

City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture Fiscal Year 2018 Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) Project Descriptions

Creative Communities San Diego supports community-based festivals, parades and celebrations with an emphasis on projects that promote neighborhood pride and community reinvestment, and on sponsoring projects that make arts and culture activities more available and accessible in San Diego neighborhoods and encourage people diverse backgrounds to share their heritage and culture.

of Contracts for Services Awarded: 45 | Total Investment: \$1,168,789

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Organization	Award Amount	Project Description
A Ship in the Woods Foundation	\$6,922	Blue Peter A Ship in the Woods presents Blue Peter a two-day arts, music, and science festival on among the winding creek and ancient oaks of Felicita Park and our adjacent headquarters. Combining international headliners, local mainstays, and interactive art installations exploring environmental themes, Blue Peter invites San Diegans and tourists alike to celebrate the regions vibrant arts scene and natural history. \$15-25/day. Felicita County Park September 30 and October 1, 2017
America's Finest Dixieland Jazz Society	\$38,074	38th Annual SD jazzfest at the Town & Country Resort & Convention Center (Mission Valley) San Diego, 92108. The 5-day event (Nov 22-26,2017) will include Traditional/Hot Jazz, Swing, Ragtime, Rockabilly & Boogie-Woogie by 30+ bands & artists during 170+ 1-hour sets. Saturday is peak day with 70+ sets in 7 music venues, most with dance floors. Admission \$20-\$50pp depending on the day. Student discounts. Under 13 with an adult & active Duty Military free. Attendance 6000. Open to the public.
Armed Services YMCA of the USA - San Diego Branch	\$78,656	The Port of San Diego Big Bay Boom July 4th Fireworks Show is one of the largest fireworks shows in the nation. It can be seen at no charge from the many viewing locations around North San Diego Bay at 9pm on July 4th. Over 500,000 people will view this event which is in its 17th year of production. It can also be seen live on television from Santa Barbara to Baja, Mexico. The event will display a highly technical display of artistic pyrotechnics choreographed to a unique production of music.

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Balboa Park Conservancy	\$81,277	Balboa Park December Nights, the City of San Diego as holiday season kickoff, celebrates its 40th anniversary on December 3 Produced by the Balboa Park Conservancy, December Nights is the largest free community festival in San Diego, attracting more than 350,000 visitors. Guests are treated to more than 150 family-friendly performances, representing diverse cultural traditions, and nearly 150 food and retail vendors, set amid historic buildings and gardens decked out for the season.
BAME Renaissance Inc.	\$9,058	The Imperial Avenue Street Festival will be held on Saturday, August 26, from noon to 9 pm. The festival stretches along Imperial Avenue, between 28th and 30th street and from L to Commercial Street. The festival includes entertainment two stages, a variety of exhibitors and vendors, children activities and the Logan Heights Art Experience. The beauty of the event is to promote arts and culture and a sense of community pride for the Greater Logan Heights area.
Bodhi Tree Concerts	\$5,000	Bodhi Tree Concerts will present Music en la Calle-a free, multicultural, all day, outdoor music festival in City Heights on Saturday, June 23. Partnering with City Heights Community Development Corp. & Opera de Tijuana, the festival will feature exclusively local artists as well as artists in training from grade school to college. There will also be food, visual artists & community vendors selling their wares. Through our common language of music, we will celebrate the diversity of San Diego.
Brazilian Institute for Arts & Culture (BIAC)	\$11,264	Brazilian Day San Diego is Sunday Sept. 10, 2017, at Belmont Park in Mission Beach! Join 50,000 others for a free, family-friendly festival including top Brazilian entertainers, a Carnival parade, food, beer garden, arts, and more. Capoeira, dance and percussionist students of all levels are invited to workshops led by master teachers on Sept. 8th at Fitness West in Pacific Beach and Sept. 9th at the Capoeira, Dance, and Percussion Convention at UCSD. (Cost: \$45/workshop series)
Cabrillo Festival, Inc.	\$5,000	The 54th Annual Cabrillo Festival commemorating the European discovery of San Diego and the west coast of what became the United States by Juan Rodrigues Cabrillo on September 28, 1542. The Festival is free to the public. Opening ceremonies are Friday 9/29/17 at the Cabrillo National Monument from 4pm-5pm, and the Festival is Saturday, 9/30/17 at the Naval Base Point Loma from 11am-3:30pm. This is a fun event for the entire family.

