



**Creative Communities San Diego**  
**FY24 Awards and Project Descriptions**

Creative Communities San Diego provides project support for nonprofit organizations to deliver dynamic projects in San Diego neighborhoods that: engage diverse communities in arts, culture, and creativity; and contribute to a more accessible and sustainable creative ecosystem. Projects can take a variety of artistic and cultural forms, from film and video screenings, art exhibitions and performances to festivals, parades, and other activities in a similar vein.

**Funded Projects: 73**

**Funding Awarded: \$2,040,912**

Organization	Award Amount	Project Description
A Reason To Survive	\$ 5,000	In partnership with The Front Gallery/Casa Familiar, ARTS will create an exhibition of youth artwork for the annual Dia de la Mujer festival in San Ysidro Cultural Corridor. ARTS will engage local students for a workshop series focused on public art and community engagement. ARTS will work with binational artists for youth workshops and local volunteers will be included for intergenerational community days for installation and celebration of the final work.
Adams Avenue Business Association	\$ 24,545	41st Adams Avenue Street Fair (AASF) on 9-23/24-2023. San Diego's most popular street fair/music festival featuring: 7 stages, 80 bands, 250 arts/crafts booths, festival food, beer gardens, carnival rides, staged on 8 blocks. AASF generates \$2.5 Million in direct spending, drawing 100k culturally & economically diverse attendees, given its Mid-City location & free access to an array of entertainment options and music genres which include DJ's, ska, jazz, gospel, world, blues, rock & folk.

<p>Allí y Allá / Here and There</p>	<p>\$ 5,000</p>	<p>Through a two-week stay hosted by a designer in San Diego, a Tijuana based designer is invited to further their practice and engage with the local community, sharing their work through a workshop/exhibition at a community venue (free, open to the public). This project is part of an ongoing dialogue that will later include a Tijuana residency hosting a designer from San Diego. Directors: Stacy Kelley (San Diego, Set + Drift), Katalina Silva (Tijuana, Enigma Creative, Creative Mornings/Tijuana)</p>
<p>Armed Services YMCA - San Diego</p>	<p>\$ 64,589</p>	<p>The Port of San Diego Big Bay Boom July 4th Fireworks Show is in its 20th year as one of our nation's most spectacular pyrotechnic displays. The show draws over 300,000 people for an 18 minute fireworks show that is also available live on television and radio to over 25 million people in Southern California and Baja, Mexico. The show is displayed from four barges located across North San Diego Bay. Approximately 100,000 visitors from outside San Diego County attend the show.</p>
<p>ASCENDtials</p>	<p>\$ 5,000</p>	<p>Our festival will offer workshops on Kemetic Yoga, poetry and art-creation. These 20-40 minutes performance sessions will celebrate our community and demonstrate the culture and hospitality San Diego has to offer, along with a focus on climate, nature, and wellness through the lenses of our ancestors, which will be the inspiration for our expert-led sessions with a professional Kemetic Yoga teacher and healer, a poet/performer and artist. We plan to host our events at the Quartyard.</p>
<p>Asian Culture and Media Alliance</p>	<p>\$ 8,271</p>	<p>ACMA will produce its 11th Annual Asian Pacific American Cultural Festival featuring various Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander cultural, traditional, and contemporary music and dance performances. Provided free of charge to the public, this family friendly event not only helps connect San Diego community with our proud heritages and cultures but symbolizes our continuing effort to sow better solidarity, cultural literacy and understanding of our AANHPI community.</p>

