

**Arts Council New Orleans
Louisiana Decentralized Arts Funding Program
Parishes: Orleans, Jefferson, and Plaquemines
Fiscal Year 2016 Grants**

Grant Activity Period: October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016

The Arts Council of New Orleans provides funding to support arts and cultural activities in Orleans, Jefferson, and Plaquemines Parishes through the **Louisiana Decentralized Arts Funding** program. Decentralized grants are made possible by state funding through the Louisiana Division of the Arts, under the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Decentralized funds are allocated to each parish in the state on a per capita basis using the most recent census figures, giving each parish the opportunity to develop arts programming that addresses local needs.

**Orleans Parish
Project Assistance Grants**

Aaron C. Walker **\$2,500**

To support production of Allen Toussaint, Songwriter: The Palfi Tapes, a film based on never-before-seen footage from the 1980s and 90s, that explores the inspirations and inner machinations behind the songwriting process of one of the greatest songwriters and producers of the 20th century.

ArtSpot Productions, Inc. **\$2,500**

To support ArtSpot Productions' 20th anniversary celebration with a festival of performances, workshops and discussions by and with mentors, peers and students.

Creole Wild West **\$2,500**

To support the Creole Wild West's free Saturday workshops of onsite education for children in Mardi Gras Indian Culture, including creating suits, the history of the tradition, and traditional Mardi Gras Indian music.

Cripple Creek Theatre Company **\$2,500**

To support the Civilian Theatre Project, an initiative to produce five large-scale productions in five years that explore relevant issues of land and cultural legacy performed entirely free to the public of New Orleans.

CubaNOLA Arts Collective **\$2,500**

To support the CubaNOLA Arts Collective presentation of monthly Latin Jazz concerts at the Prime Example Jazz Club in New Orleans, showcasing Latin jazz artists from across South Louisiana.

Culu Children's Traditional African Dance Company **\$2,500**

To support an African dance concert featuring children and young adults at Dillard University's Cook Fine Arts Theater and master classes in June 2016.

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Dancing Grounds **\$2,500**

To support the second Dance for Social Change, a site-specific dance festival that brings artists, youth, and community members together to inspire dialogue and action about the key issues confronting our city.

Friends of A Studio in the Woods **\$2,634**

To support the residency series "Flint and Steel: Cross-disciplinary Combustion" that matches resident artists with university faculty to explore social and environmental change through the creation of art and community engagement.

Goat in the Road Productions **\$2,500**

To support Play/Write, a young playwrights festival that consists of a year-long playwriting residency in elementary schools and a showcase of student-written plays performed by professional theater companies at Dillard University's Cook Theatre.

Lower Ninth Ward Living Museum **\$2,500**

To support the creation of a community mural that will depict the rich cultural legacy of the Lower Ninth Ward neighborhood and made through artistic collaboration between local residents and renowned painter Ted Ellis.

Make Music NOLA **\$2,633**

To support Make Music NOLA's after school string programs at Harney Elementary School and KIPP Believe Primary School.

Marigny Opera House Foundation **\$2,500**

To support the second season of the Marigny Opera Ballet employing local dancers and musicians and offering free performances to local dance students.

New Orleans Ballet Association **\$2,500**

To support the Open-Track Program of tuition-free dance classes for over 300 students ages 6-18 at Joe W. Brown, Andrew P. Sanchez, and Stallings St. Claude NORDC Community Centers.

New Orleans Dance Collective **\$2,500**

To support the New Orleans Dance Collective's after school, weekend, and summer dance programs for inner city youth who will learn Tap, Hip Hop, African, Jazz, Salsa, Contemporary, and Lyrical dance and present a community performance.

New Orleans Film Society **\$2,500**

To support "Made in Louisiana" programming during the New Orleans Film Festival, featuring Louisiana-made films and local filmmakers, including panels of industry professionals to help develop local filmmaker talent.

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New Orleans Mardi Gras Indian Council, Inc. **\$2,500**
To support the traditional Super Sunday celebration of Mardi Gras Indian Culture, which features a parade and festival of Indian tribes from across the region, Second Line clubs, local musicians, and cultural activities.

