Grants Program Updates, Hilary Amnah
- b) Public Art Program Updates, Mark Salinas

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Grants
 - Dana Blecher, Chair

- Lisa Bullwinkel
 - Cameron Woo
- b) Public Art
- Matt Passmore, Chair
 - Kim Anno
 - Cristina Ibarra
- c) Policy Subcommittee
- Kim Anno, Chair
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
 - Cameron Woo
- d) Joint Subcommittee with Housing Advisory Commission
- Kim Anno, Chair
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
 - Cameron Woo
- e) Representative on Design Review Committee
- Cameron Woo

9. COMMUNICATION (Received from the Public for Items not on the Agenda)

- a) None

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Draft Minutes of May 22, 2024 Meeting (Attachment 4)
 From: Commission Secretary
Recommendation: Approval of May 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes

11. ADJOURNMENT

Attachments:

1. FY25 Community Festivals and Arts Programs Grant Process Memo
2. FY25 Community Festival Grant Awards
3. FY25 Arts Programs Grant Awards
4. Draft Minutes of May 22, 2024 Meeting
- 5. Lara Kaur Design Development**
- 6. Civic Arts Commission Input on Potential Arts Funding Ballot Measure**
- 7. FY25 Civic Arts Commission Work Plan**

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The West Berkeley Service Center Photography Installation

Prepared for: The Berkeley Civic Art Commission
June 2024

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PHOTOGRAPHY

About Lara Kaur

I have been living and working in the Bay for the past 15 years. I'm grateful to call this my home and honored to be in a community with some of the most incredible people. I was raised in a family separated across continents, so photographs have served as a critical piece of emotional connection despite the distance between us all. It is what inspired me to pick up a camera early in life, creating and documenting images of and for my loved ones and community -- as a way to find our way back to each other.

I believe photography offers us a universal form of connection, healing, resistance, and historical memory. I honor and hold this power of photography close to my work as a photographer, social worker, and educator. I am dedicated to highlighting and documenting community narratives and creating space for people to be seen and recognized as they see themselves.

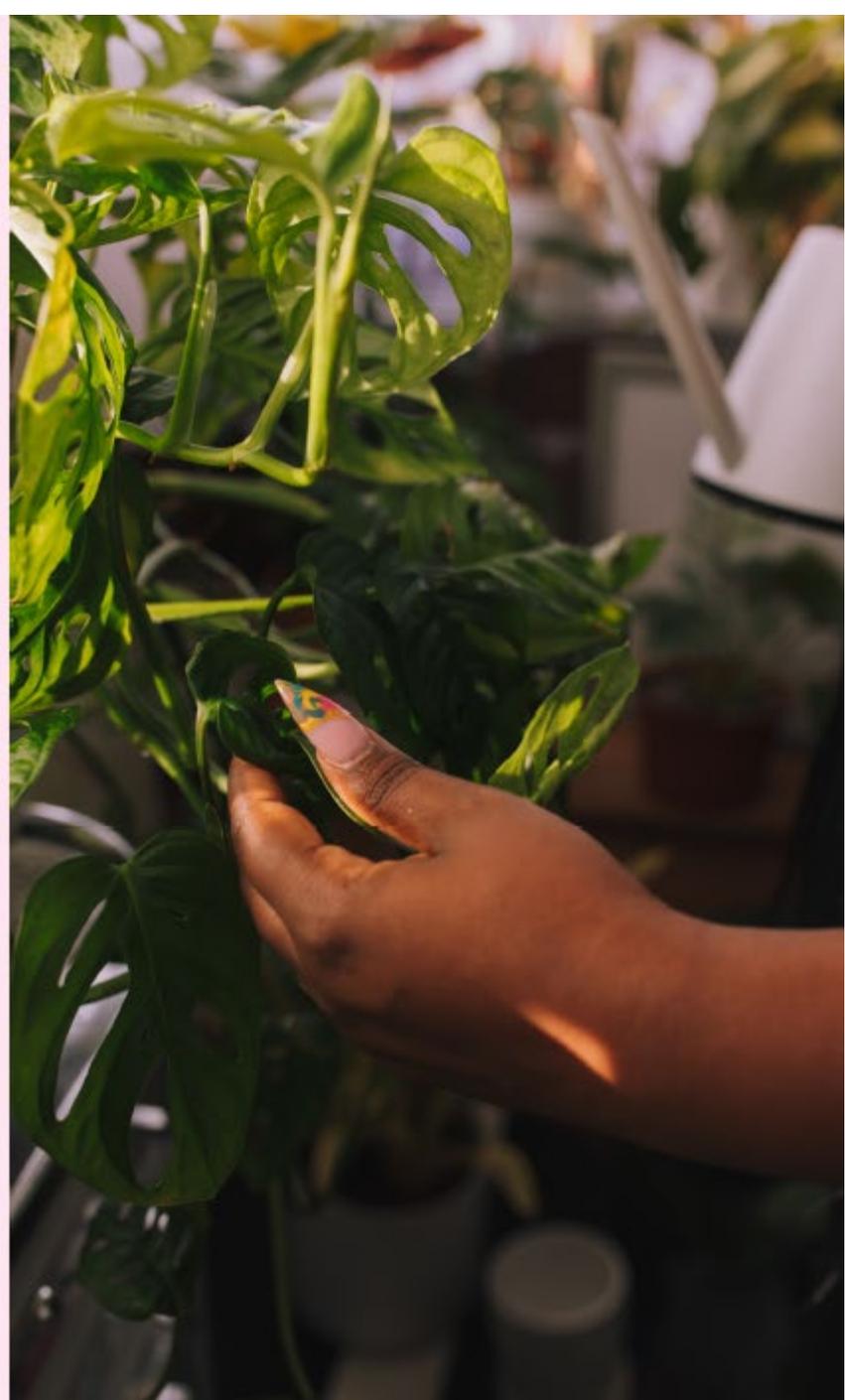


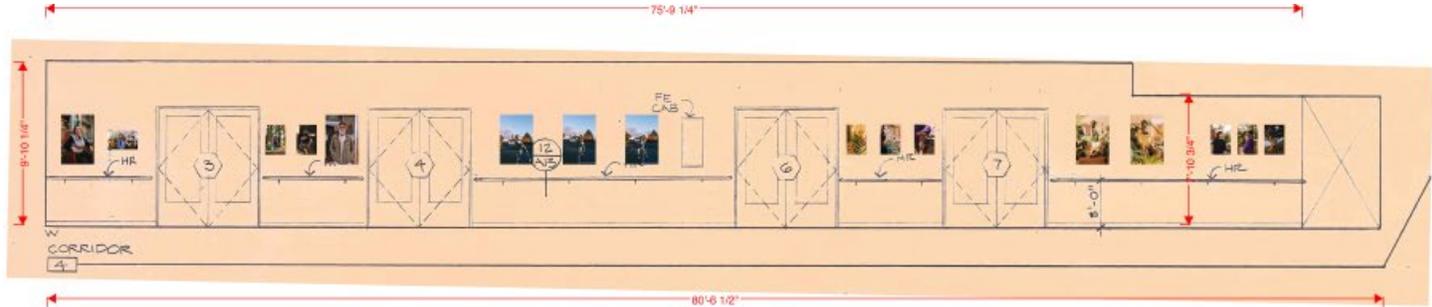


The project includes reflections from folks from across generations, races, abilities, gender and sexual identities, cultures, neighborhoods, and practices. Including: activists, advocates for houseless communities & Housing Counselors, Berkeley Black Infant Health, the Cheeseboard Collective, community healers & leaders, the Confederated Villages of Lisjan/Ohlone, the Ecology Center, Franklin Bros. Market, Healthy Black Families, Lifelong Medical, Malcolm X Elementary School, Mental Health Specialists, Multicultural Institute, Waterfront community members, Muralist, West Berkeley, and Wee Poets.