Asian Story Theater	\$ 5,000	Asian Story Theater will meet with cultural artists from 3 Asian countries, and 3 Pacific Island cultures to compile "scary" stories from each community, to build the program ASIAN SCARY THEATER. Stories will be adapted to low-tech, 2-person performances that leverage listeners' imaginations, then present at 5 different city locations. There may be a nominal charge for tickets, plus free admission, with or without donation, will be available.
Ballet Folklorico El Tapatio	\$ 5,000	Requests funding to support the 3rd Annual “Celebración Mexicana: Celebrating Cultural Inclusion” dance festival to be held in San Diego, CA. Celebración Mexicana premiered in 2022 and is dedicated to sharing the culture, music, dance, and Mexican experience with the community. The vision for Celebración Mexicana comes at a time when tolerance and empathy for diversity are sorely needed. While there will be a charge for tickets, a portion of event tickets will be free for LMI residents.
Best Practice	\$ 11,724	Over the course of a one-year exhibition and event series at its location in Logan Heights, Best Practice will present six 5-week long exhibitions of visual art from regional, national, and international artists. Some of these exhibitions and events will be the work of one artist while others will be group exhibitions presented by guest curators. During this series, events will be organized to engage with the local community and to collaborate with other culture creators in the immediate region.
Bocon Inc	\$ 35,469	Bocón’s project will involve a 20 week long arts education residency at Balboa Elementary and Knox Middle (public schools). Additionally, four Theatre For Youth Plays will be produced and or developed. Free tickets to each performance will be readily available to the public.
Bodhi Tree Concerts	\$ 5,000	Bodhi Tree Concerts will present its annual free music festival, MUSIC EN LA CALLE. in the heart of culturally rich City Heights. Local artists representing the wealth of diversity in our city will be hired to perform from 12-6pm. Free books, arts & crafts and carnival games are also provided for families. Music en la Calle embodies the core value on which Bodhi Tree Concerts was founded - creating community and understanding through music.

Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito	\$ 20,736	Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito's Youth Arts Academy hosts low-to-no-cost year-around music education for youth in San Diego. Programs include private instrument and composition instruction, rock and jazz bands, out-of-school camps, community outreach programs, and after-school music education programs. At the end of the program year, Youth Arts Academy holds a public concert where youth showcase their growth and typically reaches 500 audience members.
California Lawyers for the Arts	\$ 71,939	CLA will continue to provide monthly low-cost art/law educational programs on the third Wednesday evening of every month, as well as a multi-panel binational symposium on Art and Law at the Border in late spring. We will also provide two rounds of 16-week paid internships of our creative workforce development program, Designing Creative Futures, to provide job training for previously incarcerated persons with collaborating arts organizations.
Carpa San Diego	\$ 7,070	La Carpa De La Frontera is a site-specific vaudeville touring show which can be taken into any community in need of healing from the pandemic situation. These performances will address issues such as immigration, race, gender, human rights, labor rights, accessibility, and culture in the comedic form used by the old carpa style concept in Mexico during the 1930s, 40s, and 50s.
Casa Familiar	\$ 37,943	A full season of arts + culture programming for San Ysidro + South San Diego, including: 3 major exhibitions, 2 festivals, including Casa's 50th anniversary, 2 "Sidro Saturday" artist market events, a 12 mo. podcast season, + staff salaries. All activities are free and aim to engage a wider array of transborder and BIPOC artists with the goal of providing better access to arts, culture + creativity in our community.
Chicano Park Steering Committee	\$ 5,000	The 54th Chicano Park Day that is a free event, in normal times hosting 10,000 attendees the third Saturday of April.