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California Lawyers for the Arts	\$5,000	CLA's educational workshops on art law topics will be scheduled throughout the City of San Diego between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. Our primary audience is emerging and midcareer artists who are seeking affordable information about the legal issues involved in their artistic practices. Topics may include Public Art Contracts, Insurance Basics, Copyright, Trademark, Overview of Mural Laws, Licensing Intellectual Property, Non-Profit Incorporation, Immigration and Patent Basics,
CoTA (Collaborations: Teachers and Artists)	\$5,000	The project for which CoTA seeks funding offers teacher professional development and public engagement events in the city of San Diego. This professional development will consist of teacher-artist Collaborations. CoTA will offer free events such as Parent Classes, Celebrations of Learning, and Community Engagements to take place from October 2017-June 2018 at Burbank and Carson Elementary Schools and at local libraries and nonprofits.
Diamond Business Association, Inc.	\$5,000	The Diamond Street Festival will celebrate the rich history, diverse cultures, and captivating energy of the people of Southeastern San Diego at its new location: between 63rd & 65th and Imperial Avenue on Saturday, August 12, 2017. Groove to live local and regional music. Enjoy cultural performances. Taste flavors of culturally traditional foods. Feast eyes on over 100 custom cars/bikes at the custom car show. Amazing arts and crafts sold by local artists and vendors. Family friendly and Free!
Hillcrest Business Improvement Association	\$16,791	In Hillcrest CityFest's 33rd, year this popular neighborhood street fair will continue its celebration of urban life. On August 13, 2017 from 12noon until 11pm, Hillcrest will celebrate all the terrific things about living in an urban environment including culture, art, music and food. CityFest features a massive food court, hundreds of artists, a gigantic stage, an all ages dance party and a beer garden. CityFest is held under the Hillcrest sign and is free to the public.
Indian Fine Arts Academy of San Diego	\$25,631	The 11th Annual Music and Dance Festival, featuring over 70 artists from India will be held at the JCC, in La Jolla from March 19th -25th, 2018, to celebrate Sitar Maestro Ravi Shankar's 98th birthday and Dance Legend Balasaraswati's centenary. We will present uniquely curated music and dance by well-known musicians and dancers; offer lectures on music and dance; have 120 students from San Diego perform, and recognize eminent artists with awards. The ticket prices are set at \$25/person/ event.

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Italian American Art and Culture Association of San Diego	\$17,490	The San Diego Italian Film Festival brings 12 films, the best in Italian cinema, with a focus on insights into Italian culture, covering major themes - migrations, work, family, gender. The festival stimulates curiosity and creativity across borders. Screenings take place at the Joan and Irwin Jacobs Theater, Museum of Photographic Arts, Balboa Park during the fall and draws over 3,000 attendees. Ticket prices run \$10, with discounts for members, students, military, and Community Partners.
The Jacobs and Cushman San Diego Food Bank	\$56,288	The 2017 San Diego Blues Festival, food drive/ fundraiser benefiting the San Diego Food Bank includes 2 stages and 9 blues acts with Mavis Staples as the headliner. Mavis is a 2010 Grammy award-winning singer who began her musical career with The Staple Singers who were Martin Luther King Jr's favorite band. The festival is September 9 at Embarcadero Marina Park North and a Blues Festival kickoff concert is Friday, September 8 at Gingers downtown San Diego. Line up/tickets: www.sdbluesfest.org
KARAMA	\$6,999	The San Diego Arab Film Festival will present 10 screenings of films from and about the Arab world that provide realistic perspectives on Arab people, culture, art, history and politics. Films will include feature length and short films, both narrative and documentary. It will take place at the Museum of Photographic Arts in Balboa Park on October 20-21, and at AMC Mission Valley on October 28-29. Admission is \$10 General and \$5 Students. Selected screenings will be presented by filmmakers.
Karen Organization of San Diego	\$5,000	Karen New Year Celebration January 6th, 2018 (date to be confirmed) 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Cost: free Crawford High School Auditorium (4191 Colts Way, San Diego, CA 92115) Join Karen Organization of San Diego in celebrating the most important holiday for refugees from Burma in San Diego, Karen New Year! You will enjoy traditional dance and music performances, a Karen culture and history presentation, and lunch with home-made Karen traditional dishes lovingly prepared by your neighbors.
Kyoto Symposium Organization	\$45,475	KPS is privileged to have served as the only non-Japan venue for the Kyoto Prize Laureates. We showcase San Diego to a global international audience in both the arts and the sciences. With the Inamori Foundation we- Host three new Laureates every year, many of whom never visit San Diego (music is the award area in 2018)- Have provided unrestricted over \$ 1.5 million to our four co-host universities (SDSU,UCSD, USD, PLNU)- Bus 1000 HS students each year to campus co-host presentations.

