

ARTS COUNCIL OF NEW ORLEANS

2016 COMMUNITY ARTS GRANTS

Grant Activity Period: January 1 – December 31, 2016

The Community Arts Grants program provides critical support to non-profit arts and cultural organizations domiciled in Orleans Parish whose programs impact its residents and visitors. This grants program is made possible with funding from the City of New Orleans and is administered by the Arts Council New Orleans.

CATEGORY: NEW ORLEANS AS CULTURAL CAPITAL

ArtSpot Productions, Inc. **\$5,200**
To support the creation and presentation of original theater pieces that are relevant to the social and political issues of New Orleans, including many community collaborations.

Birdfoot Chamber Music Festival **\$4,000**
To support an annual ten-day international chamber music festival, in late May, that features music programs, concerts, and events and an intensive music education program for advanced local music students.

Contemporary Arts Center **\$15,000**
To support curated exhibitions, performances, and programs by local, regional, national and international artists, and educational programs for youth.

Cripple Creek Theatre Company **\$8,000**
To support high quality theatre productions of dramatic works of cultural, historical, and political relevance in order to provoke social action provided free to the public in New Orleans.

Dancing Grounds **\$9,000**
To support high-quality accessible dance education and performance programs to New Orleans residents of all ages and low-cost dance classes.

Efforts of Grace, Inc. (Ashé Cultural Arts Center) **\$15,000**
To support Ashé Cultural Arts Center and its presentation and promotion of African-American art and artists through a multi-disciplinary program that fosters partnerships and collaborations that unite community development, cultural appreciation, and artist support.

Friends of a Studio in the Woods **\$4,000**
To support forest preservation, science-inspired art education and providing a peaceful retreat for artists interested in tackling challenging issues with imagination, power, and resourcefulness.

Friends of WWOZ Inc. **\$15,000**
To support a community radio station that broadcasts New Orleans jazz and heritage music 24 hours a day and streams live on WWOZ.org.

Goat in the Road Productions	\$4,000
To support a performance ensemble dedicated to the production of original and invigorating new works of theatre, dance, performance art, and educational programming.	
Greater New Orleans Youth Orchestras	\$6,500
To support music education program with five youth orchestras, an endangered instruments program, private lessons, summer workshops, and other outreach programs.	
Guardians Institute	\$4,000
To support the preservation, promotion and celebration of indigenous traditions and culture through educational activities and services.	
Junebug Productions Inc.	\$5,000
To support high-quality performing arts that address issues of inequity, that have historically impacted African Americans, and provide training for artists interested in using art to create social change.	
KID smART	\$15,000
To support work in local public elementary/middle schools in long-term collaborative arts integrated teaching artist residencies and to provide a comprehensive array of arts integrated professional development programs for teachers and artists.	
Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra	\$15,000
To support the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra's season including classical concerts, free outdoor concerts, and educational programs for youth.	
Marigny Opera House Foundation	\$5,000
To support presentations of various local artists at the Marigny Opera House and productions by the Marigny Opera House Ballet Company.	
New Orleans Arts & Cultural Host Committee	\$7,000
To support the Louis Armstrong Jazz Camp providing music education programs and a swing dance camp for New Orleans youth involving emerging, national and internationally known artists as teachers and guest artists.	
New Orleans Ballet Association	\$15,000
To support the cultivation, understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment of dance through presenting world-class dance companies and educational programs reaching children, youth, and senior citizens.	
New Orleans Dance Collective	\$4,000
To support a dance program for at-risk youth teaching Tap, Hip Hop, African, Jazz, and Ballet after-school, on weekends, and during the summer.	
New Orleans Friends of Music	\$5,000
To support an annual seven-concert series bringing world-renowned chamber musicians to New Orleans and to support educational events and community partnerships that create rare opportunities for students to work interactively with these musicians.	

