City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture Fiscal Year 2018 Organizational Support Program (OSP) Organization Descriptions



The Organizational Support Program provides general operating support for arts and culture nonprofits with an emphasis on the delivery of programs and services that impact San Diego's quality of life and tourism.

Fiscal Year 2018 Organizational Support Program Organization **Award Amount Mission Statement** The mission of Art of Elan is to enrich the cultural life of San Diego by presenting exciting and exceptional chamber music concerts to the general public, simultaneously educating and Art of Elan \$20,393 exposing diverse audiences to classical music through innovative programming, the commissioning of new works, unique performance venues and personal connections with concertgoers. ArtReach takes practicing artists into elementary schools throughout San Diego County to provide standards-based, sequential visual arts education, with an emphasis on providing free/very low-cost instruction in schools that have no resources for art. ArtReach also ArtReach \$10,908 collaborates with like-minded organizations to take art into the community. ArtReach believes that all youngsters, regardless of family socioeconomic status or zip code, benefit from thinking big and creating original art. To enrich the lives of San Diegans by renovating 26 historic buildings at the former Naval ARTS DISTRICT \$182,461 Training Center to create, facilitate and operate a broad-based complex focused on Liberty Station experiencing the arts, culture and creativity that are the hallmark of the San Diego region. Arts for Learning San Diego envisions a world where all students, families, and communities imagine, create, and thrive through the arts. We believe that the arts and artists are essential Arts for Learning \$113,566 community resources that deserve advocacy and long-term investment. We train and San Diego (A4LSD) commission artists of all disciplines to engage directly with diverse communities through vibrant partnerships at the individual, family, school, and community level.

#of Contracts for Services Awarded: 88 | Total Investment: \$10,197,147

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Athenaeum Music & Arts Library	\$122,171	The mission of the Athenaeum is to provide La Jolla and San Diego communities with library resources in music and the arts, and an ongoing schedule of cultural programs, classes, concerts, and exhibitions; to preserve its collections and historic buildings, maintaining an environment that balances conservation and excellent programming; to engage regional, national, and international artists, scholars, and audiences; and to provide learning with enjoyment in the classical humanistic tradition.
Bach Collegium San Diego	\$46,724	Bach Collegium San Diego engages audiences with accessible, historically informed performances and educational programs featuring repertoire from the Renaissance, Baroque, and early Classical eras. Our vision aims to establish San Diego as a leading center for Early Music in the United States through education, mentoring, and the cultivation of historically informed musicians, ensuring the ongoing presentation of significant repertoire from the sixteenth to eighteenth century.
Balboa Park Cultural Partnership	\$279,058	Balboa Park Cultural Partnership is ONE PARK * ONE TEAM, advancing Balboa Park cultural organizations through collaboration and advocacy. Our vision is Balboa Park as a thriving cultural ecosystem.
Balboa Park Online Collaborative, Inc.	\$93,983	The mission of Balboa Park Online Collaborative, Inc. (BPOC) is to foster a culture of innovation and collaboration among nonprofit organizations through technology, with a focus on Balboa Park. BPOCâ vision is to be a technology collaborative that connects audiences to art, culture and science.
California Ballet Association, Inc.	\$124,895	California Ballet presents high quality professional ballet performances and educational programs for the public community of California, through support of a resident company of professional dancers.
CAMARADA, Inc	\$13,330	In the quest to create refreshing artistic experiences, Camarada seeks dynamic musical repertoire and fearlessly blends diverse artistic elements to present programs that are approachable, uplifting and stimulating. Specializing in Latin music, Camarada focuses on serving this niche in San Diego. Dedicated to the compositions of living composers, Camarada commissions works specifically for its unique combination of instruments.
Center for World Music	\$22,363	The Center for World Music is a nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is to foster awareness and understanding of the world's performing arts and cultural traditions through programs of performance and teaching. Our vision is a world that celebrates cross-cultural understanding, respect, communication, and healing through the performing arts traditions of cultures East and West.