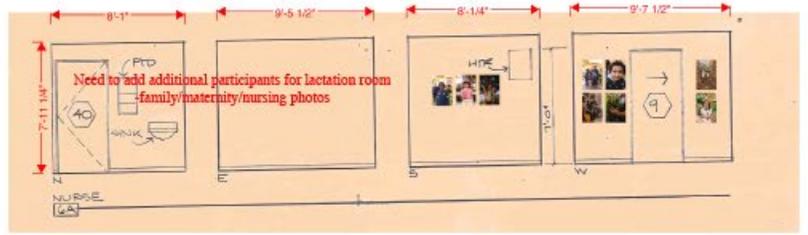


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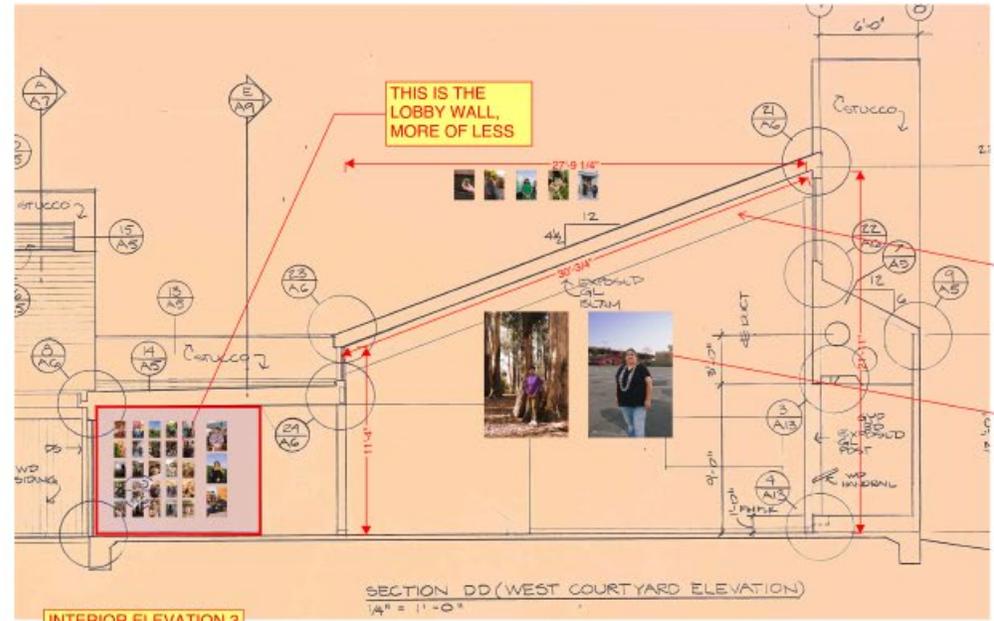




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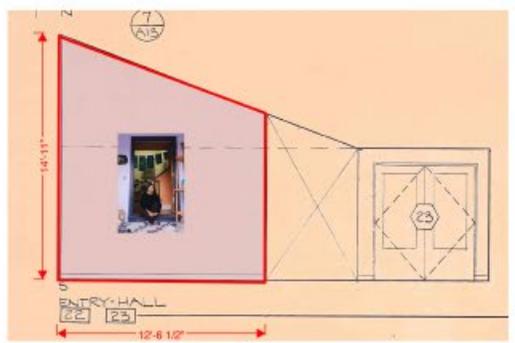
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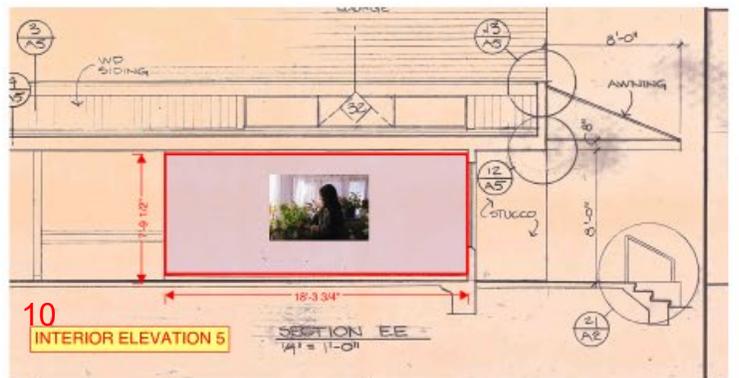
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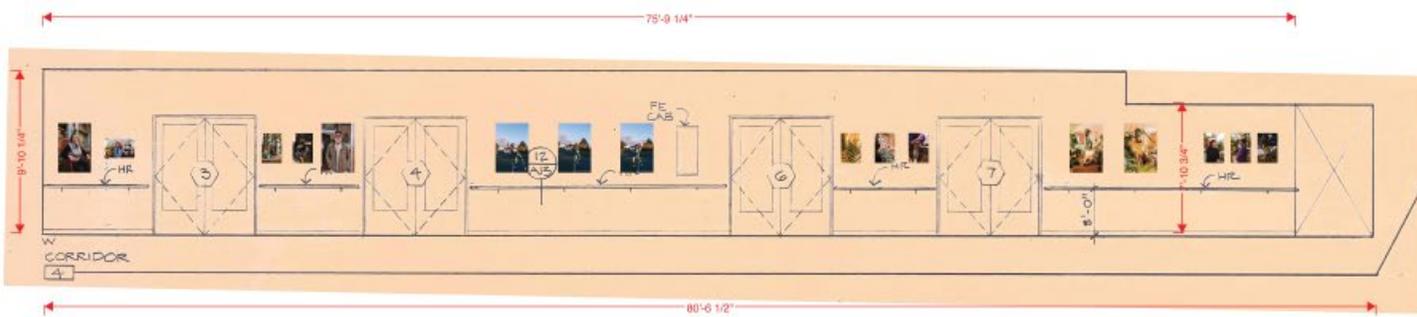
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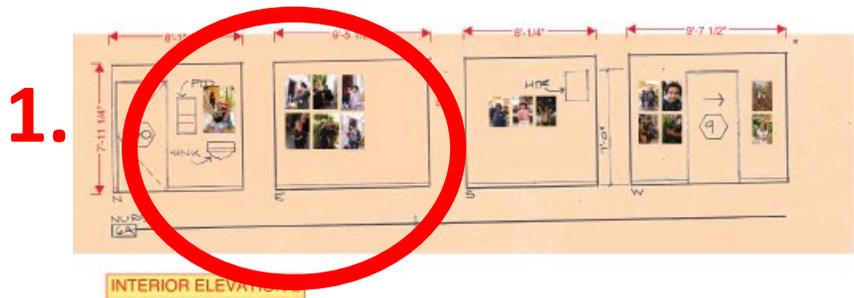
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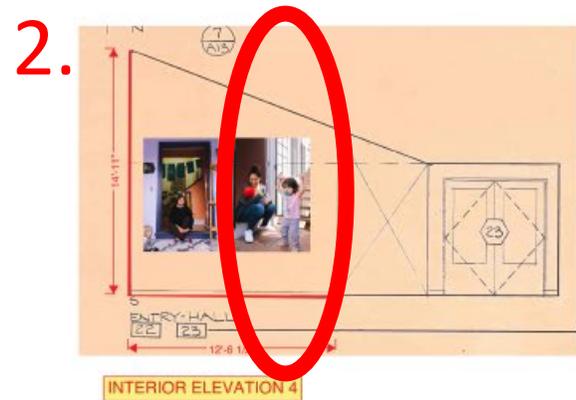


