



Civic Arts Commission  
Office of Economic Development

## **Minutes**

### **Civic Arts Commission**

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch Library, 1901 Russell St., Berkeley, CA 94703

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 6:03 PM

**Meeting of Committee of the Whole:** 6:03 - 6:30 PM

2. **ROLL CALL:** 6:30 PM

**Commissioners Present:** Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Ross, Slattery

**Commissioners Absent:** Anno, Blecher, Passmore, Tamano

Commissioner Slattery departed at 6:50 PM

Commissioner Tamano arrived at 7:10 PM

**Staff Present:** Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary & Chief Cultural Affairs Officer; Jordan Klein, Economic Development Manager and Mara Engelson, Civic Arts Analyst

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steven Most announced the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ohlone Park to take place on June 1, 2019.

4. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

- a) Chair announced that there will be a new Poet Laureate policy for nominating and selecting the City of Berkeley Poet Laureate that will be developed by the Policy Committee.
- b) Civic Arts Commissioners and member of BCT are advocating to City Council regarding Measure O & Affordable Housing for Artists and

Cultural Workers.

- c) Civic Arts Commissioners and members of BCT are also conducting budget advocacy to City Council.
- d) Festival Funding: Concern was expressed regarding Council's budget referral for \$50,000 funding for the Book Festival outside of the new Festival Grant process.
- e) Civic Arts Commissioners will be working over next year and a half to develop a new Art Education Grant Category with funding from Cannabis Regulations Revenue.

**5. STAFF REPORT**

- a) Update on Grants Review Process: The panel reviews will be happening in early May and the scores will be presented to Grants Committee at their May meeting for funding award recommendations, which will then go to the full Civic Arts Commission in May for approval.
- b) Update on new sound installation on BART Plaza: Ed Campion's installation is being implemented.
- c) Update on Cube Space: There have been many technical challenges, but installations should be starting soon.
- d) Update on Council action regarding Measure T1 Phase 1 Projects: San Pablo Park renovations are moving forward in this phase.
- e) Update on Public Art Guidelines Revisions – This will be on the April 30 Council Agenda for approval.
- f) Update on New Funding for Art Space Study from Hewlett Foundation – Grant Award Letter for \$20,000 has been received and needs Council approval. Staff will submit this to be on the June 11, 2019 City Council meeting agenda.
- g) Presentation of the Private Percent for Art – Quarterly Update

**6. ACTION ITEMS (All items for discussion and possible action)**

- a) FY20 Public Art Budgets  
**Action:** Covarrubias/Slattery to approve the FY20 Public Art and Private Percent for Art Budgets as presented. The motion carried.

Ayes: Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Ross, Slattery; Nays: None;  
Abstain: None; Absent: Anno, Blecher, Passmore, Tomano

Commissioner Slattery departed meeting at 6:50 PM – Meeting went into Recess

Commissioner Tamano arrived at 7:10 pm – Meeting Commenced

- b) Final Art Plan - 2556 Telegraph ("The Laureate")  
**Action:** Ozol/Bullwinkel to approve the Final Art Plan for 2556 Telegraph

("The Laureate"). The motion carried.

Ayes: Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Ross, Tamano; Nays: None;  
Abstain: None; Absent: Anno, Blecher, Passmore, Slattery

- c) John Toki "s-Hertogenbosch" sculpture installation location

**Action:** Covarrubias/Ozol to approve sculpture installation site for the John Toki "s Hertogenbosch" sculpture to be in front of BAMPFA. The motion carried.

Ayes: Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Ross, Tamano; Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Anno, Blecher, Passmore, Slattery

- d) Commission Representative to Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee

**Action:** Modesto/Ross to approve Liz Ozol as the Commission Representative to Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee. The motion carried.

Ayes: Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Ross, Tamano; Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Anno, Blecher, Passmore, Slattery

- e) Civic Art Grants Review Panelists -- **Tabled**

## 7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Action: Ross/Covarrubias to approve minutes from March 27, 2019 Civic Arts Minutes (Attachment #1). The motion carried.