N'Kafu Traditional African Dance Company **\$2,634**
To support an African Dance concert held at Ashe Cultural Arts Center and African dance and drumming workshops to be held at the Dance Studio on Claiborne.

OperaCréole **\$2,500**
To support the OperaCréole's production of "Minette Fontaine," an opera by African American composer William Grant Still set in 1840s New Orleans, with performances at the Marigny Opera House."

Press Street **\$2,500**
To support Press-Street's tenth annual Draw-A-Thon, a 24 hour workshop in drawing for all ages.

The Goodnight Show with John Calhoun **\$2,500**
To support the fourth season of "The Goodnight Show" showcasing New Orleans' culture.

US Biennial **\$2,500**
To support P.4 Artists Talks, P.4 and Art21 Film Screenings and Prospecting: Scavenger Hunt for Art In Your Neighborhood

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Jefferson Parish Operating Support Grants

Delta Festival Ballet

\$7,000

To support a program that promotes the appreciation of ballet including the company's production of *The Nutcracker* in public and in-school performances, providing its students the opportunity to work with professional artists in full scale productions and in student performances, and to provide other educational performances in schools.

Jefferson Performing Arts Society

\$22,000

To support series of performances in musical theater, symphonic music, dance, opera and other genres, educational performances through the Arts Adventure Series, educational programs in schools through *Cultural Crossroads* and *Stage Without a Theatre*, and a performing arts program for children that includes instruction and the production of musicals.

Moscow Nights, Inc

\$5,000

To support and build the appreciation of Russian culture through theatrical and music presentations, festivals, and educational programs.

Jefferson Parish Project Assistance Grants

Bissonet Plaza Elementary School

\$3,600

To support Bissonet Plaza Elementary School's project giving students in Pre-K through 5th grade exposure to the performing arts in a comprehensive program including a residency by a professional storyteller and a series of performances by visiting artists in music, dance and theatre.

Bridgedale Elementary School

\$2,500

To support the Bridgedale Elementary School's project to increase student awareness of Louisiana culture and literacy through song, dance, puppetry, music, and storytelling.

Girl Scouts Louisiana East

\$2,500

To support eight dance workshops, reaching more than 200 girls, led by a dance instructor provided by Dancing Grounds.

Green Park Elementary

\$3,600

To support Green Park Elementary School's project giving students in Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth grades participation in a multidisciplinary arts program throughout the year increasing student awareness of cultural diversity.

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Jefferson Parish Project Assistance Grants

Jefferson Dollars for Scholars **\$3,150**
To support opportunities for K-8th grade public school students in Jefferson Parish Public Schools to participate in city-wide Summer Arts Programs.

Jefferson Youth Foundation, Inc. **\$3,300**
To support the annual Creative Arts Workshop providing arts lessons in dance, theater, visual arts, music, literature, drawing and media production to children with limited arts experiences.

Kenner Discovery Health Sciences Academy **\$3,350**
To support Kenner Discovery Health Sciences Academy's free, after-school dance program twice per week open to children ages 6-13 with an interest in dance.

McTeggart Irish Dancers of Louisiana, Inc **\$3,600**
To support the McTeggart Irish Dancers of Louisiana staging of *Feis New Orleans*, a one day competition where participants compete in Irish dance, instrumental music, song, visual arts and spoken word.

New Orleans Chapter American Harp Society **\$3,351**
To support harp concerts, workshops and residencies by visiting harpists and the *HarpTalk* Radio Series.

West Bank Art Guild **\$3,600**
To support hands-on workshops for local visual artists led by professional artists and workshops for children, mentally challenged adults, and senior citizens on the West Bank of Jefferson Parish.

Plaquemines Parish Project Assistance Grant

Plaquemines Parish Library **\$3,545**
To support a series of performances by guest artists including storytellers, musicians, actors, and poets, as part of the library's Summer Reading Program, to be held at the Buras Library, the Belle Chasse Auditorium, the Port Sulphur Community Center and the Davant Community Center.