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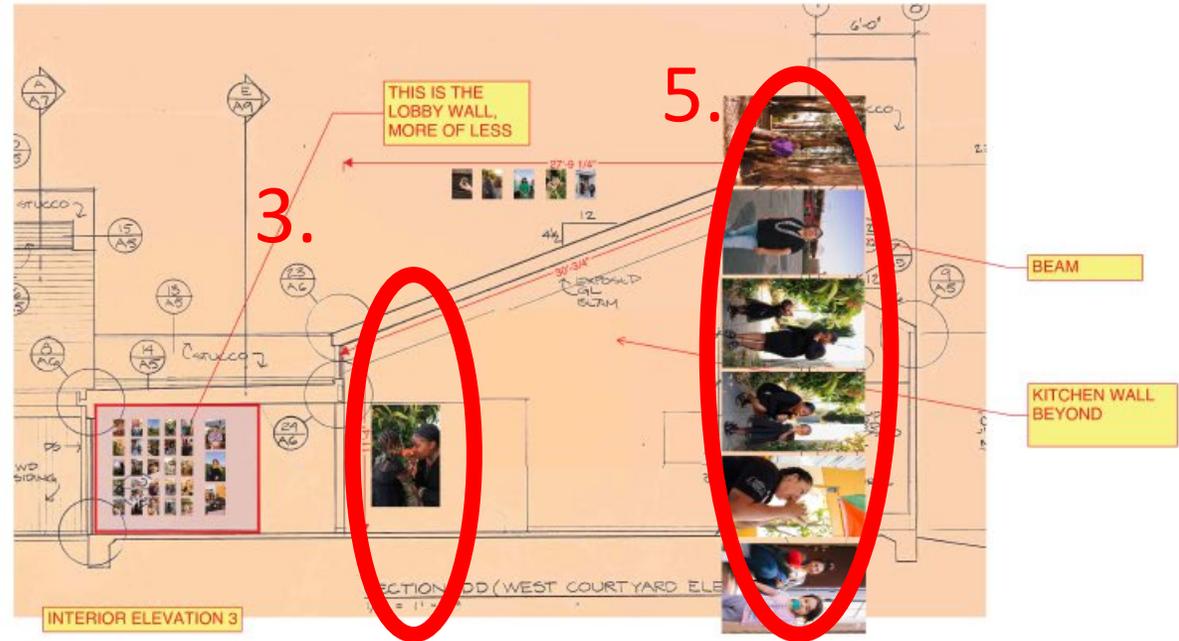


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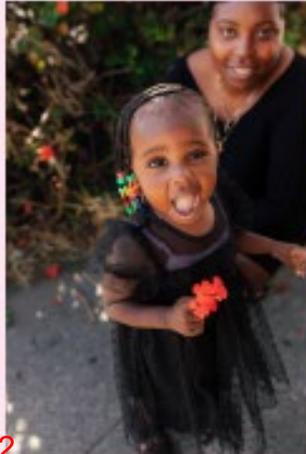
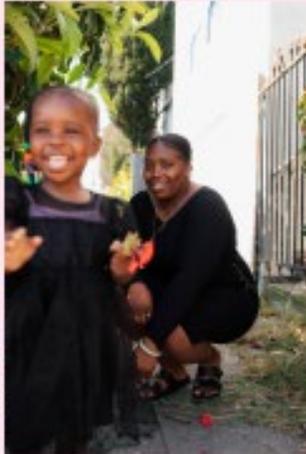
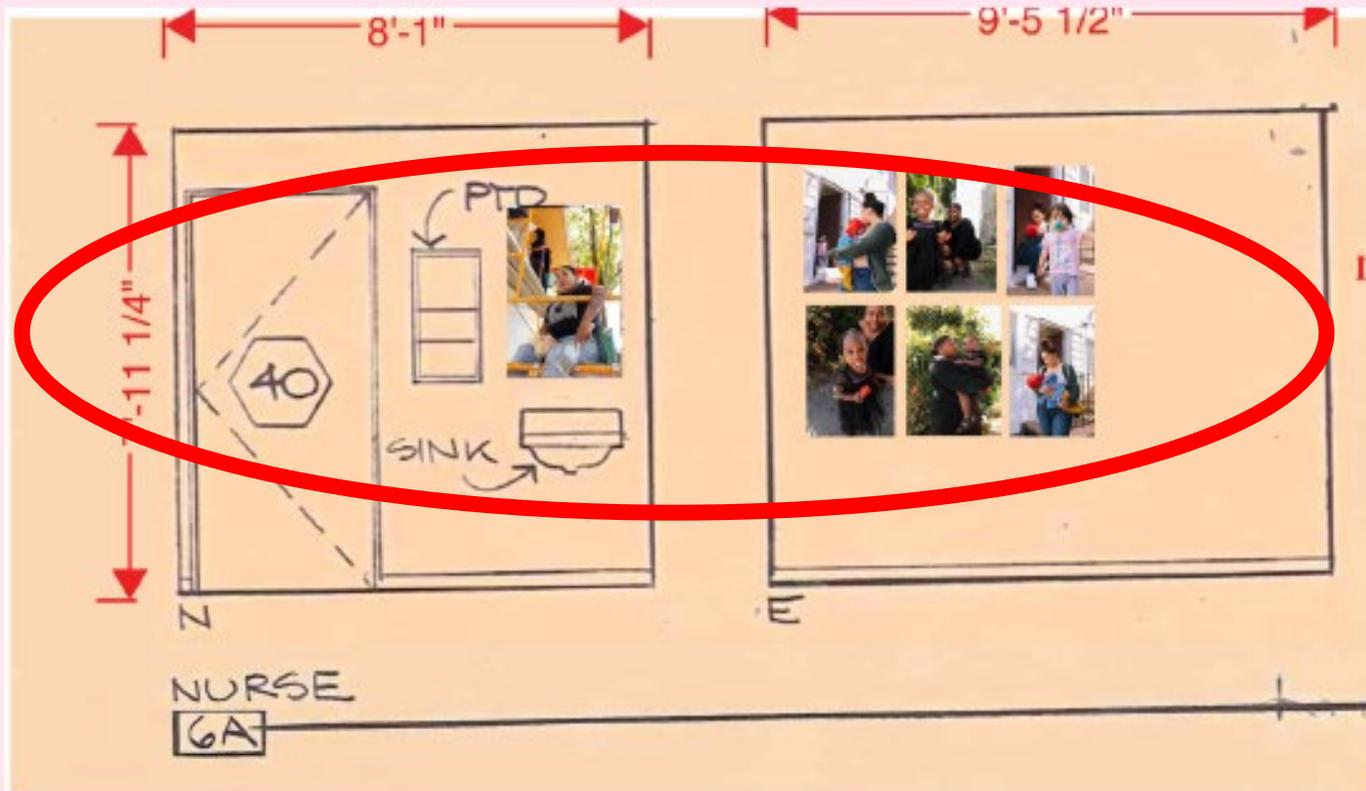