Ayes: Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Ross, Tamano; Nays: None; Abstain: None;  
Absent: Anno, Blecher, Passmore, Slattery

## 8. **PRESENTATIONS and DISCUSSION** (*All items for discussion only and no action*)

- a) Civic Center Fountain and Turtles

David Snippen and other community members presented on their efforts to have the Turtle sculptures installed at Civic Center Fountain along with landscaping for the fountain.

## 9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Grants – No Report
- John Slattery, Chair
  - Kim Anno
- b) Policy – No Report

- Kim Anno, Chair
- Lisa Bullwinkel
- Liz Ozol
- Jennifer Ross

c) Public Art – Reported on agenda items from Public Art meeting, which are on this agenda as action items.

- Matt Passmore, Chair
- Kim Anno
- Dana Blecher
- Modesto Covarrubias

d) Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee Representative – No Report

- To be elected at this meeting

e) Design Review – Reported on two projects that were reviewed: 2072 Addison and 1951 Shattuck

- Modesto Covarrubias

## **10. ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS**

- a) 2nd Annual CRPD Forum being hosted by the Peace and Justice subcommittee on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT: 7:35**

### **Attachments:**

1. March 27, 2019 Draft Minutes
2. Final Art Plan - 2556 Telegraph ("The Laureate")
3. John Toki "s-Hertogenbosch" sculpture installation location
4. FY20 Public Art Budgets
5. Civic Center Fountain and Turtles
6. Private Percent for Art – Quarterly Update
7. 2nd Annual CRPD Forum Flyer

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## COMMITMENT TO CULTURAL EQUITY

The City of Berkeley commits to supporting equity within the arts and culture sector, and to consistently evaluating its programs and practices. The City recognizes the multiple benefits the arts provide to Berkeley residents at all stages of human development, regardless of race, color, religion, age, disability, national origin, sex, sexual orientation and gender identity/expression.

All members of the community should have equitable access to a rich, rewarding, and inspiring cultural life. Beyond ensuring access to the arts, the City envisions an arts and culture sector that empowers all members of the community to become leaders and to help steer the arts toward a more equitable future that reflects Berkeley's diverse communities.

The City of Berkeley commits to the support of artists and arts organizations that represent diverse cultures, life experiences and socio-economic backgrounds. The City supports the empowerment and equal representation of cultural perspectives that have been traditionally and historically underrepresented.



Civic Arts Commission

## **FY18/19 Civic Arts Commission Work Plan**

Civic Arts Commission Date Accepted: 9/26/19

### **Policy Committee**

1. Recommend funding expenditure for the following:
  - *Short Term Rental Funds [Completed]*
  - Public Art On Private Development Funds [September Commission Meeting] (Cultural Plan Action Item – Policy 4.1.b and Policy 4.1.c)
  - Harold Way Significant Community Benefit Funds
2. (With Grants Committee) Review and approve Civic Art Grants Guideline Revisions
3. (With Grants Committee) Review and approve Festival Grants Guidelines
4. (With Public Art Committee) Review and approve revised Public Art Guidelines including: Collection Management, Deaccession, Memorials, Monuments, Commemorative Plaques, Gifts, Unsolicited Proposals and more
5. Advise Council on policy for cannabis tax for the arts in conjunction with City's development of cannabis regulations (Cultural Plan Action Item - Policy 2.1.a)
6. Advise Council on grants funding baseline of \$500,000
7. Advise Council on waivers for construction related entitlement/building permit fees for Nonprofit Arts Organizations' building projects

### **Grants Committee**

1. (With Policy Committee) Review and approve Civic Art Grants Guideline Revisions (Cultural Plan Action Item – Policy 2.2.a and Policy 2.2.c)
2. (With Policy Committee) Review and approve Festival Grants Guidelines (Cultural Plan Action Item – Policy 2.2.d)
3. Determine Funding Allocation for Arts and Festival Categories
4. (With Arts Education Committee) Evaluate Creating a Grant Category for the FY20/21 Grant Cycle for Arts Education (Cultural Plan Action Item - Policy 3.3.c)

5. Review analysis prepared by staff of geographic spread of grants funds throughout City of Berkeley (Cultural Plan Action Item - Policy 1.3.a and Policy 2.2c)
6. Review and approve FY20 grantees selected through panel process