<p>Contact Arts DBA San Diego Fringe Festival</p>	<p>\$ 111,486</p>	<p>SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL FRINGE FESTIVAL is a bold movement for San Diego THEATRE &amp; Multidisciplinary arts, designed to provide a platform for artists and boost the community by providing accessible arts and culture within the city. The Festival draws artists and tourist from across the United States and worldwide while providing new opportunities for home-grown talent. Art forms include theatre, cabaret, comedy, circus, dance, visual art, &amp; open to any other type of artsy-ness imaginable.</p>
<p>Diamond Business Association Inc.</p>	<p>\$ 5,891</p>	<p>This signature 9th annual street festival celebrates the rich history, diverse cultures, and captivating unique energy of the people of Southeastern San Diego. We will have local and regional live music and cultural performances showcased throughout the day. In addition to entertainment, food, and information, the event will have various attractions and components. This one-day event is expected to draw an attendance of 10,000 people. The project is free to the public.</p>
<p>Disco Riot</p>	<p>\$ 5,747</p>	<p>DISCO RIOT will present San Diego’s third annual queer-focused movement-arts festival, Queer Mvmnt Fest. The festival will feature artists who identify as part of the queer, trans and gender-nonconforming dance community in San Diego and beyond. This festival will empower and showcase LGBTQ+ artists from all backgrounds through performance, workshops, discussions, and classes geared for affinity groups. Open to the general public, the festival will be free and take place outdoors.</p>
<p>Forever Balboa Park</p>	<p>\$ 24,821</p>	<p>Forever Balboa Park will explore the theme Balboa Park for All: Youth Leaders through a series of six community-designed pop-up programs and performances in three locations in Balboa Park. This strategy is designed to address one of the most pressing issues in connecting people to the park: building the next generation of community leaders who care about, feel connected to, and see the park as an incredible platform for their voices and perspectives to be heard.</p>

Fusion Movement Arts	\$ 5,000	We produce three events each year. Each event includes a dance/music performance and two dance or other artistic workshops taught by featured artists. We do sell tickets to these events, but we typically break even. Our objective is to pay artists, and to attract more formidable artists to perform and teach workshops at our events.
Generation STEAM	\$ 87,165	The San Diego Festival of Science and Engineering has become a locally cherished, nationally recognized event that catalyzes excitement and curiosity in young minds about the possibilities of STEAM and STEAM careers. ~24,000 San Diegans participate in Expo Day at Petco Park (held annually on the first Saturday of March); engaging in free, fun and educational STEAM experiences in interacting with STEAM professionals.
Gente Unida	\$ 5,000	“Our Walls Speak!: Nuestros Muros Hablan!” is a multi-media multi generational virtual and live symposium and street exhibition celebrating Chicano Art Muralism in Logan Heights through live and virtual panel/community discussions, artist and elder interviews and storytelling, a downloadable neighborhood mural walk/drive, community and youth mural art workshops and spoken word movement performances inspired by video footage of recently demolished (2020) historical murals.
Gray Area Foundation for the Arts	\$ 193,286	Free to the public: The Artists in Residence Program is catalyzing positive social, economic, and environmental change in San Diego’s Logan Heights neighborhood by commissioning talented artists and promoting tactical urbanism. Creatives from San Diego and Baja, Mexico will work with artists from across the USA, Mexico, and around the world, engaging in various forms of artistic expression that empower and engage Logan Heights residents in anticipation of the 2024 World Design Capital Festival.
Hillcrest Business Improvement Association	\$ 9,928	This project will fund Hillcrest CityFest. This is an annual celebration of all the wonderful things about living in the city. It is a traditional street fair with music, food, performances, live art, kids’ rides and games, craft cocktails and an all ages dance party. The event raises over \$40,000 for neighborhood improvements and is attended by over 100,000 people annually.

House of Panama	\$ 5,000	The House of Panama (HOP) requests support for educational activities & performances that expose the multicultural audiences visiting Balboa Park to the culture and history of Panama. This includes the lawn program in August, sharing our holiday traditions at December Nights, a parade of polleras (the national dress for women) in January, highlighting Afro-Panamanian arts & literature during Black History Month in February, and sharing our vibrant and unique cuisine at the May Ethnic Food Fair.
Ilan-Lael	\$ 5,000	Lado a Lado showcases internationally-acclaimed Julian-based artist James Hubbell's many ways of fostering friendship and bi-national understanding by creating community-based art and architecture in Baja California. Photos, video, maquettes, drawings, watercolors, sculpture, and art objects tells how Hubbell gathers community members and students from the US and Baja to collaborate cross culturally on works of art and architecture that benefit and inspire the bi-national community.
Indian Fine Arts Academy of San Diego	\$ 22,819	This festival Indian Fine Arts Academy of San Diego (IFAASD) stages an annual music and dance festival every year. Over 60 artists from India are featured in this festival. The event is held at the David and Dorothea Garfield Theater, JCC, in La Jolla. During this festival IFAASD pays musical homage to many Indian classical musicians and dancers like Maestro Ravi Shankar. The festival theme is "oneness of the universe." During this festival, IFAASD presents uniquely curated music and dances.
Italian American Art and Culture Association of San Diego	\$ 11,787	The IAACASD will continue the 17th annual San Diego Italian Film Festival (SDIFF) 'feStivale' programming at the MOPA in Balboa Park with feature films, the 5th annual Ristretto Shorts competition, and the annual Gala and awards ceremony. Screenings feature q/a with guest filmmakers, producers, and artists to address critical themes relevant to our San Diego audiences, such as immigration, youth, workplace, inclusivity, gender, race, and more.