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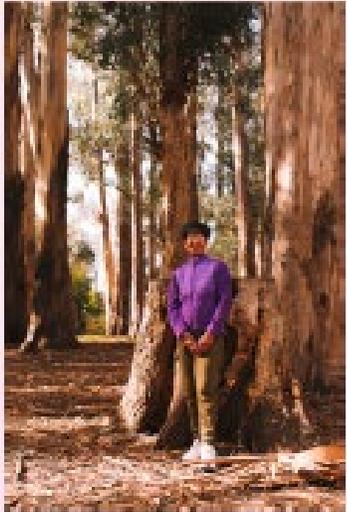


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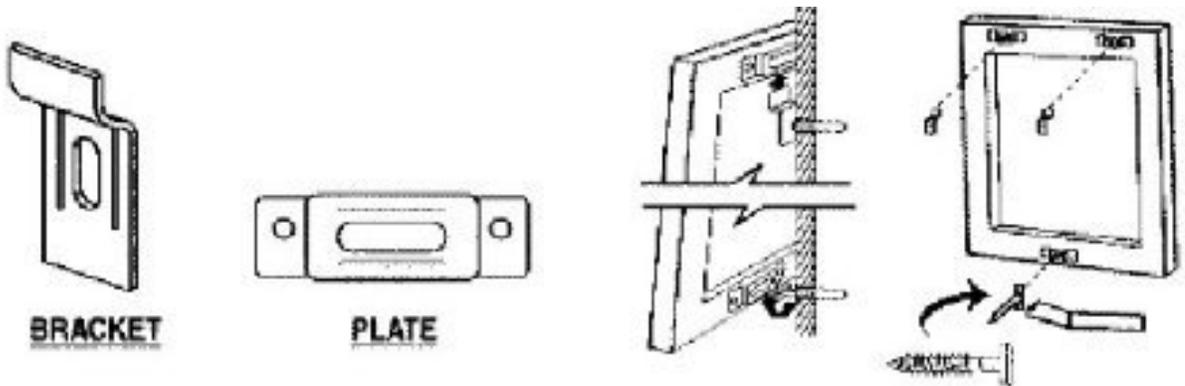
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SECURITY HARDWARE FOR ALL WOODEN FRAMES



2 plates are attached to top of frame. Third plate is attached to center of the frame bottom. The brackets are screwed into wall and slide into space between top plate and frame. Brackets support frame. T screw fits through bottom plate. T shape of screw fits between lower plate and frame, locking frame. The T part of screw fits into plate only one way. You then turn T screw 1/4 turn so T shape goes across width of the plate, locking the frame. Only the T wrench can turn screw this way.
(Very wide frames might need more top plates / brackets for support)



WOODEN FRAMES





Civic Arts
Office of Economic Development

To: Civic Arts Commission
From: Hilary Amnah, Grants Program Lead
Subject: FY25 Community Festivals and Arts Programs Grant Awards

This memo outlines the processes used and recommended funding scenarios for the Fiscal Year 2025 Community Festivals and Arts Programs grant awards.

1. Guidelines Development

The Grants Subcommittee discussed the FY25 grant program guidelines across five meetings during October and November of 2023. Some of the policy considerations during the Grants Subcommittee meetings included:

- Eligibility requirements
 - Including whether or not grant categories would require organizations to have Berkeley business addresses
- Review criteria categories and percentages
- Award maximums

The Civic Arts Commission approved the final version of the Community Festivals and Arts Programs grant guidelines at their December 7, 2023 meeting.

2. Arts Programs grant: Sub-granting National Endowment for the Arts Funds with Civic Arts Matching Funds

Funding for the Arts Program grant was obtained in part by a Grant for Arts Projects from the National Endowment for the Arts. Civic Arts applied for \$30,000 for re-granting purposes; this grant required one-to-one matching funds, bringing the total project amount to \$60,000. Civic Arts used funds from the grants administration budget (not funds earmarked for other grant categories) to meet the required match.

This funding was applied for in February 2023, and awarded to the City of Berkeley in November 2023.

3. Panelist Recruitment

On August 16, 2023, a call for panelists was released to recruit grant review panelists from around the Bay Area. The call was advertised through the Civic Arts newsletter, social media, and direct contact with individuals. The call for panelists closed on November 15, 2023. With a two-year eligibility period, those approved for the panelist pool in the previous grant cycle were also eligible to serve for these grant panels.

4. Grant Opportunity Outreach and Promotion

Grants were advertised in the Civic Arts newsletter, social media, and to previous grant applicants. The City's communications team advertised the applications through their Community Message channel

and through the City’s official social media accounts.

5. Application Period and Technical Assistance

All FY25 grant applications opened on January 8, 2024, and had staggered deadlines.

Grant	Opened	Closed	Application Period
Community Festivals	January 8, 2024	March 6, 2024	8 weeks / 59 days
Arts Programs	January 8, 2024	March 13, 2024	9 weeks / 64 days

Technical Assistance webinars were given by staff for the Community Festivals grant on January 12, 2024, and for the Arts Programs grant on January 17, 2024. Because it was a new program, two webinars were given for the Arts Program grant on January 17 at different times; one at 11:00 am and one at 5:30 pm. Potential applicants could attend the webinar live or view the recording on our website. The webinar was advertised in the Civic Arts Newsletter, as events on the City of Berkeley website, and through social media.