#### **Public Art Committee**

1. (With Policy Committee) Review and approve New Public Art Guidelines including: Collection Management, Deaccession, Memorials, Monuments, Commemorative Plaques, Gifts, Unsolicited Proposals, Allocation of Funds Process and more (Cultural Plan Action Item - Policy 4.3.b)
2. Review and approve possible future relocation of "Big People"
3. Review and approve selected artists and proposals for T1 Projects: North Berkeley Senior Center and San Pablo Park
4. Review and approve selected curator for Cube Space
5. Review and approve 2019 Civic Center Exhibition artists and artwork purchases
6. Review and approve Private Percent for Art – Final Art Plans
7. Review and approve site for the donated Assyrian sculpture

#### **Arts Education Committee**

1. (With Grants Committee) Evaluate Creating a Grant Category for the FY20/21 Grant Cycle for Arts Education (Cultural Plan Action Item - Policy 3.3.c)
2. Advise staff on grant application to California Arts Council for BEARS summer program (Cultural Plan Action Item - Policy 2.1.d and Policy 3.3.a)
3. Strengthen partnerships with BAESC & BUSD (Cultural Plan Action Item – Policy 3.1.b)
4. Build relationships with school board members, attend office hours and share Create CA Student's declaration of rights with school board
5. Research feasibility of obtaining workforce development funding for high school summer arts instructors (Cultural Plan Action Item - Policy 3.3.a)
6. Explore feasibility of developing partnerships with colleges and universities to offer unit credit for teaching in BUSD after school and summer art programs

#### **Design Review Committee**

1. Ensure proposed building projects reviewed by DRC comply with the Private Percent for Art Ordinance



Draft: Mission Statement for Civic Arts Commission May 21, 2019

The Civic Arts Commission was established by Ordinance 5253, amended by Ordinance 5631-NS and amended again by Ordinance.....to advise the City Council on all matters regarding arts and culture for the city of Berkeley.

The civic arts commission recognizes that the city of Berkeley is a place where the arts are fully integrated into civic life and community identity. Therefore the mission of the civic arts commission is to advocate, nurture, and sustain arts and culture city wide, including insuring equity, democracy, inclusion. The civic arts commission steers the dispersal of City of Berkeley grant support to artists, arts organizations, and festivals, and arts education.

# TELEGRAPH AVENUE TOUR ICONS



PEOPLE'S PARK MURAL  
AND THE RIOTS OF '69



RACE, DISCRIMINATION  
AND THE SHOP-IN



COUNTERCULTURE,  
TEENY-BOPPERS AND DRUGS



JAPANESE INTERNMENT  
AND THE FIRST  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



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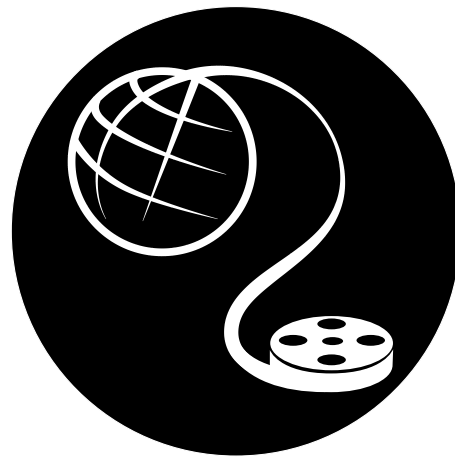
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FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING



