

San Mateo County Office of Arts and Culture and Arts Commission 2023-24 Grantees

Organization Name	Mission or Purpose	District or Countywide	Grant Type
Arts Unity Movement	Empower the individual, create community, and activate global awareness and vision, through the healing arts, expressive art therapies, and empathic performing arts.	D2	General Support
BraveMaker	Invest in filmmakers and coach creators to tell their stories and gather audiences to engage in essential conversations and explore life's most meaningful questions. We curate and make provocative, life-changing media that creates culturally impacting experiences.	D4	General Support
Casa Circulo Cultural	Supports low-income vulnerable families by providing quality social, economic, and cultural building blocks for the well-being of every member of the family while promoting leadership development for vulnerable and underserved kids and adults through our Spanish Immersion artistic, sportive and technological initiatives in	D4	General Support
City of South San Francisco	Support, promote and protect community interest and diversity in art, culture and creative expression; Connect and build community among local artists of all ages to encourage and support artist education and development; Improve infrastructure, economic development and cultural diversity through acquisition and exhibition of	D1	General Support
Coastal Arts League	Recognizing the power of arts and artists to create positive change in the world, the mission of the Coastal Arts League is to encourage and support visual artists, with tools to make a living and a life, and to build a community full of meaning, joy, and connection.	D3	Project/Program
Coastal Literary Arts Movement	Encourages literary creation, appreciation and journalism in San Mateo County Coastal communities. Fosters a wide variety of literary endeavors, including local reporting, poetry, authorship, theater, film, student journalism, storytelling and read/written verbal expression.	D3	General Support
Community Foundation of San Carlos	To perform strategic philanthropy to create and amplify sustained and measurable impact for the San Carlos community.	D3	Project/Program
DE COLORES ARTS	To create inclusive space for connection & self-expression through the arts & to celebrate the unique abilities of all individuals.	D2	General Support

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Fuse Theatre Inc	Creates meaningful theatre experiences to expand personal perspectives and connect communities in order to foster civic engagement. Feeling Home is an original immersive, sensorial theatre experience to educate & inform the audiences about unjust immigration policies, remove stigmas, eliminate misinformation, and create	D2	General Support
Harmony Project Bay Area (fiscally sponsored by Community Initiatives)	To deeply engage children from underserved communities in a multi-year program of ensemble music; build a positive community for children, families, and schools through music; help develop the habits of mind needed for academic and life success.	Countywide	General Support
House of Samba Kids	A community-based educational organization for people, ages 3 and up, uses the power of rhythm as a tool for cross-cultural awareness and cross-cultural healing through classes, workshops and concerts.	D4	Project/Program
Kids & Art Foundation	Uses the power of the arts and creativity to mitigate stress, anxiety, and trauma induced from the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric cancer and other critical medical conditions.	D1	General Support
Mannakin Theater & Dance d.b.a. en Avant School of Dance	To bring the long-term benefits of high quality ballet training, studio community and regular performing opportunities to underserved youth and families by overcoming the persistent obstacles of cost and proximity.	D4	Project/Program
Masterworks Chorale Society	Inspires and engages our community through vibrant and expressive music-making. We strive to enrich the cultural tapestry of the Peninsula with diverse, dynamic programming through concerts and educational outreach programs.	D1	General Support
Mission Fusion	Through powerful dance performances, elaborate costumes, and emotional dialogues and imagery, Mission Fusion performers and writers build a personal connection with the audience and provide them with a unique experience.	D5	Project/Program
Music at Kohl Mansion, inc.	Present world-class chamber concerts at the historic Kohl Mansion and to advance music education in public schools.	D1	General Support
Pacifica Spindrift Players	Provide an open, enriching, and supportive environment for the cultivation of art and artists.	D3	General Support
Paloma Press	The only Filipino American and immigrant women-led, independent literary press based in San Mateo County whose mission is to publish poems and prose that have the power to inspire and reshape our creative futures.	Countywide	General Support

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Peninsula Ballet Theatre	Provide nurturing high caliber training in performing arts to all ages and abilities and presenting professional quality performances accessible to all.	D2	General Support
Peninsula Choral Association dba Peninsula Girls Chorus	To engage the hearts and minds of girls from diverse backgrounds through a comprehensive experience in choral music.	D1	Project/Program
Peninsula Musical Arts Association (PMAA)	Brings the community together with education and instruction of music and music appreciation by providing the public performances of choral and instrumental music	D2	General Support
Redwood City Art Center Art Bias	An inclusive community where diverse artists are offered access to the resources and opportunities they need to thrive, in turn making our communities more creative, healthier, and resilient.	D3	General Support
Redwood City Library Foundation	Support the Redwood City Public Library (RCPL) in cultivating literacy, life-long learning, and community connections.	D4	Project/Program
Sager Family Farm fiscally sponsored by Mission Edge	Fosters a love for learning and curiosity about the natural world. They use engaging, hands-on activities to help students apply project-based lessons to real-world situations and develop social-emotional resilience.	Countywide	Project/Program
San Bruno Mountain Watch	To help the public learn about and explore San Bruno Mountain's history and environment, work with local communities to restore the mountain's native habitats and cultivate its flora at the Mission Blue Nursery, and protect the mountain's open space.	D5	Project/Program
San Carlos Children's Theater	Educating youth in all aspects of theater production and engaging its extended community, all while nurturing creative expression, self-confidence, teamwork, and an appreciation for the arts.	D2	General Support
San Mateo Police Activities League	"Build the Bond Between Cops and Kids," ensuring kids stay safe, in school and away from troubling behaviors. We provide opportunities to help them navigate adverse life circumstances, mental health issues, and at-risk behaviors to promote healthy futures and improve outcomes.	D2	General Support
Sanchez Art Center	Creating Community through Art; they view the arts as an avenue to connect and develop understanding, and to act as a catalyst to social change.	D3	Project/Program
Spindrift School of Performing Arts	Provide high-quality performing arts experiences and training by way of youth performances, classes, private lessons, camps and school-site programs to well over 3,000 students each year in Pacifica and beyond.	D3	General Support

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The Art of Yoga Project	Bring mindfulness-based practices to system-involved and other marginalized youth for their healing and empowerment; promote systemic change and healing in our communities. We do this through the delivery of our art, yoga and mindfulness curricula in juvenile justice and behavioral health systems, schools and through	Countywide	General Support
The Beat Within a program of Intersection for the Arts	To provide incarcerated youth with a forum where they can write about the things that matter to them, explore how they have lost connection with those things they value, and consider how they might re-connect to positive situations in their lives through the power of written word and visual art.	Countywide	Project/Program
ZiRu Dance Inc	We emphasize cultural heritage, new dance works, community outreach & wellness; bringing to light the community's challenges & uses dance as a catalyst for healing & social change.	D4	General Support