Webinar	Date	Registrants	Attendees
Community Festivals	January 12, 2024	30	19
Arts Programs #1	January 17, 2024 11am	42	34
Arts Programs #2	January 17, 2024 5:30pm	16	13

After applying, applicants were emailed a Grant Application Survey to give feedback about their application experience. A total of 26 Grant Application Surveys were received for these two grant categories. Data collected in this survey will be used to improve future grant application processes.

6. Panelist Training and Resources

Panelists were selected from the approved panelist pool based on experience relevant to our grant categories and expertise with the artistic disciplines present in the applicant pool. In adhering to our values of equity, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color were also prioritized to serve as panelists.

Panelists were given several resources to help them with their evaluations and prepare them for the grant review panel meeting.

- Panelist Handbook: Staff created a panelist handbook for panelists to reference throughout their review period. The handbook includes definitions of conflicts of interest, instructions for using our grants management system, tips for creating constructive panelist notes, and other information pertinent to panel service.
- Panelist Orientation and Training: All panelists attended an orientation webinar to go over the full grant review process. This training is performed to help orient panelists with the review criteria and prepare them for a productive grant review panel discussion.
- Technical assistance was available to panelists via email, phone, and virtual appointment throughout the review period.

7. Review Panel Meeting

The panels each included four grant review panelists who evaluated and scored all applications using the program’s review criteria. Panelists who had conflicts of interest with applicant organizations recused themselves from reviewing those applications and participating in the application discussion.

Panel	Date	Applications Reviewed
Community Festivals	May 7 - 8, 2024	42
Arts Programs	May 21, 2024	16

Several applicants attended the public grant review panels, and used their opportunity to address the panel for clarification. Many present applicants expressed gratitude for the panelist comments and for the opportunity to attend the open process.

After the panel meeting concluded, panelists were emailed a Panelist Experience Survey to give feedback about their panel service. Data collected in this survey will be used to improve future grant review processes. Panelists were paid an honorarium of \$25 per application reviewed.

8. Awards and Recommendations

Funding scenarios created by staff were reviewed and voted on by the Grants Subcommittee at their June 17, 2024 meeting.

A total of four funding scenarios were presented for the Community Festivals grant category. Two of these funding scenarios proposed awards with a \$200,000 FY25 Festival Grants allocation, and two proposed awards with a \$158,315 allocation.

Two funding scenarios were proposed for the Arts Programs grant category. One scenario funded 12 applications at their full request amount, and one scenario funded 14 applications, with only eight applications receiving their full request amount.

The Grants Subcommittee voted to recommend the following funding scenarios to the Civic Arts Commission.

FY25 Community Festivals: \$200,000 Allocation

Festival	Description	Request	Score	Award
11th annual Bay Area Book Festival	Premier annual literary festival featuring acclaimed and emerging authors in talks/panels/book signings; free book giveaways; youth programs; Outdoor Fair/Literary Marketplace	\$7,000	449	\$6,300
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32nd Annual Indigenous Peoples Day Powwow and Indian Market	Free to the public open-air Bay Area Native American Powwow and Artist Market	\$7,000	453	\$6,300
6th Annual California Native Ways - California Indian Arts & Culture Festival	The 6th California Native Ways Festival, Saturday, June 7th, 2025, features 60 California Indian traditional cultural artisans/demonstrators/performers/vendors in Ohlone Park.	\$7,000	488	\$7,000
Annual Contemporary Performance Diasporas Festival	Theater, dance, spoken-word, and music covering contemporary issues, such as gender, race, sex, religion and the environment.	\$7,000	391	\$4,900
BERKELEY CA JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL	For over 36 years, the Berkeley Juneteenth Festival has been held annually on Father's Day in June, in South Berkeley.	\$7,000	468	\$7,000
Berkeley Festival of Choro 2025	The festival will feature a main event at the Freight and Salvage. a free community jam session & student concert.	\$7,000	448	\$6,300
Berkeley Maqam Festival: Cross-Roots and Encounters	Maqam Music Concerts, Basics Drum Workshop, Basics Dance Workshops, Children's Space , Culinary Activations, Craft+Art Vendors, Intentional Community Space	\$7,000	469	\$7,000
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Black Women's Roots Festival	The fourth annual Black Women's Roots Festival celebrates powerful, pioneering Black women of blues, jazz, gospel, county and roots music.	\$7,000	469	\$7,000
Capoeira: Our Life-Giving Waters	The Afro-Brazilian art form of capoeira will be shared in its cultural richness - martial arts, dance, and music.	\$6,350	425	\$5,080
Celebrating Irreechaa, the Oromo Thanksgiving Festival, in Berkeley	The Oromo people celebrate Irreechaa annually at the end of the rainy season. We plan to celebrate in Berkeley.	\$7,000	349	\$0
Cesar Chavez Dolores Huerta Tribute Site	To commemorate the life and legacy of Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta, the Tribute Site and the Berkeley Marina.	\$7,000	429	\$5,600
Community Block Party	With live performances, artwork, and activities, the Community Block Party invites all of Berkeley to celebrate student joy and success.	\$7,000	461	\$6,300
Community Music Day	Community Music Day is Crowden's annual musical carnival featuring an Instrument Petting Zoo, face painting, crafts, and concerts for all!	\$7,000	399	\$4,900
Comunidad En La Placita	The Berkeley Latino Heritage Month Celebration	\$7,000	458	\$6,300