Karama	\$ 5,000	KARAMA seeks funding for the San Diego Arab Film Festival, which presents films from and about the Arab World that provide realistic perspectives on Arab people, culture, art, history and politics. The Festival presents a mix of feature length and short films, both narrative and documentary.
Karen Organization of San Diego	\$ 5,000	Karen New Year celebration is the biggest cultural celebration for refugees from Burma resettled in San Diego. Sharing various cultural dance and music performances with audiences, this event allows the general public in San Diego to learn about their new neighbors from Burma and the rich and beautiful culture that they bring with them to San Diego. The event is free to the public.
Kyoto Symposium Organization	\$ 77,772	With the Inamori Foundation, the KPS hosts three Laureates each year in mid-March, many of whom never visit San Diego. Each Laureate, awarded in the fields of "Advanced Technology," "Basic Sciences" and "Arts & Philosophy," will provide a lecture and/or workshop at UC San Diego and at other art organizations/venues. All lectures/workshops are free and open to the public. We invite and bus 1,000 high school students throughout San Diego and the Tijuana region each year to these presentations.
La Jolla Kiwanis Foundation	\$ 5,000	La Jolla Concerts by the Sea have been a FREE community event since 1984. Stopped during Covid and returned under Kiwanis in 2022. These four Sunday afternoon concerts have been/are held annually in July/August at the La Jolla Scripps Cove Park. The concerts this past summer were enthusiastically supported by the Community.
La Maestra Family Clinic	\$ 69,302	The La Maestra Arts and Culture project is an integral initiative in La Maestra Circle of Care® services that work to improve the overall well-being of families. Through the Generations' Center for Youth Advancement, La Maestra offers free year-round art classes, music lessons, photography exhibitions, flower arranging, sewing classes, and performances for all ages in the community. The project provides opportunities for healing and personal growth through arts with a focus on holistic health.



Linda Vista Multi-Cultural Fair Inc.	\$ 8,402	The 39th Annual Linda Vista Multi-Cultural Fair & Parade aims to take place on April 27, 2024 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. The Linda Vista community has 22 languages/ dialects spoken and the Fair aims to represent that through its numerous cultural exhibits, varied ethnic food offerings, Kid's Zone and rides, Parade, and artistic multi-cultural performances across 2 stages.
Little Saigon San Diego Foundation	\$ 16,143	The 13th annual SD Lunar New Year Festival is the celebration of the important Asian holiday and bring festive cheer and prosperity, to San Diego. The festival will include folk and traditional performances, arts and cultural exhibitions, lion dances and firecrackers, and plenty of family fun activities for the kids. More importantly, the festival is inclusive and free with no admission cost.
Mandate Project Impact	\$ 18,991	MULTI-MEDIA & EVENT TRAINING (no cost) in production of MUSIC CONCERTS (ticketed): MPI in collaboration with its partners M.A.N.D.A.T.E. Records Inc. and GODRadio1, will amplify creative work by exposing youth and young adult interns to industry professionals and by giving creatives real life experiences participating on music & television industry formats as they present their craft in work on MPI's local live concert production. These concerts celebrate the art forms of Gospel and Jazz music.
Maraya Performing Arts Collective	\$ 7,753	Maraya Performing Arts will present Disney's Lion King JR., a youth theatre production at KIPP Adelante Preparatory Academy March 8-17, 2024. This live, entertaining, family friendly show is a musical adaptation of the Disney animated film and spotlights the beautiful African diaspora and the importance of family. The show has been exclusively designed for young performers and theatre makers to be showcased in an educational environment. Tickets are \$15.

