

Fiscal Year 2027 Civic Arts Grants Approved Funding Scenarios

Funding Scenario Approved: Fiscal Year 2027 Individual Artist Projects Grant Awards for the nine highest-scoring eligible applicants at \$5,000 each. *Pending award acceptance from individual artist, and staff eligibility verification.*

FY27 Individual Artist Projects (9 total) | Pending Verification

Artist/Payee	District	Discipline	Award
Algiin Ford	District 2	Dance	\$5,000
Faye Carol	District 3	Music	\$5,000
Koh Yamakawa	District 5	Folk and Traditional Arts	\$5,000
MK Chavez	District 1	Literary Arts	\$5,000
Nazelah Jamison	District 5	Theater	\$5,000
Paula deJoie	District 5	Literary Arts	\$5,000
Renuka Garg	District 3	Dance	\$5,000
SanSan Kwan	District 4	Dance	\$5,000
Trisha Mah	District 1	Music	\$5,000
			\$45,000

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Funding Scenario Approved: Fiscal Year 2027 Community Festivals Grant Awards for the 31 highest-scoring eligible applicants at tiered funding scenario. *Pending award acceptance from festival organizer, and staff eligibility verification.*

FY27 Community Festivals (31 total) | Pending Verification

Festival	Brief Description	District	Payee	Award
30 Points of View: A Sneak Peek into Dance Making	<i>30 Points of View spotlights 30 diverse choreographers in a 3-day festival that engages audiences with the creative process.</i>	District 2	Luna Kids Dance, Inc. dba Luna Dance and Creativity	\$4,900
34th Annual Indigenous Peoples Day Powwow & Indian Market	<i>A family-friendly, inclusive Pow-Wow and Indian Market centering on Native culture with drummers, singers, dancers, food and authentic vendors.</i>	District 4	Indigenous Peoples Day Committee	\$4,900
38th Annual Maya's Spring Music Festival	<i>Maya's Spring Music Festival showcases performances from over 40 amateur musicians with developmental disabilities in a free afternoon festival.</i>	District 3	Maya's Music Therapy Fund	\$2,000
40TH Annual Juneteenth Festival	<i>Celebrating the art, culture and history of African Americans is at the core of all Berkeley Juneteenth Festival activities.</i>	District 3	BERKELEY JUNETEENTH ASSOC, INC dba: BERKELEY JUNETEENTH CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS	\$4,200
8th Annual California Native Ways - California Indian Arts & Cultural Festival	<i>The 8th California Native Ways Festival, Saturday, June 12th, 2027, features 60 California Indian traditional cultural artisans/demonstrators/performers/vendors in Ohlone Park.</i>	District 1	California Institute for Community, Art & Nature	\$6,300
Ashkenaz Global Music & Dance Festival	<i>A free community celebration featuring global music performances, dance demonstrations, and participatory workshops</i>	District 1	Ashkenaz Music & Dance Community Center	\$4,900
Berkeley Art Center Artist Market	<i>An art market for Bay Area artists and makers to celebrate creativity, sell artworks and share their creative process.</i>	District 5	Berkeley Art Center	\$5,600
Berkeley Bird Festival	<i>Berkeley Bird Festival celebrates local birdlife through field trips, arts and crafts, performances, educational presentations and more.</i>	All Districts	Golden Gate Bird Alliance	\$5,600
Berkeley Festival of Choro 2027	<i>The festival celebrates Brazilian music and culture with a community jam session and main event concert featuring Brazilian guest artists.</i>	District 5	Berkeley Choro Ensemble	\$3,500
Berkeley Makam Festival	<i>Makam Festival presents concerts, lectures, workshops, culinary heritage, cultural artifacts, and stage design exploring deep Makam music+cultural traditions.and belonging</i>	District 5	Anatolian Arts Institute	\$5,600
Berkeley Poetry Festival	<i>Weeklong festival of poetry reading, performances, workshops, and community gatherings celebrating diverse voices and strengthening Berkeley's vibrant literary culture.</i>	All Districts	Berkeley Poetry Festival	\$4,200
Berkeley Pride 2027: From Joy to Justice	<i>Berkeley Pride: Joy to Justice is a festival celebrating LGBTQIA+ community and providing LGBTQIA+ resources to Berkeley and East Bay.</i>	District 4	Pacific Center for Human Growth	\$3,500
Black Women's Roots Festival	<i>The sixth annual Black Women's Roots Festival celebrates powerful, pioneering Black women of blues, jazz, gospel, country, and roots music.</i>	District 4	School of The Getdown	\$4,900
BORP Adaptive Sports Expo	<i>Expo is a free, daylong event where participants with disabilities and the public can try over 10 adaptive activities.</i>	District 1 District 2	Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program	\$5,600
Community Health Day: The Art of Living Medicine	<i>Free cultural festival celebrating Brazilian music, dance, herbal medicine, wellness consultations, workshops, artisan vendors, and multicultural healing traditions.</i>	District 2	Berkley Herbal Center	\$5,600

