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City of San Diego to Award \$11.4 Million for Neighborhood Arts, Culture and Creative Projects

GRANT FUNDING RETURNS CITY INVESTMENT TO PRE-PANDEMIC LEVEL FOR 182 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

SAN DIEGO – With the goal of helping expand arts and cultural experiences equitably throughout San Diego, the City of San Diego will grant more than \$11.4 million to 182 local nonprofit organizations this fiscal year. The funding supports and promotes greater public participation through various artistic and cultural activities including film and video screenings, exhibits, performances, festivals and parades, and other neighborhood events.

“As one of the region’s largest supporters of local arts and culture, the City of San Diego is committed to providing all our creative communities – artists, writers and performers – with an opportunity to amplify their creative expressions,” said Mayor Todd Gloria. **“These activities enrich community character, foster economic growth in our neighborhoods and enhance quality of life for all of us.”**

The City’s [Commission for Arts and Culture](#) annually funds local nonprofit organizations to cultivate and expand arts and culture activities in every City Council district, awarded through the [Organization Support Program \(OSP\)](#) and [Creative Communities San Diego \(CCSD\)](#). The source of funding for both categories is generated through a local allocation of Transient Occupancy Tax collected from visitors who stay overnight in hotels, motels and other similar accommodations.

The OSP provides general operating support to nonprofit arts and culture organizations to help deliver programs and activities that provide direct access to arts and culture opportunities, positively impacting San Diego’s quality of life and tourism. In fiscal year 2023, which began on July 1, the OSP will fund 115 [organizations](#) with a total of \$10,065,625.

While the OSP supports nonprofit organizations, the CCSD supports neighborhood arts and culture projects. For fiscal year 2023, the City’s CCSD will award \$1,388,935 to 67 [projects](#).

“The nonprofit arts and culture sector was among the hardest hit during the pandemic, including its workforce. Returning the annual arts and culture funding program to pre-pandemic levels is a significant step toward restoring the economic health of the sector,” said Jonathon Glus, Executive Director of the Commission. “We are grateful to the Mayor and City Council for prioritizing arts and culture support in this year’s budget.”

The City’s investments in organizations, both large and small, reflect a deep commitment to making San Diego a more dynamic place to live, work, and play and contribute to a more equitable, inclusive, accessible and sustainable arts and culture ecosystem that amplifies creative work and experiences. To learn more, visit sandiego.gov/arts-culture.

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