<p>Mariachi Scholarship Foundation</p>	<p>\$ 29,785</p>	<p>The 2023 San Diego International Mariachi Summit features performances by some of the world's greatest mariachis, San Diego's own Mariachi Champana Nevin and the San Diego Binational Symphony Orchestra at the Balboa Theatre, Civic and other venues. The Summit features 3 days of mariachi and ballet folklorico student workshops, seminars for teachers, mariachi history museum, free student performances, and a holiday "Las posadas" Mexican Christmas concert.</p>
<p>Media Heritage Inc.</p>	<p>\$ 10,134</p>	<p>Funding is being sought for our annual FilmOut film festival that will be held at the NAT and MOPA in Balboa Park in September 2023. The festival will include 50-60 films that validate and affirm the integrity and boundless imagination of the LGBTQ+ community and the artists who tell our stories. There are admission fees; complimentary tickets are given to those living with addictions and those with HIV/AIDS. Discounted tickets are available to seniors and students.</p>
<p>Medium Photography Inc.</p>	<p>\$ 12,872</p>	<p>Medium Photo produces an annual festival that engages the public in contemporary uses of photography as a fine art. We offer free and ticketed events that serve students, educators, arts professionals, and artists who live in and travel to San Diego for our programs. Medium Photo's programs take place across the bi-national region in the form of workshops, portfolio reviews, artist talks, exhibitions, book signings, and artist studio visits.</p>
<p>Mundo Gardens</p>	<p>\$ 9,627</p>	<p>Free to the Public, Monthly Community Arts Sessions: Oral &amp; Visual history share; Study: sets of timed drawing/ painting exercises; Community Invited to Share Artwork, during breaks; Closing Exhibition &amp; Reception; Temporary Interactive Story Sharing Installations for Comic-Book-Art Cultural   Climate-Action-Themed Humanities Expression. Leveraging Comic-Arts Culture to amplify indigenous contributions, bridge generational, racial, &amp; economic divides, with multi-cultural awareness &amp; empathy.</p>

Musicians for Education	\$ 26,234	Street of Dreams Live! spoken word concert. Logan Library Community Room and Cultural Center for Programs, Exhibits and Displays. May 12, 2024, 2 p.m., 567 S. 28th St., San Diego, 92113. Event is free, donations accepted. Screening of student video, performance of spoken word and poetry that demonstrates the power of art education to achieve social change and solve the problems of drug addiction, alcoholism, and generational poverty, exhibit of student photography and poetry, Q & A social hour.
Ocean Beach Merchant's Association	\$ 21,870	The annual Ocean Beach Street Fair & Chili Cook-Off will be held on June 24, 2024 in the heart of eclectic Ocean Beach. This free event which has been a San Diego tradition since 1980 showcases our community to attendees of all ages. The event includes 3 stages with live music, a community mural, a chili cook-off, 80 artisans demonstrating and selling their creations in Artist Alley, 200 merchandise and food vendor booths, a beer garden, and interactive family fun area.
Old Town San Diego Chamber of Commerce	\$ 5,000	1) Día de los Muertos Procession: an annual event held on November 2 drawing over 5,000 visitors celebrating the pre-Hispanic tradition to honor loved ones. 2) Las Posadas: an annual event held on the second Friday in December that features an a cappella retelling of the story of Mary & Joseph. Both events are free and open to the public.
Olongapo Disco	\$ 11,031	Olongapo Disco: Archiving Joy Across the Diaspora from 1950 to the Future: This project is an ode to past and future. It will be part autoethnographic and communal installation, sound archive, and visual portal of joy within the BIPOC communities of San Diego, CA. It will ask artists to create work answering the following question: What are the joy technologies from our ancestral legacies, present and future that we need to remember and create to survive and thrive?
Pacific Beach Community Development	\$ 14,004	Summer Concerts on the Green at Kate Sessions Park where local musicians fill the park with contemporary music from 4:30 to 6:30 PM Sundays. Concert goers enjoy the stunning views of Mission Bay Park while dancing and watching the sunset over the Pacific Ocean. FREE.