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Choral Club of San Diego	\$5,000	Choral Club of San Diego operates San Diegoâs oldest continuously-running womenâs chorus, established in 1939 by San Diego Choral Club. CCSD is dedicated to promoting public appreciation of choral and vocal music. The organization focuses on four major goals: providing a showcase for great choral music throughout San Diego; delighting its audiences through private and public performances; providing an outlet for women who love to sing; supporting young talent through its scholarship program.
Choral Consortium of San Diego	\$5,000	Our mission is to promote the choral art in the San Diego region through cooperation, public awareness, and performance.
City Ballet, Inc	\$83,268	The mission of City Ballet is to provide excellence in professional ballet for cultural enhancement through performances, education and outreach programs to diverse communities and audiences.
Classics For Kids	\$37,717	Classics 4 Kids is dedicated to educating children and our diverse communities through music and the arts.
Culture Shock Dance Troupe, Inc.	\$23,907	Culture Shock Dance Troupe is a hip-hop dance organization dedicated to benefiting San Diego through innovative performance, artist development, and community enrichment that reveals the power and beauty of hip-hop to diverse communities.
Cygnet Theatre Company	\$175,287	Believing in the power of theatre to startle the soul, ignite debate and embrace the diversity of the community in which it serves, Cygnet Theatre Company is fearlessly committed to the dissection, examination and celebration of the human story through the medium of live theatre.
Diversionary Theatre Productions, Inc.	\$71,878	The mission of Diversionary Theatre is to provide an inspiring and thought provoking theatrical platform to explore complex and diverse LGBT stories, which influence the larger cultural discussion. Our vision is to foster and amplify the next generation of LGBT voices by providing live entertainment in a dynamic, inclusive and provocative environment that celebrates and preserves our unique culture.
Fern Street Circus	\$23,412	Fern Street Community Arts serves families and transforms neighborhoods through performance and teaching of circus arts. Professional artists collaborate with learners and their families in neighborhood settings. Circus transcends barriers between people of varying cultures and languages, combines physical and theatrical skills, and merges the magnificent and the everyday. Participants co-create every aspect of the circus, working in public locations, creating visible community.

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Fleet Science	\$371,133	The Fleet Science Center connects people of all ages to the possibilities and power of science
Center	401,100	to create a better future.
Flying		To preserve the history of U.S. Marine Corps aviation, honor the service of its personnel, and
Leatherneck		inspire in all generations an appreciation for Americaâs freedoms. We accomplish our
Historical	\$39,277	mission by supporting the Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum and by offering educational
Foundation		programs to the general public, schools, veterans, and active duty personnel and their
Foundation		dependents.
Gaslamp Quarter		
Historical	\$58,066	It is the mission of the Gaslamp Quarter Historical Foundation to preserve the architecture,
Foundation	430,000	culture and history of the Historic Gaslamp Quarter.
Intrepid		Intrepid Theatre, an award-winning theatre and education company in San Diego, creates
Shakespeare	\$24,184	
•	₽Z4,104	programs that provoke conversation, expand perspectives and challenge thinking within our
Company Japanese		many communities. The mission of the Japanese Friendship Garden Society of San Diego is to develop a
Friendship	\$133,973	traditional Japanese garden as a center to educate, engage, and inspire people of diverse
Garden	\$133,373	
Jean Isaacs San		backgrounds about Japanese culture and community legacy. (1) Create and perform intelligent dances that breathe life into the people of our region and
Diego Dance	\$47,492	beyond.(2) Provide access to the viewing, training in, and dancing of dances by people
Theater	ΨΗΥ, Η ΣΖ	representing diversity of all kinds.
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		The La Jolla Historical Society inspires and empowers the community to make La Jollaâ
La Jolla Historical		diverse past a relevant part of contemporary life. The Society looks toward the future while
Society	\$78,937	celebrating the past, preserves and shares La Jollaâß distinctive sense of place, encourages
boelety		quality in the urban built environment, and serves as a thriving community resource and
		gathering place where residents and visitors explore history, art, ideas and culture.
		La Jolla Music Societyâ国(LJMS) mission is to enhance the vitality and deepen the cultural life
		of San Diego by presenting and producing a dynamic range of performing arts for our
La Iolla Music		
La Jolla Music	\$523,488	increasingly diverse community. LJMS is dedicated to bringing the worldaß greatest artists to
Society		the community of San Diego, and creating opportunities for our diverse audiences to
		experience performing arts through concerts, educational opportunities, demonstrations
		and workshops, lectures, and social events.