STREET ARTISTS



COMPUTER MEMORY AT  
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SATANIC VERSES AND  
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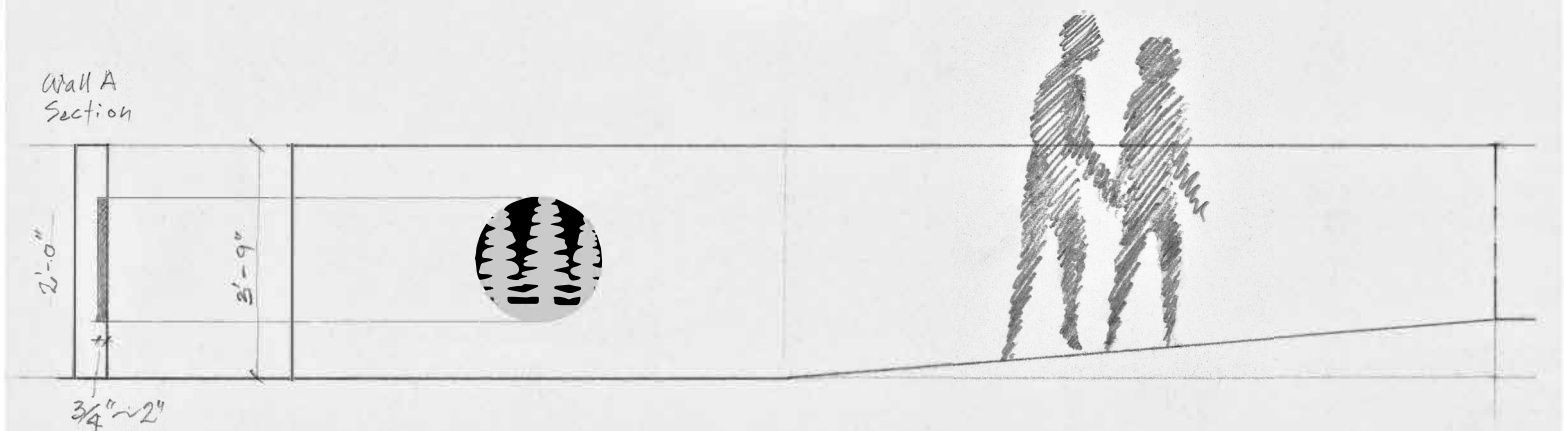
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## WALL A and WALL B with STONE PANELS

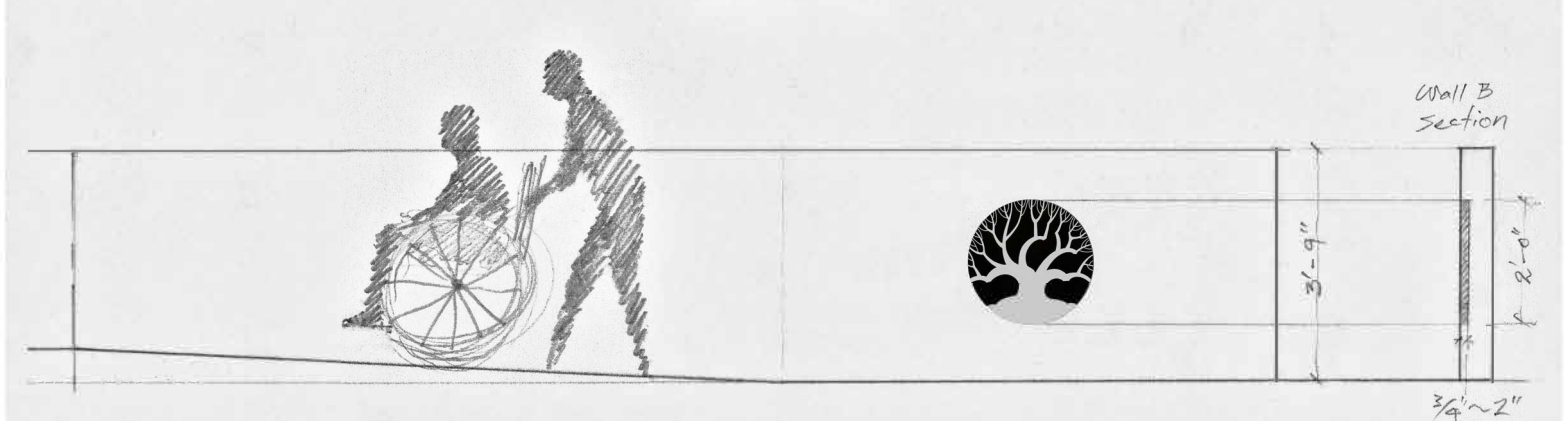
There are two low walls on the main entrance walkways to the plaza facing the streets of Martin Luther King Jr. Way and Hearst Ave.

I propose to place a stone panel in each wall. They will be engraved with two different designs based on native trees. These panels will enhance the walls and give additional visual markers as the visitors enter the plaza.