DeFord Bailey Legacy Festival	The inaugural DeFord Bailey Festival will feature contemporary African American country musicians celebrating the first Black Grand Ole Opry star.	\$7,000	430	\$5,600
Dia de los Muertos	Music, Crafts for youth, Live entertainment, Community resources, Food and Merchandise vendors	\$7,000	425	\$5,600
East Bay Open Studios (EBOS) Berkeley	EBOS is a free, family-friendly, self-guided tour of artist venues ranging from galleries, studios and other exhibition spaces throughout Berkeley.	\$7,000	440	\$6,300
EBCLC Community Open House & Celebration	EBCLC is committed to actualizing community power by hosting a civic engagement festival celebrating artistic diversity and encouraging voter registration.	\$7,000	380	\$4,900
Family Empowerment Conference	Celebrating Black Children with Disabilities	\$7,000	473	\$7,000
Fifty Years: India Indonesia California Arts Exchange Festival	The Festival will present music dance & theater from South and Southeast Asian traditions by Berkeley/SF Bay Area artists.	\$7,000	376	\$0
Forgotten Frontlines: World War II's Asia-Pacific Theater and the Road to Partition	An artistically curated audio visual exhibit installation, combined with regional folk music, teach audiences about forgotten WWII histories finally found.	\$7,000	381	\$4,900
Growing Songs	Persian singer Mahsa Vahdat collaborates with Musaics of the Bay in a festival that bridges Persian and Western tonalities.	\$7,000	381	\$4,900
Halibut Festival	Slow Food East Bay's Halibut Festival celebrates California Halibut as a sustainable and robust fishery through food, workshops, art, and sea-shanties!	\$7,000	333	\$0
Ho'ōla Nā Leo: Celebrating Hawaiian Sound Healing	Hawaiian traditional sound healing, encompassing various aspects of this ancient practice, including the use of voice, drums, and rattles.	\$7,000	399	\$4,900
La Peña Summer Tianguis and Community Block Party	This family friendly block party featuring music, food, and crafts celebrates BIPOC, and immigrant artists/vendors from the Bay Area.	\$7,000	488	\$7,000
Legados II: Grito de liberdade	Musical concert, Dinner concert, and three days of music, movement, and health based workshops and conversations in community	\$7,000	439	\$6,300
North Shattuck Summer Block Party Series	Celebrate summer in Berkeley – local music, artisan vendors, barbecue, wine and beer. Outdoors on historic Vine Street at Shattuck	\$7,000	396	\$4,900
San Francisco Mime Troupe "Free Shows in the Parks" Berkley	"Free Shows in the Parks" embody San Francisco Mime Troupe's commitment to accessible and thought-provoking and empowering social change theater.	\$7,000	414	\$5,600
SF Bay Brazilian Day & Lavagem Festival 2024	Free community festival featuring a day long celebration of African Brazilian music and dance	\$7,000	441	\$6,300
Telegraph Second Sundays	FREE Summer Festival every Second Sunday with live music, entertainment and activities, boosting economic activity for brick-and-mortar businesses and vendors.	\$7,000	389	\$4,900
The Berkeley Aquatic Park Youth Festival: A Bike and Boat Parade	Berkeley youth will decorate bikes and boats to participate in a parade at in the Berkeley Aquatic Park	\$7,000	403	\$5,600
The Front Row Music and Arts Festival (FRMAF)	The FRMAF is a day long celebration of music and the arts in Berkeley, held in Downtown on 2 stages.	\$7,000	384	\$4,900
Watershed Environmental Poetry Festival	The annual Watershed Environmental Poetry Festival inspires engagement with the natural world through poetry, literature, live music, and environmental commentary.	\$7,000	428	\$5,600
West Berkeley Community Print Festival	A gathering on Kala's grounds where neighbors and businesses learn about Kala's history, engage in printmaking activities, and build community.	\$7,000	470	\$7,000
West Cost Contact Improvisation JAM	The WCCI festival brings teachers, dancers, and the public together to practice, exchange, and share the joy of Contact Improvisation.	\$7,000	360	\$0

West Side De Berkeley Car Show and Festival	Car Show, trophies, Cultural Artists, Entertainment, Raffle with great prizes; community gathering. Free to the public	\$7,000	328	\$0
Winter Jazzschool Community Ensemble Festival	For ten days in December 2024, community students perform a wide range of music in ensembles led by professional musicians.	\$7,000	403	\$5,600
Total				\$199,680

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Cesar Chavez Dolores Huerta Tribute Site	To commemorate the life and legacy of Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta, the Tribute Site and the Berkeley Marina.	\$7,000	429	\$5,600
Community Block Party	With live performances, artwork, and activities, the Community Block Party invites all of Berkeley to celebrate student joy and success.	\$7,000	461	\$6,300
Community Music Day	Community Music Day is Crowden's annual musical carnival featuring an Instrument Petting Zoo, face painting, crafts, and concerts for all!	\$7,000	399	\$4,900
Comunidad En La Placita	The Berkeley Latino Heritage Month Celebration	\$7,000	458	\$6,300

DeFord Bailey Legacy Festival	The inaugural DeFord Bailey Festival will feature contemporary African American country musicians celebrating the first Black Grand Ole Opry star.	\$7,000	430	\$5,600
Dia de los Muertos	Music, Crafts for youth, Live entertainment, Community resources, Food and Merchandise vendors	\$7,000	425	\$5,600
East Bay Open Studios (EBOS) Berkeley	EBOS is a free, family-friendly, self-guided tour of artist venues ranging from galleries, studios and other exhibition spaces throughout Berkeley.	\$7,000	440	\$5,600
EBCLC Community Open House & Celebration	EBCLC is committed to actualizing community power by hosting a civic engagement festival celebrating artistic diversity and encouraging voter registration.	\$7,000	380	\$0
Family Empowerment Conference	Celebrating Black Children with Disabilities	\$7,000	473	\$7,000
Fifty Years: India Indonesia California Arts Exchange Festival	The Festival will present music dance & theater from South and Southeast Asian traditions by Berkeley/SF Bay Area artists.	\$7,000	376	\$0
Forgotten Frontlines: World War II's Asia-Pacific Theater and the Road to Partition	An artistically curated audio visual exhibit installation, combined with regional folk music, teach audiences about forgotten WWII histories finally found.	\$7,000	381	\$0
Growing Songs	Persian singer Mahsa Vahdat collaborates with Musaics of the Bay in a festival that bridges Persian and Western tonalities.	\$7,000	381	\$0
Halibut Festival	Slow Food East Bay's Halibut Festival celebrates California Halibut as a sustainable and robust fishery through food, workshops, art, and sea-shanties!	\$7,000	333	\$0
Ho'ōla Nā Leo: Celebrating Hawaiian Sound Healing	Hawaiian traditional sound healing, encompassing various aspects of this ancient practice, including the use of voice, drums, and rattles.	\$7,000	399	\$4,900
La Peña Summer Tianguis and Community Block Party	This family friendly block party featuring music, food, and crafts celebrates BIPOC, and immigrant artists/vendors from the Bay Area.	\$7,000	488	\$7,000
Legados II: Grito de liberdade	Musical concert, Dinner concert, and three days of music, movement, and health based workshops and conversations in community	\$7,000	439	\$5,600
North Shattuck Summer Block Party Series	Celebrate summer in Berkeley – local music, artisan vendors, barbecue, wine and beer. Outdoors on historic Vine Street at Shattuck	\$7,000	396	\$4,900
San Francisco Mime Troupe "Free Shows in the Parks" Berkley	"Free Shows in the Parks" embody San Francisco Mime Troupe's commitment to accessible and thought-provoking and empowering social change theater.	\$7,000	414	\$4,900
SF Bay Brazilian Day & Lavagem Festival 2024	Free community festival featuring a day long celebration of African Brazilian music and dance	\$7,000	441	\$5,600
Telegraph Second Sundays	FREE Summer Festival every Second Sunday with live music, entertainment and activities, boosting economic activity for brick-and-mortar businesses and vendors.	\$7,000	389	\$0
The Berkeley Aquatic Park Youth Festival: A Bike and Boat Parade	Berkeley youth will decorate bikes and boats to participate in a parade at in the Berkeley Aquatic Park	\$7,000	403	\$4,900
The Front Row Music and Arts Festival (FRMAF)	The FRMAF is a day long celebration of music and the arts in Berkeley, held in Downtown on 2 stages.	\$7,000	384	\$0
Watershed Environmental Poetry Festival	The annual Watershed Environmental Poetry Festival inspires engagement with the natural world through poetry, literature, live music, and environmental commentary.	\$7,000	428	\$5,600
West Berkeley Community Print Festival	A gathering on Kala's grounds where neighbors and businesses learn about Kala's history, engage in printmaking activities, and build community.	\$7,000	470	\$7,000
West Cost Contact Improvisation JAM	The WCCI festival brings teachers, dancers, and the public together to practice, exchange, and share the joy of Contact Improvisation.	\$7,000	360	\$0