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La Jolla Playhouse	\$514,537	La Jolla Playhouseâ mission is to advance theatre as an art form and as a vital social, moral and political platform by providing unfettered creative opportunities for the leading artists of today and tomorrow. With our youthful spirit and eclectic, artist-driven approach we will continue to cultivate a local and national following with an insatiable appetite for audacious and diverse work.
La Jolla Symphony and Chorus Association	\$60,660	Rooted in San Diego for over 60 years, the La Jolla Symphony & Chorus enriches our lives through affordable concerts of ground-breaking, traditional and contemporary classical music.
Lambda Archives of San Diego	\$9,819	The mission of Lambda Archives of San Diego (LASD) is to collect, preserve, and teach the history of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people in the San Diego and Northern Baja California region.
Mainly Mozart Inc	\$142,332	Mainly Mozartâß mission is to enrich the lives of todayâß and tomorrowâß passionate music lovers by connecting them to the genius and innovation of Mozart and the Masters, to world- class musicians and music-making, and to each other.
Malashock Dance & Company	\$49,629	The mission of Malashock Dance is to promote dance as an avenue for personal expression through participation, education, and artistic collaboration. Malashock Dance values artistry, impact, collaboration, community, inclusion, and stewardship in its efforts to advance the art and experience of dance. Malashock Dance's programs empower individuals and communities to explore personal and cultural expression through dance.
Maritime Museum Association of San Diego	\$379,194	The mission of the Maritime Museum of San Diego is that of serving as the communityâ repository for this regionâ seafaring experience through the collection, preservation, and presentation of that heritage and its connection with the Pacific world.
Media Arts Center San Diego	\$112,987	Media Arts Center San Diegoâl (MACSD) mission is to promote access to film and video as tools for community self-expression and social change, and to support professional development of media artists. MACSD's vision endorses the inclusion of underrepresented communities in the media arts, the portrayal of accurate images of these communities by mainstream media, and promotes community access to and use of media technology.

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Mingei International Museum	\$186,910	MINGEI INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM is dedicated to furthering the understanding of 'art of the peopleâl(mingei) from all eras and cultures of the world. This art shares a direct simplicity and reflects a joy in making, by hand, useful objects of timeless beauty that are satisfying to the human spirit. The Museum collects, conserves and exhibits these arts of daily life âlby unknown craftsmen of ancient times, from traditional cultures of past and present and by historical and contemporary designers.
Mojalet Dance Collective	\$15,432	Mission: Mojalet Dance Collective touches lives through dance. We inspire all members of society to explore, learn, and share the beauty of expression through the arts.Vision: As an internationally acclaimed, contemporary dance company, we enhance the community and bring innovation, joy, and passion through artistic collaboration, educational and international outreach and professional concert dance performances worldwide.
MOXIE Theatre, Inc.	\$26,815	MOXIE's mission is to create more diverse and honest images of women for our culture using the artof theatre. Through the production of primarily female playwrights and special attention given to playsthat defy female stereotypes, MOXIE expands the idea of what is feminine.
Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego	\$427,047	The mission of the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego is to serve diverse audiences through the exhibition, interpretation, collection, and preservation of art created since 1950. In 2007, the Museum added a mandate to engage regional, national, and international audiences including the binational constituency of the San Diego/Tijuana region.
Museum of Photographic Arts	\$107,737	The mission of the Museum of Photographic Arts is to inspire, educate and engage the broadest possible audience through the presentation, collection and preservation of photography, film and video.
Opera NEO	\$5,611	Opera NEO is an opera company and training program created for the new generation of opera singers, to prepare and inspire them to grow and perform at the highest level. We focus on contemporary interpretations of classic works and finding innovative ways of communicating with the audience through performances in intimate venues that bring opera close to the viewers.