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La Maestra Family Clinic, Inc.	\$7,181	La Maestra's Generations Creations project (July 2017- February 2018) is a City Heights community collaboration, featuring classes, workshops, exhibits, and public performances, all free to the public. Workshops taught by local artists to the diverse, multi-generational community will include fine arts, crafts, music, dance and theater. La Maestra will hold two art and music fairs in December 2017 and February 2018 to exhibit and sell items and share performances produced by students.
Linda Vista Multi-Cultural Fair, Inc.	\$7,961	The 33rd Annual Linda Vista Multi-Cultural Fair & Parade will take place on April 28, 2018 on the 6900 block of Linda Vista Road from 10am to 5pm. This free event promotes cultural awareness and understanding within the City of San Diego. It has numerous cultural exhibits, varied ethnic food offerings, a Kid's Zone, rides, and three stages of artistic performances. The event welcomes everyone to experience the diverse Linda Vista community and its over 22 languages and dialects spoken.
Little Italy Association	\$22,645	FESTA! is on Sunday October 8, 2017 from 10 am to 6 pm on Date Street, between India and Columbia Streets, in the heart of San Diego's Little Italy. The free event features all aspects of Italian-American culture: food, fashion, music, and art. Artists, vendors, and local merchants feature products that are uniquely Italian. Chalk-artists transform 3 city blocks in to Italian-themed masterpieces. Over 100,000 visitors help make this the largest single-day Italian Festival in the USA.
Little Saigon San Diego Foundation	\$22,388	Lunar New Year Festival Qualcomm Stadium Feb. 16-18, 2018 Expected Attendance: 30,000 Admission: TBA Asian food, games, exhibits, carnival rides and non-stop live entertainment including concerts, firecrackers, lion dances, martial arts and. Also features a breathtaking ""Cultural Village,"" displaying artistic reconstructions of iconic sculptures, buildings and landscapes from South East Asia. Family-friendly event for all age groups and cultural enthusiasts!
Mariachi Juevnil	\$52,958	The Mariachi Student Conference and Festival is an intergenerational and binational community building program that supports the study, celebration, and promotion of Mexican arts and culture through mariachi music. Conference participation costs \$65 and offers mariachi music instruction for 300 students on March 16-17 at the University of San Diego. Students perform at the Mariachi Festival on Sunday, March 18th from 11am-7pm at Pepper Park. Festival admission is free and open to the public.

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Mariachi Scholarship Foundation	\$22,277	2017 San Diego International Mariachi Summit returns Aug. 17-22, uniting the world's greatest mariachi performers and educators for a series of concerts, student workshops and public forums to advance mariachi music and education. Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán ("The World's Greatest Mariachi") and Mariachi Champaña Nevin perform with the San Diego Binational Symphony Orchestra on Aug. 19 at the Civic Theatre. Student registration is \$85, tickets for events range \$10-85.
Media Heritage Inc. dba FilmOut San Diego	\$12,927	The 20th Annual LGBT Film Festival will be held on June 7, 8, 9, 10, 2018 at The Observatory North Park, 2891 University Avenue, in the North Park neighborhood of San Diego and will include over 60 international, documentary, short and feature films that affirm the ongoing integrity and boundless imagination of the LGBTQ community and the artists who tell our stories. Projected ticket prices are: Festival passes - \$125; Opening Night - \$45; Closing Night - \$25 and \$10 individual films.
Musicians for Education dba Street of Dreams	\$14,674	Street of Dreams Live! Spoken Word Concert September 2, 2017, 7 P.M., San Diego City College, Saville Theater 1450 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101. Free to attend. Suggested donation at door, proceeds to benefit teen mothers in the Street of Dreams program. The evening will offer a screening of the student-produced music video, a student performance of original spoken word poetry to inform the audience on ways to interrupt generational poverty, and a Q & A social hour with students.
Ocean Beach Merchants Association, Inc.	\$23,521	The 39th Annual Ocean Beach Street Fair & Chili Cook-Off Festival will take place on June 23, 2018. The hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and admission is free .The fair will include 5 stages of music, 85 artisans in Artists Alley, a Chili Cook-Off competition, an interactive music section, merchandise and food vendors, a children's area, bloody mary and hamburger-eating competitions, a beer garden, and the painting of 3 community murals. For more information, visit www.OceanBeachSanDiego.com .
Pacific Beach Business Improvement Association	\$17,573	Pacific Beachfest is an annual free, family-friendly event featuring live music, local artisans, action sports and more! This community festival takes place on the beach and board walk in the neighborhood of Pacific Beach on October 7th 2017. There will be 5k races , surf and volleyball competitions and sunset yoga, shopping and dining experiences from local businesses and free arts and crafts activities for kids. Registration fees will occur for the sporting portions of this festival.