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Comunidad en La Placita	<i>Annual Berkeley Latino Heritage Month festival featuring live music, dance, family activities, artists, food vendors, and community resource booths.</i>	District 4	Latinos Unidos de Berkeley	\$6,300
Contemporary Performance Diasporas Festival	<i>A two day celebratory event showcasing artists from different cultures sharing with the Berkeley community their music, theater, and dance.</i>	District 2	Inferno Theatre	\$3,500
Dance & Create Berkeley! — A YLM Foundation Community Celebration	<i>A free, multicultural celebration of South and West Berkeley youth featuring dance performances, interactive art, and community resources.</i>	District 2	YLM Foundation (DBA Berkeley Jr. Jackets)	\$6,784
EBCLC's Community Health Day	<i>EBCLC is committed to actualizing community power and upholding the social safety net by hosting a free health& wellness festival.</i>	District 3	East Bay Community Law Center (EBCLC)	\$3,500
Frida Kahlo's Birthday Tianguis: A Summer Community Block Party	<i>An outdoor marketplace and community celebration full of flavor, creativity, and connection, our annual Tianguis uplifts 60+ local BIPOC/immigrant vendors.</i>	District 8	La Peña Cultural Center	\$6,300
Give The Drummer Some	<i>A celebration of the Bay Area's rich traditions of Black drumming including a panel discussion, concert, and drum equipment showcase</i>	District 4	Jazzline INSTITUTE	\$4,200
Jazzschool Free Winter Music Festival	<i>Over 12 days in December, the Jazzschool celebrates music and community with a student concert series and all-star faculty showcase</i>	District 4	The Jazzschool	\$4,900
Lalo Guerrero Legacy Festival	<i>The Lalo Guerrero Legacy Festival will honor the iconic Mexican-American singer, songwriter, and guitarist with performances, workshops, and discussions.</i>	District 4	Berkeley Society for the Preservation of Traditional Music	\$3,500
Latino Visual Arts Festival	<i>The Latino Visual Arts festival is to celebrate the inspirational and creative art of local Latinx artists and musicians.</i>	District 4	La Colectiva de Berkeley	\$3,500
Litquake Festival 2026	<i>10 free events celebrating Berkeley's literary history and providing a vibrant forum for the Berkeley writing community</i>	District 1 District 2 District 4 District 6 District 7 District 8	Litquake Foundation	\$4,200
Nā Mea Ola: A Festival of Hawaiian Healing Arts	<i>Community festival celebrating Hawaiian healing arts through 'ohe kapala printmaking, traditional instruments, lā'au lapa'au demonstrations, mele, rhythm, and cultural storytelling.</i>	District 1	Holistic Honu Wellness Center	\$3,500
Pawongan Festival—A Community Celebration of Balinese Arts, Music, Dance and Cuisine featuring Performance, Local Merchants, and Balinese Food	<i>Celebration of Balinese arts, music, dance and cuisine with performances by Gamelan Sekar Jaya, local artist works, and Balinese Food</i>	District 8	Gamelan Sekar Jaya	\$6,300
SF Bay Brazilian Day & Lavagem Festival 2026	<i>Celebration of African Brazilian cultural arts featuring music and dance, craft and food vendors and a ceremony for world peace</i>	District 3	BrasArte the Damasceno Brazilian Cultural Exchange	\$3,500
The Harvest Festivals of South Asia	<i>Celebrate South Asian harvest festivals through arts & crafts, traditional foods, games, storytelling, and farmworker advocacy activities for all ages.</i>	District 7	The Banyan Tree	\$4,200

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Watershed Environmental Poetry Festival	<i>The Watershed Environmental Poetry Festival explores concern for the environment through poetry, music, a guided nature walk, and environmental education.</i>	District 4	Poetry Flash	\$3,500

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West Berkeley Community Print Festival	A gathering on Kala's grounds where neighbors and businesses engage in artmaking, printmaking, build community, and learn about Kala's history.	District 2	Kala Art Institute	\$3,500
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FY27 General Operating Support (71 total) | Pending Verification