West Side De Berkeley Car Show and Festival	Car Show, trophies, Cultural Artists, Entertainment, Raffle with great prizes; community gathering. Free to the public	\$7,000	328	\$0
Winter Jazzschool Community Ensemble Festival	For ten days in December 2024, community students perform a wide range of music in ensembles led by professional musicians.	\$7,000	403	\$4,900
Total				\$158,380

FY25 Arts Programs

Organization Name	Program Title	Program Description	Request	Score	Award
All Things Ayegee	My Art Matters	Children will explore and learn artistic ways to transform their thoughts into spoken word/poetry, and/or dance to support self-empowerment.	\$5,000	394	\$0
ARTogether	The South Asian Radical Visualization Project (SARVP)	This project highlights South Asian history and activism through mural, communal events, and educational activities, fostering community engagement and representation.	\$5,000	467	\$5,000
CALIFORNIA POETS IN THE SCHOOLS	Black Parents of Berkeley Writing Circles	Two Black Parents of Berkeley Writing Circles will be hosted. A printed Anthology will be created and distributed.	\$5,000	450	\$5,000
Capacitor	STEM:Portals	STEM:Portals is an educational program that teaches STEM concepts through a merger of visual art, dance, and science.	\$5,000	419	\$5,000
Center for Accessible Technology	Telling Disability History in Berkeley	Berkeleyans learning to craft and tell stories about disability history will create community and allow sharing both locally and internationally.	\$5,000	413	\$5,000
Center for Independent Living	Disability Justice Community Story Quilt	The project combines audio, visual, and kinesthetic art forms to create a quilt reflecting histories and stories of cross-disability communities.	\$5,000	456	\$5,000
Cubacaribe	Dance All Day 2024	A two-day workshop bringing together an amazing faculty of the top Cuban & Caribbean dance, percussion, and song instructors.	\$5,000	444	\$5,000
Dorothy Day House A Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation	Dorothy's Art, Literature and Music Appreciation Program (DALMA)	Ongoing artist-lead, workshops in: art, mural design, poetry, spoken word, and music appreciation; creation of a dedicated art supply closet.	\$5,000	363	\$0
Fuse Theatre Inc	Connect and Play	A theatre program dedicated to bringing diverse stories and characters to children and their families in the SF Bay Area.	\$5,000	438	\$5,000

Jazzline Institute	Free Jazz and Blues Masterclass & Jam Session	Free jazz and blues masterclass and jam session for the community with four of our community's renowned artists	\$5,000	500	\$5,000
Mozart Youth Camerata	Behind the Music with Mosaics of the Bay	A series of events exploring the creative process in partnership with local businesses in Berkeley	\$5,000	425	\$5,000
OAKLAND INTERFAITH GOSPEL CHOIR INC	Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir's Black History Month and Juneteenth Concerts at Freight & Salvage	Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir's 10th Annual Black History Month and 3rd Annual Juneteenth concerts at Freight & Salvage.	\$2,500	394	\$0
Options Recovery Services	Reentry through the Arts	Options' Reentry through the Arts Program provides arts activities and arts training opportunities for clients recovering from Substance Use Disorder.	\$5,000	456	\$5,000
Pacific Center for Human Growth	Queer Youth Wellness Workshop Series	Youth arts workshops with a talented local trans muralist for our Pacific Center for Human Growth LGBTQIA2S+ youth programs participants.	\$5,000	438	\$5,000
South Berkeley Neighborhood Development Corporation	Preserving the Legacy through Art	Community art project in Berkeley's Lorin District. This involves artists and children collaborating on murals within a commercial space.	\$5,000	400	\$5,000
Spontaneous Mind	Applied Improvisational Workshops with the goal of improving communication, collaboration and innovation skills	Improv classes and workshops for all ages and levels of experience with a special emphasis on underserved community members	\$5,000	275	\$0
					\$60,000

COMMUNICATION TO COUNCIL

Date: June 26, 2024
To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Dana Blecher, Chair, Civic Arts Commission
Subject: Civic Arts Commission Input on Potential Arts Funding Ballot Measure

The Civic Arts Commission would like to provide input on the Council discussions about the potential upcoming ballot measures for November 2024. We are fully supportive of a potential ballot measure to support the arts in Berkeley. The Civic Arts Commission wants to make sure that Council is aware that we are the obvious choice for oversight of these funds, which would presumably be administered by the Civic Arts Program. The Civic Arts Commission has historically been the oversight body for the City of Berkeley's arts grantmaking programs. We attest to the need for more funding for the arts in Berkeley and we are hopeful that the potential arts funding measure makes it onto the ballot and is approved by Berkeley voters.

Annually, the Civic Arts Commission provides oversight on the Civic Arts Grants for a slate of three grant categories with an annual budget of \$700,000, which includes Commission oversight on regular cyclical revisions to the grant guidelines and the Commission oversees and approves the grant awards:

1. **Community Festivals** - Approximately \$200,000 is awarded annually to support community festivals and special events in Berkeley. In FY24, there were 31 grants with award amounts ranging from \$4,703 up to \$7,000 each.
2. **Individual Artists Projects** - Typically, 10 grants of \$4,000 each are awarded annually (for a total of \$40,000) to provide project-based funding for artists living in Berkeley.
3. **Arts Organizations General Operating Support** - General Operating Support grants are awarded on a two-year basis to arts organizations and cultural institutions with an annual award amount granted in both fiscal years. In FY24, a total of \$454,799 was awarded to 55 nonprofit arts and cultural organizations with annual grant amounts ranging from \$4,800 up to \$10,000 each.

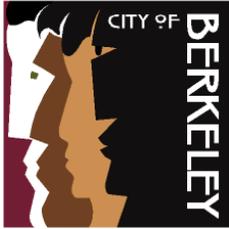
In FY24, the Commission provided oversight on the development of two additional new grant programs bringing the total Civic Arts grant categories from three to five. For both of these new categories the Civic Arts Commission is providing oversight and approval of the awards:

1. **Capital Projects** - With General Fund allocation of \$300,000 in AAO#1, Capital Project grants support the long-term sustainability of Berkeley's arts and culture sector by retaining and improving arts organizations' spaces to help them stay in Berkeley. Grant awards may be up to \$150,000 each
2. **Arts Programs** - With \$30,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts to match \$30,000 in City funds, Arts Program grants support new arts programming produced either through cross-sector collaborations between non-arts organizations, teaching artists, and arts organizations, or produced by

arts organizations from outside Berkeley providing their programming within Berkeley. Grant awards in this category may be up to \$5,000 each. Future funding for this category is being requested from the NEA to continue this grants program.