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PASACAT, Inc.	\$5,000	The 20th Annual Parol Festival features a collection of 200 parols made in the Philippines and locally of capiz shells and a kaleidoscope of lights and the traditional bamboo framed five-point star covered in cellophane and crepe paper. A parol village is created with an exhibit of parols where attendees will experience the culture of the Philippines with food, cultural dances and music, cultural exhibits and parol making workshops for the entire family to enjoy.
Point Loma Summer Concerts	\$12,740	Point Loma Summer Concerts presents free concerts on Friday nights this summer on July 14, 21, 28, August 4 and 11 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm in Point Loma Park. The park is located at 1049 Catalina Blvd on the Little League field next to the Fire Station. Neighbors and visitors sit side by side in an open friendly environment. The event welcomes everyone to enjoy spirit and pride in our community listening, playing and dancing to great music. For more information go to www.plconcerts.org .
Rancho de los Penasquitos Town Council	\$7,465	Close to 20K attendees are expected at the 23rd Annual Fiesta de los Penasquitos street fair and parade. This one-day event on Sunday May 6th, 2018 starts with a Parade at 10:30am from Sun Devil Way which leads to the Fiesta on Black Mountain Rd between Twin Trails Dr and Carmel Mountain Rd. The Fiesta will have over 100 vendors, including food vendors, arts and crafts, a carnival zone, activities for kids, pony rides, a petting zoo and 4 stages of entertainment. 11am - 5pm. Free to the public.
City College Foundation dba City Voices for Social Justice	\$5,000	San Diego City College City Voices for Social Justice holds the City Voices Literary series in spring and fall semesters and the annual City College Social Justice Conference every spring semester. All events are free and open to the public
San Diego Earth Day	\$38,951	Our annual Earth Fair in Balboa Park is the largest free annual environmental fair in the world. Earth Fair 2018, held on Sunday, April 22, 2018, will be our 29th annual event! Each year, the Earth Fair draws around 60,000 visitors. Produced by 300 volunteers, Earth Fair 2018 will feature more than 300 exhibitors, Food Pavilions, Children's Activity Area, 4 entertainment venues, the Earth Day Parade, the earth Gallery arts and crafts show, Reuse and Repair area, and the Cleaner Car Concourse.

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San Diego Film Foundation	\$116,878	The San Diego International Film Festival, now in its 16th year, is a 5-day event which attracts nearly 25,000 attendees. The Festival includes 100+ studio premieres and the best of independent films and their filmmakers from around the world; red carpet events; industry panel discussions; education and outreach programming; and tributes to film industry legends like Annette Bening and Geena Davis. The event is held in two film villages in San Diego's Gaslamp Quarter and La Jolla.
San Diego LGBT Pride	\$116,878	The 44th San Diego LGBT Pride Parade and Festival, taking place on July 14-16, 2017, will celebrate the broad range of artistic and cultural diversity within the LGBTQ community. Saturday's parade will attract 100,000 spectators to cheer on 200 contingents. The 2-day festival in Balboa Park will include four music and dance performance stages featuring Top 40, Latin, Hip Hop and Electronic Music, LGBTQ history education, and a juried "Art of Pride" visual art exhibit featuring LGBTQ artists.
San Diego Performing Arts League	\$5,000	San Diego Theatre Week is a week-long celebration of performing arts - music, theatre, comedy and dance - that serves to promote the vast array of performing arts in the city, and provides exposure for the producing organizations. Each venue involved either offers tickets at a significant discount, or adds a benefit to the performance. Each venue offers the most entertaining or interesting possibility that works for their venue and makes sense with the program being presented.
SAN DIEGO SHAKESPEARE SOCIETY (SDSS)	\$5,000	The San Diego Student Shakespeare Festival will take place in Balboa Park in April 2018. More than 400 participants (students, teachers, musicians, etc.) will assemble for a celebratory procession from Plaza de Panama to their assigned stages. An audience of several thousand will see performances by students in costume presenting soliloquies, sonnets, and dramatic scenes from Shakespeare's plays. Musicians and dancers will present period pieces. Schools pay a small fee to participate.
San Diego State University Research Foundation for KPBS	\$21,872	One Book, One San Diego is the region's premier community reading program, attracting thousands of participants every fall. It is a partnership of KPBS, San Diego Public and County library systems, and many other local libraries, schools and literary organizations. The program's purpose is to bring together residents through the shared experience of reading and discussing the same book. The program encourages participation in free events related to the featured book. Dates are to be arranged.