Applicant	District	Fiscal Sponsor/Payee (if different than Applicant)	Award
Actors Ensemble	District 3		\$3,730
Alternative Music Foundation	District 1		\$3,280
Anatolian Arts Institute	District 5		\$3,730
Ashkenaz Music & Dance Community Center	District 1		\$7,330
AXIS Dance Company	District 1		\$9,130
BELLA MUSICA INC	District 7		\$1,930
Berkeley Art Center Association	District 5		\$3,730
Berkeley Capoeira Collective Incorporated	District 1	Fractured Atlas	\$3,652
Berkeley Chamber Performances	District 5		\$2,830
Berkeley Choro Ensemble	District 5	IntermusicSF	\$3,730
Berkeley Commonplace	District 3		\$3,730
Berkeley Community Chorus & Orchestra	District 4		\$3,730
Berkeley Community Media (BCM)	District 4		\$3,730
BERKELEY JUNETEENTH ASSOCIATION, INC	District 3		\$7,330
Berkeley Playhouse, Inc.	District 8		\$7,330
Berkeley Poetry Festival	District 2	Poetry Flash	\$9,130
Berkeley Repertory Theatre	District 4		\$7,330
Berkeley Society for the Preservation of Traditional Music dba The Freight	District 4		\$7,330
Berkeley Symphony Orchestra	District 4		\$3,730
Black Repertory Group	District 3		\$3,730
BrasArte the Damasceno Brazilian Cultural Exchange	District 1		\$8,230
California Institute for Community, Art & Nature	District 3	Earth Island Institute	\$9,130
California Jazz Conservatory	District 5		\$3,730
Capoeira Arts Foundation (CAF)	District 1		\$8,230
Cazadero Performing Arts Camp	District 5		\$3,370
Central Works	District 7		\$7,330

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Danse Lumière	District 1	Poetry Flash	\$3,730
David Brower Center	District 4		\$3,730
Four Seasons Arts, Inc.	District 8		\$9,130
Gamelan Sekar Jaya	District 8		\$3,730
Girls Garage	District 2		\$9,130
Heyday	District 1		\$7,330
Holistic Honu Wellness Center	District 1		\$9,130
Inferno Theatre	District 3		\$3,730
JUNTOS Collective, Inc.	District 1		\$7,330
Kairos Music Academy	District 5		\$3,730
Kala Art Institute	District 2		\$8,230
Korsa Musical Theater (formerly Youth Musical Theater Company)	District 2		\$3,730
La Peña Community Chorus	District 8		\$7,330
La Peña Cultural Center, Inc.	District 8		\$9,130
Lark Traditional Arts	District 3		\$3,730
Left Margin LIT	District 5	Poetry Flash	\$7,330
Luna Kids Dance, Inc. dba Luna Dance and Creativity	District 2		\$8,230
Makers Paradise	District 4		\$3,280
MBIRA	District 4		\$7,330
New Apollo Youth Symphony Orchestra Inc	District 2		\$3,730
pateldanceworks	District 8	Shawl-Anderson Dance Center	\$7,330
Play Cafe, Inc.	District 1		\$7,330
PlayGround	District 3		\$3,730
Poetry Flash	District 1		\$8,230
Sacred & Profane Chamber Chorus	District 3		\$3,730
Sacred Music Fellowship	District 2		\$3,730

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Sage and Needles	District 2		\$7,330
School of The Getdown	District 3	Intersection for The Arts	\$9,130
Sense Object	District 1		\$8,230
Shawl-Anderson Dance Center	District 8		\$6,610
Shotgun Players	District 3		\$8,230
The Berkeley FILM Foundation	District 2		\$8,230
The CODEX Foundation	District 1		\$7,330
The Mahea Uchiyama Center for International Dance (MUCID)	District 4		\$3,730
The Potters' Studio	District 1		\$3,730
The Regents of the University of California at Berkeley / Cal Performances	District 7		\$3,730
The San Francisco Early Music Society	District 7		\$3,730
Theatre Lunatico	District 6		\$3,730
Transit Books	District 2		\$3,730
UC Alumni Chorus	District 6		\$3,730
West Edge Opera	District 5		\$3,730
Wild Projects	District 2		\$3,730
Women Eco Artists Dialog	District 2		\$9,130
Young People's Symphony Orchestra Association (YPSO)	District 4		\$3,730
Youth Spirit Artworks	District 3		\$7,330

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