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City of San Diego Arts and Culture Funding Opportunities Open Now

FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR PROJECTS AND OPERATIONS IN UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR, ONLINE WORKSHOPS OFFERED TO SUPPORT POTENTIAL APPLICANTS

SAN DIEGO – Calling all local nonprofit organizations! The City of San Diego has released guidelines for two funding opportunities to support arts and culture activities, programming and projects that will take place between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024. The guidelines for funding opportunities can be found at sandiego.gov/arts-culture/funding, and the deadline to apply is Oct. 30, 2022, at 11:59 p.m.

"Arts and culture are part of our daily life in San Diego," said Jonathon Glus, Executive Director of the City's Commission for Arts and Culture. "We are excited to open another funding season with much to offer to San Diego's nonprofits. The return on the City's investment comes in the form of dynamic arts and cultural experiences that generate meaningful impacts in communities and expand access to arts and cultural experiences in neighborhoods across San Diego."

The first of the funding opportunities is the City's <u>Organizational Support Program (OSP)</u>, which provides general operational support to nonprofit arts and culture organizations for the delivery of activities that positively impacts San Diego's quality of life and tourism and offers direct access and increased opportunities for excellence in culture and the arts.

<u>Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD)</u> is the second funding source. CCSD provides project support for nonprofit organizations for projects in San Diego neighborhoods that engage diverse communities in arts, culture and creativity, contributing to a more accessible and sustainable creative ecosystem. Projects produced by nonprofit organizations that do not hold tax-exempt nonprofit status may be eligible to apply for funding using a fiscal sponsor.

Funding for OSP and CCSD comes from the Transient Occupancy Tax, a tax collected from visitors to San Diego who stay overnight in hotels, motels and other similar accommodations. The funding is for fiscal year 2024.

"With these opportunities, the City seeks to invest in organizations and projects that reflect its core values of diversity, equity, inclusion, access and excellence," said Christine E. Jones, Chief of

Civic Art Strategies for the Commission for Arts and Culture. "These activities will take various artistic and cultural forms, from theatrical productions and art exhibitions to musical performances, festivals and more, contributing to San Diego's national and international reputation as a creative, cultural destination."

Free online workshops and in-person assistance are available for potential applicants. For a calendar of workshops, office hours and instructions to register, visit the <u>OSP</u> and <u>CCSD</u> Resources webpage.

The City of San Diego advances and drives an equitable and inclusive creative economy and cultural ecosystem by investing in the work of artists and creatives and the institutions and systems that amplify creative work and experiences. To learn more, visit sandiego.gov/arts-culture.

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