

**Arts Council New Orleans
Louisiana Decentralized Arts Funding Program
Parishes: Orleans, Jefferson, and Plaquemines
Fiscal Year 2020 Grants**

Grant Activity Period: October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020

The Arts Council 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

826 New Orleans **2,500**

To support 826 New Orleans' Workshop Program offering New Orleans students who struggle with literacy standards the opportunity to develop their writing skills outside their school classes by putting them into contact with literary professionals who demonstrate that writing can be a career choice and creative outlet.

Art Klub NOLA (Sub Applicant: Artivism Dance Theatre) **\$2,500**

To support Artivism Dance Theatre's Youth Dance Workshops, a series of dance classes for the incarcerated youth of the Youth Study Center, designed to teach foundational dance techniques while providing a safe space for creative expression.

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.

Dancing Grounds **\$2,500**

To support *Dance for Social Change*, an annual arts and leadership summit that brings youth artists from across New Orleans together to advocate for change and catalyze action through the performing arts.

KID smART **\$2,633**

To support support ART JAM, a free, family friendly arts festival held by KID smART in collaboration with community partners in the 7th Ward neighborhood of New Orleans, in the parking lot between Southern Rep and Community Book Center on Bayou Road, in spring 2020.

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- Lorraine Kelly Petite Foundation for Dance** **\$2,500**
To support the 5th Annual Jazz City Tap Festival, which celebrates the art of tap through workshops, master classes, performances, and history discussions where nationally and internationally known tap dance professionals serve as teachers and historians of the art.
- Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra** **\$2,634**
To support *Soul Strings*, an intimate and direct music-informed therapy program conducted by the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra that serves people of all ages with developmental disabilities in New Orleans.
- Make Music NOLA** **\$2,634**
To support Make Music NOLA's tuition-free youth music instruction after school program focusing on violin and viola at Bell Artspace Campus.
- Musicians for Music** **\$2,500**
To support *Ecos Latinos*, a monthly performance series featuring Hispanic musicians, poets, dancers and visual artists, both local and international, at schools, libraries and festivals in New Orleans.
- N’Kafu Traditional West African Dance Company** **\$2,500**
To support *M’Batle Su* African Dance concert at Ashe' Cultural Arts Center and workshops on African dance and drumming at NORD Treme Cultural Arts Center in March 2020.
- National Performance Network (Sub Applicant: Karel Sloane-Boekbinder)** **\$2,500**
To support *Postcard from Over the Edge*, a theatrical production on the historically separate and unequal treatment experienced by the LGBTQ community and woman of color as it relates to the illegal sale of sex in Louisiana.
- New Orleans Civic Symphony** **\$2,500**
To support a symphonic concert featuring Florence Price's Symphony No. 3 in C minor in May of 2020, displaying the artistic merits of an infrequently heard piece of American music written by an African American woman to encourage the rediscovery of marginalized voices in the concert hall.
- New Orleans Film Society** **\$2,500**
To support the presentation of New Orleans and Louisiana made films at the New Orleans Film Festival, positioning its annual Festival as a showcase for local talent and as a launch pad to connect local filmmakers to opportunities that will shape their careers.

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New Orleans Friends of Music	\$2,500
To support NOLA Chamber Fest Competition and Escher String Quartet residency including performances and workshops at public schools and free public concerts.	
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.	
New Resonance Orchestra	\$2,500
To support performances of <i>Nola-Argentina</i> , a concert exploring contemporary sacred music in New Orleans and Argentina that will include new vocal and orchestral music pieces written by New Orleans composer Tucker Fuller and Argentinian composers Andres Gerzenzon and Patricia Martinez.	
NOLA TRB (dba The Radical Buffoons)	\$2,500
To support <i>Dreams</i> , an original theatre production of sleep-time dreams retold by five well-known New Orleans citizens to be collaboratively directed and performed by five under-recognized NOLA theater makers at The Hotel Peter and Paul’s church space.	
Press Street (dba as Antenna)	\$2,500
To support In-School Draw-A-Thon, a free program for underserved students and schools across the city, engaging students in an immersive arts experience that compliments the work being done in core academic disciplines.	
Southern Rep	\$2,500
To support theatrical premiere of <i>Chemin Du Bayou</i> , by New Orleans playwright Pamela Davis-Noland, focusing on the 1000 years of history of historic Bayou Road, including indigenous peoples, free people of color, 20th century immigrants, and today's residents and retailers.	
Tennessee Williams/New Orleans Literary Festival	\$2,500
To support the annual <i>Saints and Sinners LGBTQ Literary Project</i> including writing workshops focused on the writer's craft and the business side of the publishing industry to provide emerging voices with the tools necessary to be successful published author.	
The NOLA Project	\$2,500
To support <i>Harry and the Thief</i> by Sigrid Gilmer, a theatre production that confronts audiences with topics of slavery, racism – both historic and institutional – and gun violence employing humor, pathos, and a surprising bit of science fiction.	

Total – Orleans Parish: \$52,901

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Jefferson Parish

2019/2020 Organizational Support Grants

Delta Festival Ballet **\$7,000**

To support Delta Festival Ballet's production of *The Nutcracker* featuring internationally acclaimed dancers, local professional dancers, and many local ballet students from the greater New Orleans region, other productions by Delta Festival Ballet, and educational programs.

Jefferson Performing Arts Society **\$30,000**

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 JPAS Theatre Kids! and the Summer Musical Theatre Workshops, *Cultural Crossroads* and *Stage Without a Theatre*, as well as 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, and educational programs.

Jefferson Parish

2019/2020 Project Assistance Grants

Jefferson Dollars for Scholars **\$4,200**

To support Jefferson Dollars for Scholars' Summer Arts Enrichment Program providing Jefferson Parish Public School students the opportunity to attend various summer art camps.

Kenner Discovery Health Sciences Academy **\$4,700**

To support Kenner Discovery Health Sciences Academy's free, after-school dance program, held twice per week and open to children ages 6-14 with an interest in dance.

Lincoln Elementary School for the Arts **\$4,400**

To support the implementation of a residency-based arts program, Jefferson Performing Arts Society's *Stage Without a Theater*, at Lincoln Elementary School of the Arts that integrates the arts into core academic curricula.

New Orleans Chapter of the American Harp Society **\$3,051**

To support the presentation of harp music through concerts, workshops, and residencies by visiting harpists, Caroline Wilkins and Erin Hill, with the concerts involving local harpists, as well as therapeutic harp concerts at Ochsner Hospital in Jefferson Parish.

Ryan School of Irish Dance **\$4,200**

To support the Ryan School of Irish Dance New Orleans' staging of *The Magnolia State Feis*, *Feis New Orleans*, and *Louisiana State Championships* in May 2020, one-day competitions where participants compete in Irish dance, instrumental music, song, visual arts, and spoken word, events that are free and open to the public.

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Young Audiences Charter School

\$4,000

To support a comprehensive performance series by talented performing artists for students at Youth Audiences Charter School and at Young Audiences Charter School's Fest that is open students and their families.

Total – Jefferson Parish: \$66,551

Plaquemines Parish

2019/2020 Project Assistance Grants

LAYAYA

\$2,045

To support LAYAYA's Plaquemines Pride Public Art Project that teaches young visual artists advance sculpture skills as they design and create public sculptures to be placed in public areas of Plaquemines Parish.

Plaquemines Parish Library

\$1,500

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 Library, the Port Sulphur YMCA Community Center/YMCA, and the Davant Percy Griffin Community Center.

Total – Plaquemines Parish: \$3,545