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Sorrento Valley Town Council, Inc	\$5,000	Sorrento Valley Beer Festival10427 Roselle St., San Diego, CA 92121. By I-5 and Sorrento Valley Blvd. Friday, September 8, 2017, 5:00pm 8:30pm\$10 Go on an adventure and explore the art of the brew! Sample tantalizing varieties from a large selection of local innovative and award-winning breweries in a totally cool setting. Enjoy great live music, delicious food truck offerings, fun games, fire pits and plenty of comfortable seating. Hang out, connect with friends and make new ones!
Speed of Change Inc. dba TedX San Diego	\$11,322	On Saturday, September 30, 2017 from 11:00am-6:30pm, TEDxSanDiego will bring 12 speakers & 3 performances to the stage at Copley Symphony Hall, creating a TED-like experience with the theme of "Created Future(s)." We will also block off B Street in front of Symphony Towers and invite 20 San Diego startup companies to exhibit in a space we call Innovation Alley. Registration: \$100; Expected audience: 1,800; Target audience: doers, thinkers, innovators, creatives and explorers in San Diego County.
The Bon Temps Social Club of San Diego	\$112,320	Gator By The Bay is an annual 4 day Louisiana themed Music & Food Festival that brings the spirit, sounds and flavors of the Louisiana Bayou to San Diego's Spanish Landing Park on San Diego Bay, May 10-13, 2018. It is a zesty gumbo of music, food and fun with entertaining performances by the best Cajun, Zydeco, Blues and Latin musicians and site entertainers. The event is all ages. Admission tickets range in price from \$25-\$95. Children under 18 are admitted free.
Torrey Pines Kiwanis Foundation dba San Diego Festival of the Arts	\$53,217	The 32nd annual San Diego Festival of the Arts will be held June 9-10, 2018 (10am-6pm) at the downtown Waterfront Park. Nearly 200 critically acclaimed artists will display and sell their original fine art from almost every discipline. Visitors can also enjoy delicious cuisines, fine wine and craft beer from local establishments plus live musical acts. Tickets start at \$12; admission is free to children 16 and under and active military. Visit sdfestivalofthearts.org to learn more.
transcendANCE Youth Arts Project	\$10,875	transcendANCE Youth Arts Project presents The Dream Catchers, the culminating multidisciplinary performance event of an intensive program where teen dancers, professional choreographers and mentors will explore themes of personal safety, understanding others, and compassion in direct response to a highly publicized act of violence that personally touched a graduate student dancer and alarmed an entire community. Public performances are at the Lyceum Theatre on July 21st-22nd. Tickets: \$10-\$25.

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Via International	\$6,434	Chicano Park Day is a free family-friendly cultural event held annually to celebrate the history, art and culture of the park, captured in just under 100 murals in and around this National Historic Landmark. 2018 will mark the 48th year of the event which draws over 10,000 people from around the region to the Logan Heights neighborhood. This day-long event includes cultural presentations, music, dance, art, food, vendors and the largest free low-rider car show on the west coast.
Write Out Loud	\$6,807	TwainFest, a free literary festival that celebrates the literature, history and culture of 19th Century America, will take place on Saturday, August 19, 2017 from 11:00 am - 9:00 pm at Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. Attendees will hear a variety of 19th Century Literature read aloud on six stages and participate in a host of unique literary based games and activities on the Plaza green, all with a backdrop of vintage American music. Free Books are distributed to all participants.