The Civic Arts Commission welcomes the opportunity to engage in discussions about how the arts can be supported equitably and we look forward to providing input on a future arts ballot measure.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the Civic Arts Commission Chair, Dana Blecher through the Commission Secretary, Jennifer Lovvorn at JLovvorn@berkeleyca.gov.



Civic Arts Commission

Civic Arts Commission FY25 Work Plan

For Discussion by Civic Arts Commission: June 26, 2024

Policy Subcommittee

1. Continue participation with staff and in consultation with the Housing Advisory Commission to advise on the development of policies and initiatives to create affordable housing for Artists and Cultural Workers in the City of Berkeley culminating in a referral response to City Council and advocacy to fund resulting affordable housing programs.
2. Advocate for the designation of an arts district in West Berkeley.

Grants Subcommittee

1. Advocate year-round to Council for increased funding allocations for the Community Festivals Grants and the Capital Projects Grants.
2. Pending approval of a potential Arts Funding Ballot Measure, participate with staff in development of new Arts Funding Grant categories and provide oversight on the implementation of that program.

Public Art Subcommittee

1. Participate with staff and a consultant in the development of a Public Art Strategic Plan for the City of Berkeley with input from the community and other stakeholders, which will provide a framework for developing new public art projects, funding for community-initiated public art projects, and evaluation of Council referrals for public art, as well as updating the Public Art Guidelines and other City Policies to reflect best practices.
2. Complete backlog of public art projects identified in previous fiscal years (Attachment 1) and the Public Art Strategic Plan before initiating new public art projects for implementation by Civic Arts staff.
3. Conduct a fee nexus study and evaluate possible amendments to the Public Art in Private Development Ordinance.

**Attachment 1: List of Public Art Projects Included in Previous Fiscal Years (FY19 – FY24)
Work Plans and Council Referrals**

Active (Listed Alphabetically):

1. Aquatic Park tile wall
2. BART Plaza Sound Installation (Ongoing programming and equipment repair)
3. Framed Art Purchases for City Buildings
4. Home sculpture de-installation
5. Homelessness Social Practice: Daniel Freeman Project
6. Homelessness Social Practice: Deirdre Weinberg Project
7. Homelessness Social Practice: Sue Mark Project
8. Jean LaMarr sculptural seating and grinding rock at Ohlone Park
9. Lara Kaur artwork at West Service Center
10. Measure T-1: MLK Youth Service Center
11. Measure T-1: Willard Clubhouse
12. Municipal Artists in Residence with Planning
13. Peace Wall Conservation
14. Po Shu Wang Signage and Bell
15. Re-installation of Romare Bearden artwork
16. Turtle Island Monument
17. Utility Box Mural Program (Assessment and Implementation of Recommendations)
18. William Wareham sculpture conservation and reinstallation

Not Started (Listed in Prioritized Order):

1. Eric Powell Gates Conservation
2. Santa Fe Right of Way Park
3. Dona Spring Memorial (Council Referral)
4. Measure T-1: South Berkeley Senior Center (Building project not yet started)
5. Measure T-1: African American Health Resource Center (Building project not yet started)
6. Aquatic Park sculpture
7. City Flag, Song, and Motto (Council Referral)
8. Hidden Gems: Berkeley Hills Stairways
9. Mural Commemorating Black Lives Matter Movement
10. Telegraph Avenue Public Art Project
11. Telegraph Crosswalk Murals (Council Referral)
12. Harrison Street Corridor Project
13. Replacement Mural for Center for Independent Living (Council Referral)
14. Family Friendly Art (Council Referral)



Draft Minutes
Civic Arts Commission Meeting
Wednesday, May 22, 2024
6:00 PM

Meeting Location: Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch Library
1901 Russell St, Berkeley, CA 94703

Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:02 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Blecher, Ibarra, Passmore, Pineda, Woo.

Commissioners Absent: Anno, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Crandall.

Staff Present: Hilary Amnah, Grants Program Lead; Mark Salinas, Public Art Program Lead.

Members of the public present: 4

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (for items not on the agenda): None.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a) Appreciation for Commissioner Riti Dhesi's service on the Civic Arts Commission
- b) Additional Commission meeting protocol changes
- c) Reminder: FY25 Civic Arts Commission Work Plan to be on the June Commission meeting agenda

6. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS (All items for presentation, discussion and possible action)

- a) **Action Item:** Approval of artist Kira Dominguez Hultgren for Cube Space Exhibition, June – September, 2024.
M/S/C (Woo/Passmore) to approve Kira Dominguez Hultgren for Cube Space Exhibition, June – September, 2024.

Vote: Ayes — Blecher, Ibarra, Passmore, Pineda, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Anno, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Crandall.

Public Comment: 1

- b) **Action Item:** FY24 Capital Projects Grant Awards
M/S/C (Ibarra/Woo) to approve FY24 Capital Projects grant awards.
Vote: Ayes — Blecher, Ibarra, Passmore, Pineda, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Anno, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Crandall.
Public Comment: 3

7. STAFF REPORT

- a) Grants Program Updates, Hilary Amnah
b) Public Art Program Updates, Mark Salinas

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Grants – Met 5/6/2024; next meeting 6/3/2024.
• Dana Blecher, Chair
• Lisa Bullwinkel
• Cameron Woo
- b) Public Art – No report.
• Matt Passmore, Chair
• Kim Anno
• Cristina Ibarra
- c) Policy Subcommittee – No report.
• Kim Anno, Chair
• Lisa Bullwinkel
• Cameron Woo
- d) Joint Subcommittee with Housing Advisory Commission – Met 4/25/2024; discussed AB-812 and Cultural Districts.
• Kim Anno, Chair
• Lisa Bullwinkel
• Cameron Woo
- e) Representative on Design Review Committee – Met 5/16/24; Final review of two projects.
• Cameron Woo

9. COMMUNICATION (Received from the Public for Items not on the Agenda)

- a) None

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Action Item: M/S/C (Woo/Ibarra) to approve Draft Minutes of April 16, 2024 Civic Arts Commission Meeting.

Vote: Ayes — Blecher, Ibarra, Pineda, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — Passmore; Absent — Anno, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Crandall.

Public Comment: 0

11. ADJOURNMENT 7:31 PM

M/S/C (Ibarra/Passmore) to adjourn.

Vote: Ayes — Blecher, Ibarra, Passmore, Pineda, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Anno, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Crandall.

Public Comment: 0

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