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Outside the Lens	\$44,306	The mission of Outside the Lens is to empower youth to use digital media to create change within themselves, their community and their world. We engage disconnected youth, encourage them to tell their stories and teach them that participation in their community's future makes a difference. Since 2001, over 15,000 OTL students have learned photography, film, and other digital media arts through hands-on projects exploring identity, family, community, the environment, and the world.
Pacific Arts Movement	\$70,895	Pacific Arts Movement presents Pan Asian media arts to San Diego residents and visitors in order to inspire, entertain, and support a more compassionate society. We fulfill our mission by: Presenting unique, culturally-enriching programs that would otherwise be inaccessible to the public; Engaging the public in meaningful discourse that promotes positive social change; Promoting artistic excellence, innovation, and the independent voice; Strengthening San Diego as an arts destination.
Persian Cultural Center dba Iranian-American Center	\$46,585	The Persian Cultural Centerâ\u00e5 (PCC) mission is to provide an enriching and welcoming environment for all who seek to strengthen the bonds of community, culture and cross- cultural understanding. PCC is nonpolitical, nonreligious and preserves, shares and celebrates Iranâ\u00e5 ethnically diverse and historically rich culture via education, and literary/visual/performing arts. PCCâ\u00e5 goal is to help Iranian American youth attain a sense of identity and facilitate cross-cultural understanding.
Playwrights Project	\$49,129	The mission of Playwrights Project is to advance literacy, creativity, and communication by empowering individuals to voice their stories through playwriting programs and theatre productions. Playwrights Project is a nonprofit organization devoted to arts education. Founded in 1985, programs reach up to 10,000 people annually, serving youth in schools and underserved San Diegans of all ages, including those in low income neighborhoods, foster care, the justice system, and the military.
Resounding Joy Inc	\$17,665	Resounding Joy uses therapeutic and recreational music programs to improve the social, emotional, physical, and spiritual well-being of individuals and communities.

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SACRA/PROFANA	\$13,112	Our mission is to enhance the cultural life of Southern California by cultivating and promoting the art of choral singing throughout our communities. SACRA/PROFANA is committed to awakening and nurturing enthusiasm for the choral art, through vibrant performances and focused outreach. While adhering to the highest artistic standards, we recognize the need for programming that is both accessible and compelling, and offers a rewarding, entertaining experience for concertgoers of all backgrounds.
San Diego Air & Space Museum	\$331,675	To preserve, inspire, educate and celebrate: Preserve significant artifacts of air and space history and technology. Inspire excellence in science, technology, engineering and math. Educate the public about the historical and social significance of air and space technology and its future promise as a pathway to advanced innovations. Celebrate aviation and space flight history and technology.
San Diego Art Institute	\$37,328	The San Diego Art Institute is an experimental bi-national contemporary art center catalyzing new experiences and connecting artist with audience.Our work is dedicated to advancing creative endeavors of artists of today and tomorrow. We believe that by providing professional and financial support along with opportunities to produce, exhibit and present their work, artists are empowered to create new, engaging and unexpected experiences that expand our cultural perspective and understanding.
San Diego Automotive Museum	\$60,769	The mission of the San Diego Automotive Museum is to tell the story of the social and technological past, present, and future of the automobile through its collections, exhibitions, and educational programs.
San Diego Ballet	\$55,745	The mission of the San Diego Ballet is to excite, enrich, and entertain its diverse audience, through an imaginative presentation of quality classical and contemporary dance.
San Diego Center for Jewish Culture	\$141,000	The mission of the San Diego Center for Jewish Culture is to offer an array of entertaining and enriching cultural, educational and artistic programming which brings the community together to connect with Jewish heritage, identity, experiences and values. CJC is committed to providing a welcoming and inclusive environment for San Diegoâs entire community.