### WALL A



### WALL B



# STONE WALL PANEL

A



B



**Berkeley Civic Arts Grants FY2019-2020: Grant Award Recommendations  
Recommended by the Civic Arts Commission Grants Committee 5/21/2019**

*Final Award Amounts Pending Approval by the Civic Arts Commission  
and FY20 Budget Approval by City Council*

		74% Funding for Scores of 75.0 or Higher	Number of Grants at 75.0 or Higher
<b>Large Arts Organizations</b>	<b>Score</b>		
Freight and Salvage	93.8	\$11,794	1
Small Press Distribution, Inc.	93.8	\$11,794	1
UC Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive (BAMPFA)	90.0	\$11,322	1
Shotgun Players, Inc.	90.0	\$11,322	1
Aurora Theatre Company	90.0	\$11,322	1
Berkeley Repertory Theatre	86.8	\$10,913	1
Heyday	86.3	\$10,850	1
Kala Art Institute	86.0	\$10,819	1
Shawl-Anderson Modern Dance Center	85.3	\$10,724	1
Bay Area Children's Theatre	83.8	\$10,536	1
Berkeley Symphony Orchestra	82.5	\$10,379	1
Cal Performances	82.5	\$10,379	1
Cazadero Performing Arts Camp	81.8	\$10,284	1
California Jazz Conservatory	80.0	\$10,064	1
Crowden Music Center	79.0	\$9,938	1
Berkeley Music Group dba The UC Theatre	77.5	\$9,750	1
Julia Morgan Center for the Arts DBA Berkeley Playhouse	74.0		
North Atlantic Books	70.8		
<b>Subtotals</b>		<b>\$172,189</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Mid-Size Arts Organizations</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>80% Funding for Scores of 75.0 or Higher</b>	<b>Number of Grants at 75.0 or Higher</b>
La Peña Cultural Center	95.0	\$10,640	1
Gamelan Sekar Jaya	94.3	\$10,556	1
Youth Spirit Artworks	92.5	\$10,360	1
Luna Dance Institute	90.5	\$10,136	1
Berkeley Art Center	87.5	\$9,800	1
BrasArte the Damasceno Brazilian Cultural Exchange	87.5	\$9,800	1
Berkeley High School Jazz	86.0	\$9,632	1
Berkeley Ballet Theater INC	84.3	\$9,436	1
PlayGround	84.3	\$9,436	1
Ashkenaz Music & Dance Community Center	83.8	\$9,380	1
David Brower Center	82.5	\$9,240	1
TheatreFIRST	82.0	\$9,184	1
Berkeley Community Chorus & Orchestra	81.8	\$9,156	1
Central Works	81.8	\$9,156	1
Capoeira Arts Foundation	80.8	\$9,044	1
Habitot Children's Museum	79.5	\$8,904	1
Berkeley FILM Foundation	79.3	\$8,876	1
Mahea Uchiyama Center for International Dance	78.8	\$8,820	1
Young People's Symphony Orchestra	74.8		
Youth Musical Theater Company	74.0		
Berkeley Community Media	72.5		