New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival and Foundation, Inc.	\$15,000
To support free community programs including the Crescent City Blues and BBQ Festival, the Congo Square Festival, the Treme Creole Cole Gumbo Festival, the Sync Up Conference, and other activities that perpetuate and promote the culture of New Orleans.	
New Orleans Opera Association	\$15,000
To support four mainstage professional productions by the New Orleans Opera Association and its educational and outreach programs.	
New Orleans Photo Alliance	\$6,000
To support photography exhibitions of local visual artists and educational programs featuring nationally known photographers.	
New Orleans Video Access Center	\$6,500
To support the local film community through training, education, community events, production services, and a youth arts training programs.	
New Resonance Orchestra Inc.	\$6,000
To support the presentation of musical illuminations, multimedia events that present great pieces of classical music for New Orleans residents and its visitors.	
NOCCA Institute	\$15,000
To support the nonprofit partner of the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts in providing programs that offer meaningful, substantial arts experiences to NOCCA students, faculty, and the community.	
Press Street	\$5,000
To support the production and promotion of contemporary visual art and literature programs in New Orleans.	
Southern Repertory Theatre	\$15,000
To support a professional regional theatre producing four mainstage world premiere productions, the Lagniappe Stage programs for new play development, and a School to Stage pipeline education/outreach activities for children, teens, and adults.	
Stage to Stage, Inc.	\$8,000
To support the presentation of musical shows for the public, using casts of children that are prepared with a high standard of excellence as experiential learning, and classes introducing children to the skills of drama, voice and dance.	
Tennessee Williams/New Orleans Literary Festival, Inc.	\$6,500
To support the Tennessee Williams/New Orleans Literary Festival presentations of literary, theatrical, musical, and culinary programs promoting local, regional, and national writers, actors, musicians, and other creative individuals.	
The Cool Cooperative	\$5,000
To support a film-based curriculum and program for at-risk young people in New Orleans allowing the development of a qualified workforce for Louisiana's film industry.	

The Ogden Museum of Southern Art **\$15,000**
To support exhibitions showcasing the Ogden Museum of Southern Art's permanent collection, changing exhibits, events with live music from the American South, publications, and educational programming.

Tipitina's Foundation, Inc. **\$15,000**
To support providing students with access to music education and adult musicians with professional development resources needed to increase revenues and more actively participate in the creative economy.

CATEGORY: ADVANCING OUR CULTURE

George and Leah McKenna Museum of African American Art **\$7,000**
To support sending staff members to museum conferences and the hiring of a consultant to create a development plan for the McKenna Museum.

Hope Stone New Orleans **\$5,000**
To support existing growth of Hope Stone New Orleans by through the hiring of a consultant to help with the development of a strategic plan.

Mardi Gras Indian Hall of Fame **\$7,000**
To support the development of a plan to archive the Mardi Gras Indian Hall of Fame collection of contemporary and historical photographs, video, audio files, and artifacts, into a searchable database, and to determine a facility to house holdings.

The NOLA Project **\$5,000**
To support the development of a business plan and feasibility report, working with a consultant, to ensure growth and consistency of The NOLA Project over the next decade of theater programming.

CATEGORY: MORE JOY

Creole Wild West **\$4,750**
To support a free educational program for children and youth on Saturday afternoons teaching Mardi Gras Indian culture including creating suits, the history of the tradition, and traditional Mardi Gras Indian music.

CrossPond Productions **\$3,250**
To support "Buckjumpin," a feature-length documentary film chronicling the dance traditions of New Orleans.

New Orleans Airlift **\$4,650**
To support the creation and exhibition of a musical house built in partnership with Mardi Gras Indian Darryl Montana of the Yellow Pocahontas Tribe which will honor the street parading traditions of New Orleans.

New Orleans Mardi Gras Indian Council, Inc. **\$3,050**
To support the traditional Super Sunday celebration of Mardi Gras Indian Culture featuring a parade and festival featuring Mardi Gras Indian tribes from across the region, Social Aid and Pleasure clubs, local musicians and other cultural activities.

Queen of the Nation **\$2,500**
To support the yearly Queens retreat, involving women who mask as Mardi Gras Indians from tribes from across the region.

CATEGORY: YOUTH CROSSROADS INITIATIVES

Make Music NOLA **\$4,500**
To support a tuition-free, music training program for youth after school and on Saturdays, at Harney Elementary, the Harmony Oaks Community Center in Central City, and the NORDC Sanchez Center in the Lower 9th Ward, offering instruction on the violin, viola, cello and double bass.

Tekrema Center for Art and Culture **\$2,500**
To support "Visions," a multi-disciplinary out of school time arts immersion program developed for underserved and at-risk adolescents and youth from 7 to 17 years old residing in the Lower 9th Ward.

The Cocoon: Youth Empowerment Program **\$2,500**
To support bringing middle school students from New Orleans East into an intensive dance and leadership education program teaching youth technique in Ballet, Modern, and African dance.

Young Creative Agency **\$2,900**
To support a youth design studio in which teens across socio-economic boundaries are paid a fair wage to do real client work under the guidance of experienced professional design mentors, engaging youth in hands-on projects that build creativity, design-thinking skills, and familiarity with Adobe software, and preparing them for the workplace.