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San Diego Childrens Choir	\$58,095	The San Diego Children's Choir provides children with choral music education and performance opportunities that foster performance excellence and collaboration at the highest artistic level, nurturing individual development and creating a foundation for lifelong success. The choir enriches the cultural fabric of San Diego County through the transformative power of music.
San Diego Chinese Historical Museum (SDCHM)	\$41,154	SDCHM's mission is to educate and inspire by preserving and celebrating the richness of Chinese history, art, culture and the contributions of Chinese Americans.
San Diego Civic Youth Ballet	\$56,747	To provide the youth of San Diego with an opportunity to study, understand and appreciate, through education and participation, the art of ballet, and to enrich the cultural life of the community.
San Diego Gay Men's Chorus	\$55,198	The mission of Finest City Performing Arts, Inc. (the San Diego Gay Men's Chorus) is to create a positive musical experience through exciting performances that engage our audiences, build community support, and provide a dynamic force for social change.
San Diego Guild of Puppetry, Inc.	\$11,126	To introduce the magic of the puppet theatre experience to San Diego County audiences; to develop and promote the art form through performances, special events and educational programming.
San Diego Hall of Champions	\$119,472	To recognize and celebrate outstanding local athletic excellence and provide sports programming forthe community to motivate and inspire youth to reach their full potential.
San Diego History Center	\$242,762	The San Diego History Center tells the diverse story of our region âlpast, present and future âleducates and enriches our community, preserves our history, and fosters civic pride.
San Diego Junior Theatre	\$99,069	San Diego Junior Theatre provides engaging, innovative, high-quality theatre education and productions for children of all cultural heritages, ages, abilities and levels of interest.
San Diego Model Railroad Museum	\$59,254	The mission of the San Diego Model Railroad Museum is to preserve the heritage of railroading through a series of miniature representations of California railroads, as well as research and preserve the history of model railroading. A main component of our mission is to educate the public on the history and aspects of railroading.

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San Diego Museum Council, Inc.	\$25,708	The mission of the San Diego Museum Council (SDMC) is to increase awareness, connect, provide services and advocate for the diverse museums within its membership. SDMC is a coalition of San Diego County museums working cooperatively to increase awareness of, and attendance at, the diverse museums in the region. The Council provides support services to San Diego County museums in management, networking, advocacy, education, and promotional opportunities.
San Diego Museum of Art	\$394,518	To inspire, educate and cultivate curiosity through great works of art.
San Diego Museum of Man	\$249,657	Our mission is to: ""Inspire human connections by exploring the human experience."" Our vision is to ""become San Diegoâs dynamic place to go learn from each other, reflect on our place in the world, and build a better community."" In FY12, we formally adopted a new strategy to use contemporary social issues & popular culture as a springboard for exploring the past, present, and future of what it means to be human, with recognition that the love of humankind forms the core of our work.
San Diego Musical Theatre	\$89,934	San Diego Musical Theatre is dedicated to passionately producing and providing musical theatre that ignites the human spirit.
San Diego Natural History Museum	\$483,505	To interpret the natural world through research, education and exhibits; to promote understanding of the evolution and diversity of southern California and the peninsula of Baja California; and to inspire in all a respect for nature and the environment.
San Diego Opera	\$433,750	The mission of San Diego Opera is to deliver exceptional vocal performances and exciting, accessible programs to diverse audiences, focusing on community engagement and the transformative power of live performance.
San Diego Pro Arte Voices, Inc	\$5,000	To engage, enrich, and inspire the San Diego community through the transformational power of great choral music, performed by local professional artists.
San Diego Repertory Theatre	\$196,027	San Diego Repertory Theatre (San Diego REP) produces intimate, exotic, provocative theatre. We promote a more inclusive community through vivid works that nourish progressive political and social values and celebrate the multiple voices of our region. San Diego Repertory Theatre feeds the curious soul.

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SAN DIEGO SYMPHONY	\$469,902	San Diego Symphony presents symphonic music, at the highest level possible, as an accessible and inspirational art form through innovative programming and a strong commitment to arts education. Through a rich mixture of innovative artistic and educational programming, the Symphony makes music an integral part of the cultural and intellectual fabric of San Diego and seeks to improve the quality of life for residents and enhance the visitor experience for people from around the world.
San Diego Watercolor Society	\$32,617	To be an ongoing recognized leader in expanding the appreciation of and involvement in water media painting through member instruction, exhibition, community education and promotion.
San Diego Women	\$9,975	Through musical expression, the San Diego Women's Chorus encourages women's creativity, celebrates diversity, and inspires social action.
San Diego Writers, Ink	\$21,883	San Diego Writers, Ink, nurtures writers and fosters a literary community by * Serving as a hub for the literary community * Promoting literature * Providing artistic development for writers at all levels, and * Facilitating artistic collaboration
San Diego Young Artists Music Academy	\$24,418	Our Mission is to enhance the lives of children and youth in our community through music as a deterrent to the drugs and violence prevalent in our community.
San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory	\$144,711	To instill excellence in the musical and personal development of students through rigorous and inspiring musical training experiences. We pursue this mission by:â [®] Interacting with all musical communities to broaden cultural horizons. â [®] Embracing the diversity of current and prospective students.â [®] Enriching the community through programs and collaborations that increase access to and appreciation of classical music.
Save Our Heritage Organisation	\$100,347	Through education, advocacy, & stewardship Save Our Heritage Organisation's (SOHO) mission is to preserve, promote & support preservation of the architectural, cultural & historical links & landmarks that contribute to the community identity, depth & character of our region.
Scripps Ranch Theatre	\$23,203	Scripps Ranch Theatre is committed to instilling and deepening a love of live theatre among diverse audiences by delivering high-quality artistry on stage, as well as through new play development, community outreach, and education. We produce theatre that challenges audiences, expands their horizons, and touches them intellectually and emotionally.