Pacific Beach Town Council	\$ 6,760	Summer Concerts on the Green at Kate Sessions Park where local musicians fill the park with contemporary music from 4:30 to 6:30 PM Sundays. Concert goers enjoy the stunning views of Mission Bay Park while dancing and watching the sunset over the Pacific Ocean. FREE.
Pasacat	\$ 15,920	So Sarap! (delicious) Philippine Festival is a destination cultural experience presenting a world-class celebration of Philippine and Filipino American arts, culture and history to over 15,000 residents, tourists, and visitors. It is our signature festival bridging the exchange of commerce and culture between the United States, Philippines, San Diego and beyond.
Paving Great Futures	\$ 17,675	Paving Great Futures will execute its Annual Community Arts and Culture Series. This includes the Youth Hip Hop Leadership Summit and the EMPIRE Program. The first event in the Community Arts and Culture Series is the Youth Hip Hop Leadership Summit. These events combine deliver on this roster of programs and events to execute our Arts and Culture activities. These events and or programs are free and open to the public.
Point Loma Summer Concerts	\$ 14,638	Point Loma Summer Concerts will produce five, free, family-friendly concerts at Point Loma Park on Catalina Blvd., consecutive Fridays commencing July 14,2023. The concerts will feature 5 local youth bands and 5 professional big bands that are vetted by the board. Crowd pleasing and dance friendly music is the focus of the band selection. Now in our 23rd year, the concerts have become a well-loved Community tradition with audiences of all ages and attendance ranging from 2,500 to 3,500.
Poway Center for the Performing Arts Foundation	\$ 11,960	Poway OnStage will provide seven free Virtual Field Trips (VFTs) for 47,000+ students in the City of San Diego, which include learning modules, show videos, extension activities and theater tours, as well as in-person workshops and assemblies. The Intro to Instruments VFT includes bussing 1,900+ City of SD students to assemblies at North City SD High Schools (Del Norte, Westview, Mt. Carmel). Other VFTs will include workshops offered in 20+ classrooms throughout the City of San Diego.

<p>Rolando Community Council</p>	<p>\$ 6,221</p>	<p>The annual Rolando Street Fair is a free community event. This well-loved local street fair includes: an all-day concert featuring popular San Diego bands, a \$5 play-all-day Kid's Zone (featuring inflatables, climbing walls, games, crafts and entertainment for young people), a Community Performance Stage (for local theatre, dance, music and performers of all ages), 130+ local Artists/Makers booths, 20 local Food Vendors, and a local Craft Beer Garden.</p>
<p>San Diego African American Museum of Fine Art</p>	<p>\$ 5,891</p>	<p>The exhibit is entitled We Stand on Their Shoulders. We highlight the significant contributions of Black San diegns who have led the way in Civil Rights through the arts, politics, education, public safety, media, law and medicine. This is a perpetual exhibit that will be installed in augmented reality as a portrait gallery along the nine blocks of the newly established Black arts &amp; Cultural District. This free exhibit will have historical curriculum developed to accompany each portrait.</p>
<p>San Diego Audubon Society</p>	<p>\$ 23,034</p>	<p>San Diego Bird Festival is a celebration of the wild birds and habitats of San Diego County. San Diego County boasts the widest variety of birds of any county in the country. Every February, we attract birders from all over the world. The festival features pre-registered activities for a fee and free events requiring no registration. All proceeds benefit the Education, Sanctuary and Conservation programs of San Diego Audubon Society.</p>
<p>San Diego Entertainment Arts Guild</p>	<p>\$ 5,000</p>	<p>Conversations with Poets (CWP) is a series of educational one-on-one video and audio interviews, hosted by Michael Klam, Executive Editor of the San Diego Poetry Annual. CWP's viewers/listeners freely access SD's most celebrated local poets speak about their work, their community and influences, and the vibrant literary scene in San Diego. Featuring a diverse cast of poet-mentors, the series inspires writers of all ages/background and highlights San Diego's contribution to the literary world.</p>