Subtotals		\$171,556	18
<b>Small Arts Organizations</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>80% Funding for Scores of 75.0 or Higher</b>	<b>Number of Grants at 75.0 or Higher</b>
Creative Residencies for Emerging Artists Teaching Empowerme	92.0	\$7,360	1
Poetry Flash	88.8	\$7,100	1
Left Margin LIT	87.5	\$7,000	1
Indra's Net Theater	86.8	\$6,940	1
Bay Area Creative BAC	84.5	\$6,760	1
Those Women Productions	84.0	\$6,720	1
Berkeley Chamber Performances	83.8	\$6,700	1
California Institute for Community, Art & Nature	83.0	\$6,640	1
Pacific Edge Voices	80.3	\$6,420	1
Sacred and Profane, a chamber chorus	80.0	\$6,400	1
WEE POETS	79.3	\$6,340	1
Bella Musica Chorus	78.5	\$6,280	1
Miriam Wolodarski / Sense Object	77.5	\$6,200	1
Play Cafe, Inc.	76.8	\$6,140	1
Inferno Theatre	76.8	\$6,140	1
Antons Well Theater Company	75.8	\$6,060	1
Chora Nova	73.0		
Local Artists Berkeley	60.3		
<b>Subtotals</b>		<b>\$105,200</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Individual Artists</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>89% Funding for Scores of 75.0 or Higher</b>	<b>Number of Grants at 75.0 or Higher</b>
Erika Oba	89.5	\$3,983	1
Patricia Mullan	88.3	\$3,931	1
David Roderick	86.2	\$3,834	1
Susan Duhan Felix	85.2	\$3,790	1
Deborah Craig	84.8	\$3,775	1
Priscilla Hine	83.3	\$3,708	1
Sharon Siskin	82.2	\$3,656	1
Rebecca Morris	82.0	\$3,649	1
Denise Zmekhol	80.0	\$3,560	1
Mary Curtis Ratcliff	79.5	\$3,538	1
Miriam Wolodarski Lundberg	78.7	\$3,501	1
Ivan Andres Rondon Triana	78.3	\$3,486	1
Thea Sizemore	74.5		
Sara Dean	73.3		
Bruce Coughran	72.5		
Ivy Sandz	72.0		
Hagit Cohen	71.3		
Siciliana Trevino	70.3		
Lucy Puls	70.2		
Cynthia Ona Innis	68.2		
Suzy Thompson	66.7		
Renee Gertler	65.2		
Matthew A Brown	63.8		
Ian Winters	63.7		

Nigel Sussman	55.5		
Susanne Huth	50.8		
Sabine Mackey	48.8		
<b>Subtotals</b>		<b>\$44,411</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Large Festivals</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>60% Funding for Scores of 50.0 or Higher</b>	<b>Number of Grants at 50.0 or Higher</b>
Freight Fest	88.5	\$9,027	1
Downtown Berkeley Jazz Festival 2020 (DBJF 2020)	59.2	\$6,035	1
<b>Subtotals</b>		<b>\$15,062</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Mid-Size Festivals</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>64% Funding for Scores of 50.0 or Higher</b>	<b>Number of Grants at 50.0 or Higher</b>
Queering Dance: An East Bay Festival	89.8	\$8,049	1
BERKELEY JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL	89.5	\$8,019	1
Berkeley Kite Festival	87.5	\$7,840	1
Berkeley Old Time Music Convention	86.8	\$7,780	1
SF Bay Brazilian Day & Lavagem Festival 2019	86.5	\$7,750	1
Dia de los Muertos (DDL M)	82.5	\$7,392	1
Berkeley Earth Day 2020	82.2	\$7,362	1
Watershed Environmental Poetry Festival	81.8	\$7,332	1
27th Annual Berkeley Indigenous Peoples Day Powwow and Ma	81.5	\$7,302	1
Chocolate & Chalk Art Festival	74.8	\$6,705	1
Contemporary Diasporas Festival	72.7	\$6,511	1
Berkeley High School All Class Reunion Picnic 2019	71.7	\$6,421	1
Berkeley Farmers Market Salsa Festival	71.0	\$6,362	1
Berkeley Video and Film Festival	70.5	\$6,317	1
Celebrando Comunidad en la Placita	70.2	\$6,287	1
ResoNation: Sacred Sounds Beyond Borders	67.3	\$6,033	1
Sunday Streets Berkeley, Telegraph Avenue	66.7	\$5,973	1
Sunday Streets (Downtown Berkeley)	62.8	\$5,630	1
Telegraph Avenue Holiday Street Fair	58.5	\$5,242	1
Cornerfest	55.5	\$4,973	1
Celebrating Berkeley's Black Musical Heritage	52.5	\$4,704	1
ArtWalk-Silk Road Fest	43.5		
Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of the San Francisco Bay Area	39.0		
<b>Subtotals</b>		<b>\$139,985</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Small Festivals</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>64% Funding for Scores of 50.0 or Higher</b>	<b>Number of Grants at 50.0 or Higher</b>
Intersections	56.8	\$1,819	1
<b>Subtotals</b>		<b>\$1,819</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Funding Allocations</b>		<b>\$650,222</b>	<b>86</b>
Available Funds		\$651,000	
(Short Fall) or Balance Remaining		\$778	
Total Amount to Arts Orgs and Artists		\$493,356	
Total Amount to Festivals		\$156,866	