



Office of the City Manager

INFORMATION CALENDAR  
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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager  
 Submitted by: Eleanor Hollander, Economic Development Manager  
 Subject: Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Civic Arts Grant Awards

INTRODUCTION

This report is to inform the City Council of the Civic Arts Grant awards for individual artists and festivals for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Fiscal Year 2023 Civic Arts Grant award amounts (Attachments 1 and 2) as approved by the Civic Arts Commission include \$44,000 for eleven (11) individual artists and \$194,299 for thirty-three (33) festivals. Most festival applicants that applied were awarded funding (33), although three (3) festivals that applied were not awarded funds for FY23. A record-setting number of individuals artists (62) applied for grant funds for FY23, and with limited funding, forty-one (41) individual artist applicants were not awarded funds. These awards are in addition to the deployment of the second year of Arts Organization grant funding awarded in Fiscal Year 2022 for both FY22 and FY23 (totaling \$458,697 per year for 70 arts organizations).

BACKGROUND

The Civic Arts Grant application period originally was from March 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022; however, the deadline was extended to April 13, 2022 to invite more applicants to apply. This year the Civic Arts Program received a combined total of 88 applications from individual artists and festival organizers for grant funding for the FY 2023 cycle.

Civic Arts staff held two grant application workshops to review grant application requirements and provide instruction on using the on-line grant application system: 1. Grant Application Webinar on March 7, 2022 for individual artists applicants; and 2. Grant Application Webinar on March 9, 2022 for festival applicants. Both workshops were held virtually by Zoom Webinar. Recordings of the webinars were also made available on the Civic Arts website for applicants' reference.

To evaluate grant applications, Civic Arts staff asked for the assistance of seasoned grant review panelists approved by the Civic Arts Commission during the FY22 grant cycle. The slate of review panelists all have substantial backgrounds in arts and culture and a demonstrated commitment to cultural equity. Between June 7 and June 17, 2022,

staff conducted two grant review panel meetings via Zoom. Panelists independently evaluated and scored applications relative to the review criteria prior to the panel reviews, and discussed the applications and their evaluations with fellow panelists during the panel review meetings.

After the conclusion of the grant review process, the compiled panel scores were presented to the Civic Arts Commission's Grants Subcommittee at a public Zoom meeting on July 12, 2022. The Subcommittee determined award recommendations based on application scores, the grant program guidelines, funding criteria, and available funding. The award amounts as recommended by the Grants Subcommittee were made public on July 13, 2022 through the meeting discussion and vote, and communicated to all applicants via email.

On July 27, 2022, the Civic Arts Commission approved the final FY23 Civic Arts Grant award amounts as follows: FY23 Individual Artist Projects grant funding recommendations - M/S/C (Blecher/Anno) Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Bullwinkel. FY23 Festivals grant funding recommendations were approved as follows: FY23 Festivals grant funding recommendations. M/S/C (Blecher/Anno) Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Bullwinkel.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

The Civic Arts Grants program is administered online. Applicants used a web-based grants management system to apply and grant review panelists evaluate and score the applications using the same system, greatly reducing the need for paper applications.

#### POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

The Civic Arts Grants are awarded on a bi-annual basis to Arts Organizations and annual basis to Individual Artists, and Festivals. The Civic Arts Grants Program plans to implement the annual grant application and review process for FY 2024 beginning in fall 2023. FY24 awards will be subject to the Civic Arts Commission's approval.

#### FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

The City's annual budget typically includes a baseline amount of \$500,000 for Civic Arts Grants to Arts Organizations and Individual Artists and approximately \$156,000 for Festivals. Council increased Festivals funding from \$156,000 to \$200,000 in FY23, allowing for a greater distribution of Festivals funds for the grant cycle.