San Diego Film Foundation	\$ 144,233	The San Diego International Film Festival, celebrating its 22nd year in 2023, is a 5-day event attracting 20,000+ attendees. The Festival boasts more than 100 films, including studio premiers and the best of independent films, international filmmakers; red carpet events; industry panel discussions and education programming. The festival is free to high school students who participate in our FOCUS on Impact series, which brings to light issues of social justice.
San Diego Guild of Puppetry	\$ 12,840	Our “Community Puppetry Project” will bring free, exciting, often bilingual, puppetry arts experiences to students, families, rec centers, parks, etc., as requested, and at times co-designed, by those living in the Promise Zone, City Heights, SE San Diego and adjoining neighborhoods, to meet their needs. As always, they center on creating interactive, empowering arts experiences, growing the work we have long brought to these deserving, but low income, multicultural communities.
San Diego LGBT Pride	\$ 204,091	San Diego Pride offers over a week of joyful arts, cultural, and civic events to celebrate the diversity of San Diego’s LGBTQ community. These free and ticketed (low-cost) events include a festival, parade, rally, and other celebrations. The San Diego Pride Celebration, July 8-16, 2023 will take place all across San Diego which celebrate and highlight the breadth, beauty, and diversity of the LGBTQ movement.
San Diego State University Research Foundation for KPBS	\$ 21,985	The San Diego State University Research Foundation is the fiscal sponsor for KPBS, San Diego’s public media station, which seeks to pursue its One Book, One San Diego program for FY24. The community-wide reading program brings books and author talks to nearly every demographic in San Diego County, from refugees to young professionals to middle school students. Now in its 16th season, One Book, One San Diego events are free and open to everyone.

<p>San Diego Urban Warriors Inc</p>	<p>\$ 15,113</p>	<p>San Diego's Black Family Empowerment Day utilizing art culture and entertainment to bring all resources and community members together to empower family with a special focus on the Black Family including a children's experiential arts, crafts and cultural enrichment zone, honoring of the elders foot washing and respecting the patriarchs and matriarchs of the community, creative vendors, community based cultural, health, wellness, social, service providers local entertainers and a top headliner.</p>
<p>Scripps Theatre Arts</p>	<p>\$ 5,702</p>	<p>Scripps Theatre Arts will be presenting "Anything Goes" in the Spring of 2024. The objective of this production is to produce a full-scale live theatre production that will give youth in the San Diego community an opportunity to build self-confidence and master collaborative skills through a three-month rehearsal timeline that culminates in a pre-professional musical theatre stage production complete with hand-made costumes, sets, props, lights, and a multi-microphone professional sound system.</p>
<p>Sherman Heights Community Center Corp</p>	<p>\$ 5,305</p>	<p>The "29th Día de los Muertos" celebration at the Sherman Heights Community Center is a joyous occasion when the memory of our ancestors and the continuity of life is celebrated. Festivities include community altars, craft workshops, an activity guide, student tours, a youth celebration, and a procession and fundraising events. Festivities run from early Oct- Nov. 2nd and are open to the public. Participation is free with the exception of the craft workshops and fundraising events.</p>
<p>Speed of Change</p>	<p>\$ 18,753</p>	<p>TEDxSanDiego brings together a collection of diverse doers, thinkers, innovators, creatives, explorers and visionaries to experience a live-recorded forum featuring thought leaders and subject matter experts who present impactful ideas and innovative perspectives on important issues that affect our local community as well as the world at large. Each of the speaker presentations are recorded and uploaded into the TEDx You Tube channel, providing global access to the San Diego community at large.</p>