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So Say We All	\$10,895	So Say We All is a literary and performing arts nonprofit organization founded with the mission to create opportunities for individuals to tell their stories and tell them better. We achieve this through three core services: storytelling, education and multimedia publishing.
The AjA Project	\$44,143	The AjA Project's mission is to provide photography-based programming to transform the lives of youth and communities. Central to AjA's mission is the transformation of individuals and communities through innovative, asset-based, participatory methods and strategies. AjAâB primary tool, participatory photography, provides populations whose voices have been diminished and marginalized with an opportunity to elevate their voices, tell their stories and re-imagine their vision for the future.
The New Children	\$197,760	The New Children's Museum (NCM) is a new model of children's museum whose mission is to stimulate imagination, creativity, and critical thinking in children and families through inventive and engaging experiences with contemporary art.NCMâB vision is to address a critical need in our society and become a leader in engaging children through contemporary art in order to develop the skills needed for the 21st century.
The Old Globe	\$470,522	The mission of The Old Globe is to preserve, strengthen and advance American theatre by creating theatrical experiences of the highest professional standards; producing and presenting works of exceptional merit designed to reach current and future audiences; ensuring diversity and balance in programming; and providing an environment for the growth and education of theatre professionals, audiences and the community at large.
The PGK Dance Project	\$15,482	The PGK Dance Project's mission: To create and produce dance centered programs and performances ofthe highest quality made affordable and easily available to the public. We do this through creative community collaborations and partnerships that promote and represent diversity in entertaining, innovativeways that educate and develop public appreciation of dance.

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The Veterans Museum at Balboa Park, and/or Veterans Museum and Memorial Center	\$11,431	Lead San Diego to honor, recognize and preserve the service, sacrifice and legacy of Veterans.
Timken Museum of Art	\$191,570	The Timken Museum of Art preserves the Putnam Foundationâ collection of European and American art for the education and benefit of present and future generations of San Diego area residents and visitors. The Museum celebrates the important role of art as a way of enriching lives and nurturing the creative spirit in all of us.
Villa Musica	\$85,743	Villa Musica inspires people of all ages and backgrounds to explore the joy and lifelong value of music through education, performance and community engagement.
Westwind Brass	\$5,262	Westwind Brass exists to broaden and enrich the musical legacy of local, national and international audiences through performance and educational services featuring brass instruments and music.Through our outreach programs, our goal is to not only help provide a well-rounded education for children and create a healthier community, but also, by offering students the chance to participate in this learning process, we help build the future arts audience.
Womens Museum of California	\$32,699	Our mission is to educate and inspire current and future generations about the experiences and contributions of women by collecting, preserving, and interpreting the evidence of that experience.
WorldBeat Cultural Center (WBCC)	\$39,795	As a nonâþrofit multiâðultural arts organization we are dedicated to promoting, presenting & preserving the African & Indigenous cultures of the world through Music, Art, Dance, Education & Technology. Our main goal is then to create unity within diversity
Youth Philharmonic Orchestra	\$5,013	The Youth Philharmonic Orchestra is dedicated to the musical, social, and intellectual growth of young musicians of all ethnic, cultural, and economic backgrounds through inspired music instruction, dynamic ensemble rehearsals, and exceptional concert performances.