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#### Attachments:

1. FY23 Civic Arts Individual Artists Projects Grant Awards
2. FY23 Civic Arts Festivals Grant Awards

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**FY23 Individual Artist Project Grants**

	<b>Title</b>	<b>Primary Discipline</b>	<b>Score out of 1000</b>	<b>Award</b>
1	Hector Salgado	Media/Film	947	\$4,000
2	Emily Onderdonk	Music	933	\$4,000
3	Marlene (Cookie) Segelstein	Music	927	\$4,000
4	Mahsa Vahdat	Music	907	\$4,000
5	Hector Munoz-Guzman	Visual	895	\$4,000
6	Paula deJoie	Visual	887	\$4,000
7	Andy Warner	Multi-disciplinary	885	\$4,000
8	Oona Garthwaite	Media/Film	883	\$4,000
9	Erica Azim	Music	882	\$4,000
10	Natalia Quintero-Hong	Multi-disciplinary	868	\$4,000
11	Elizabeth Rosner	Literary	862	\$4,000
12			860	\$0
13			858	\$0
14			852	\$0
15			848	\$0
16			848	\$0
17			847	\$0
18			843	\$0
19			842	\$0
20			838	\$0
21			835	\$0
22			820	\$0
23			815	\$0
24			812	\$0
25			808	\$0
26			795	\$0
27			788	\$0
28			785	\$0
29			777	\$0
30			765	\$0
31			762	\$0
32			748	\$0
33			748	\$0
34			745	\$0
35			727	\$0
36			708	\$0
37			705	\$0
38			702	\$0
39			702	\$0
40			690	\$0
41			685	\$0
42			680	\$0
43			680	\$0
44			677	\$0
45			677	\$0
46			665	\$0
47			657	\$0
48			655	\$0
49			648	\$0
50			613	\$0
51			595	\$0
52			272	\$0

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FY23 Festival Grants**

<b>Large Events with a proposed budget over \$50,000</b>			
	<b>Title</b>	<b>Score out of 1000</b>	<b>Award</b>
1	Berkeley Juneteenth Festival	898	\$7,581
2	California Native Ways — 4th Annual California Indian Arts & Culture Festival	893	\$7,538
3	Disability Rights Rising: A Celebration of the Art, Culture, and the History of Disability Justice in Berkeley	888	\$7,496
4	Freight Fest	887	\$7,488
5	Standing on the Shoulders of Giants: A Community Celebration	850	\$7,175
6	Foundation for the Future of Literature and Literacy (Bay Area Book Festival)	830	\$7,007
7	San Francisco Mime Troupe Free Park Shows in Berkeley 2022	798	\$6,736
8	Berkeley Bird Festival	795	\$6,711
9	2023 Junior Bach Festival	745	\$6,289
<b>Mid-Size Events with a proposed budget between \$5,001 - \$50,000</b>			
10	Black Generations Festival	895	\$6,044
11	Black Women's Blues Festival	878	\$5,929
12	The Himalayan Fair	873	\$5,896
13	The Queering Dance Festival	872	\$5,889
14	30th Annual Berkeley Indigenous Peoples Day Powwow and Indian Market	868	\$5,862
15	Persian New Year Festival - Chaharshanbe Souri	867	\$5,855
16	Evolution: A 10th Anniversary Celebration of API Theater	862	\$5,821
17	SF Bay Brazilian Day & Lavagem Festival 2022	860	\$5,808
18	Berkeley Poetry Festival	837	\$5,653
19	Dia de los Muertos 2022	835	\$5,639
20	Chocolate & Chalk Art Festival	832	\$5,619
21	Hawaiian Healing Arts Festival	827	\$5,585
22	Berkeley Video & Film Festival	823	\$5,558
23	West Berkeley Community Print Festival	813	\$5,490
24	AfroLit	813	\$5,490
25	Annual Contemporary Diasporas Festival	800	\$5,403
26	Ubuntu Awards Festival	798	\$5,389
27	Telegraph Avenue Holiday Street Fair	797	\$5,382
28	Watershed Environmental Poetry Festival	775	\$5,234
29	Telegraph Berkeley Summer Fair or (Sunday Best)	765	\$5,166
30	Community Music Day	760	\$5,133
31	Capoeira: The Art of Social and Personal Transformation	747	\$5,045
32	Asian Cultural Festival	732	\$4,943
<b>Small Events with a proposed budget of up to \$5,000</b>			
33	The Dragon Boat Experience	868	\$2,442
<b>Not Awarded</b>			
34	Makers Ball 2022 (Mid-Size Event)	673	\$0
35	Front Row Festival (Mid-Size Event)	613	\$0
36	Vida Vert Festival (Mid-Size Event)	545	\$0