Spirit of the Fourth	\$ 9,284	This day-long event begins with a Community Fair. Its activities include: a Car Show, a Patriotic Pet Contest, a food court, a Military Ceremony for veterans, kids' games, a quilt show and vendor booths. In the afternoon the Spirit of the Fourth parade is held over a 1.25 mile route with over 80 entries including veterans, high school bands, community groups and elected officials. In the evening we have a fireworks show. The Car Show has an entry fee but all other events are free to the public.
Teatro San Diego	\$ 8,130	Full professional production of West Side Story at the City Heights Performance Annex and San Ysidro Library free to the public. The aim in Teatro San Diego's mainstage production, is to reflect a diverse cast representative of San Diego's actual population demographics. This show will be directed by award-winning actress and director Michelle Alves.
The Bon Temps Social Club of San Diego	\$ 104,441	Gator By The Bay (Est. in 2001) is an annual 4-day, Louisiana themed music & food festival held at Spanish Landing Park on San Diego Bay. It's a zesty gumbo of music, food & fun with 100+ performances by top Cajun, zydeco, blues and Latin musicians, dance lessons, cultural presentations, hands-on demos and kids' events. Open to all ages. Tickets: \$25-\$250. Children under 18: comp. Comp & discounted tickets are distributed in the community. Comp entry is provided in exchange for volunteer hours.
The Cooper Family Foundation	\$ 9,288	Our Juneteenth Festival is a celebration of the end of slavery and the historical Emancipation Proclamation. This community festival, is free to the public, is a cultural and educational experience featuring African drummers and dancers spiritual dance, poetry and spoken word performances, R&B music, blues band, hip-hop, and jazz saxophonist performances. Free food is provided to all who attend. The festival includes community members who often are excluded from such events because of cost.



The High Steppers Drill Team	\$ 22,046	The High Steppers seeks funding for its Drill Team to strengthen San Diego’s arts/culture sector by exposing youth to the art of military drill technique, dance & step routine. Our free public performances help create vital & uplifting community connections. Through the Drill Team’s performances in local festivals & parades, such as the MLK, Jr. Parade, Veterans Day Parade, and Mother Goose Parade, we support & uplift our community through our deep shared cultural connection to percussive step.
transcenDANCE Youth Arts Project	\$ 22,275	Our proposed project is an annual dance theatre production (dance, spoken-word, film, storytelling) at the Joan B. Kroc Theatre. This professional production allows young dancers (age 9-24) to present creative work they have co-created with choreographers during Fall/Spring, giving them a platform to contribute to San Diego’s culture. There are 2 public performances, reaching an audience of 750-1000; we provide comp tickets & tickets at reduced rates for underserved community members/students.
Traveling Stories	\$ 5,000	We seek funding for the 2nd Annual Walk for Literacy event happening October 7, 2023 at Chollas Lake Park. Attracting families from across San Diego County, this event will inspire a love for reading while also highlighting local literacy programs. Families will enjoy breakfast, a costume walk, and a Kids Zone with dozens of free, engaging arts and storytelling activities. Every child will receive a new book. Children will be admitted free. Tickets will be available for teens and adults.
VAPA Foundation	\$ 156,191	VAPA is the only nonprofit arts education organization in San Diego designated by SDUSD to provide targeted arts education in schools otherwise under resourced. We do so through these three arts program: Honor and recognition events, collaborations with art organization partners, and targeted content based on gap-analysis. We are requesting program support.

<p>Viet Vote</p>	<p>\$ 5,000</p>	<p>Viet Vote is partnering with a Vietnamese artist, Linh Nguyen, to curate an exhibit of artworks that will raise conversations &amp; discussions on colorism, Vietnam war &amp; its impact on the Vietnamese culture, &amp; mental health issues. The intention for this exhibit is to allow a space for intergenerational healing between our elders and the younger generation growing up in America. This show will be exhibited twice in City Heights &amp; Mira Mesa where there are two large pockets of Vietnamese population.</p>
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