

**Arts Council New Orleans  
Louisiana Decentralized Arts Funding Program  
Parishes: Orleans, Jefferson, and Plaquemines  
Fiscal Year 2019 Grants**

**Grant Activity Period: October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019**

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**

**A Studio in the Woods**

**\$2,500**

To support A Studio in the Woods' residency series, *Adaptations: Living with Change*, granting artists the opportunity to examine how climate driven adaptations are shaping our future.

**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**

**\$2,601**

To support the production of the fourth *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.

**826 New Orleans (formerly Big Class, Inc.)**

**\$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.

**KID smART**

**\$2,500**

To support KID smART *Creative Schools*, collaborative artist residencies and an intensive teacher training series in arts integration techniques in nine New Orleans Public Schools.

**Orleans Parish**  
**2018/2019 Project Assistance Grants**

**KM Dance Project (Fiscal Agent: Dancing Grounds)**

**\$2,600**

To support KM Dance Project community dance workshops and productions of two evenings of dance exhibiting choreography of New Orleans dancer Kesha McKey, Catherin Caldwell, Jeremy Guyton, Millenique Brown, and Kristal Jones at the Contemporary Arts Center.

**Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra**

**\$2,500**

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**

**\$2,500**

To support Make Music NOLA's tuition-free after school program at Harmony Oaks Community Center in Central City, NORDC Centers, and Broadmore Arts and Wellness Center providing youth music instruction on string instruments, primarily violin, viola, cello, and double bass.

**Mélange Dance Company**

**\$2,500**

To support a contemporary dance production, *La Résistance*, integrating historical film, costuming, music, and storytelling bringing epic grassroots movements in United States history to life at the Contemporary Arts Center.

**Musicians for Music**

**\$2,500**

To support *Ecos Latinos*, a monthly performance series, featuring Hispanic musicians, poets, dancers and visual artists, both local & international, at schools, libraries and festivals in New Orleans.

**New Orleans Ballet Association**

**\$2,500**

To support the Open Track Program, tuition-free dance classes for 350 students ages 5-18 at NORDC Centers: Joe W. Brown Park, Treme Recreation Community Center, Rosenwald Recreation Center, and Stallings St. Claude Recreation Center.

**N.O. Community Printshop and Darkroom (Fiscal Agent: Press Street)**

**\$2,600**

To support New Orleans Community Printshop and Darkroom's *Free Courses Program*, free monthly introductory courses in both screen-printing and darkroom photography.

**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.

**Orleans Parish**

**2018/2019 Project Assistance Grants**

**New Orleans Jazz Orchestra**

**\$2,500**

To support a free weekly series of concerts on Tuesdays at the New Orleans Jazz Market featuring live Jazz music and a house band featuring a special guest followed by an invitation to visiting musicians to sit in for a jam session.

**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.

**Radical Buffoons (Fiscal Agent: Dancing Grounds)**

**\$2,500**

To support the production *Stories Without Words*, a multidisciplinary collaboration for the stage that fuses dance, theater, and diverse cultural experiences to explore the universally recognized form of storytelling: the modern music video to be held at The Fortress of Lushington in The Marigny.

**RMWase Cultural Projects (Fiscal Agent: Goat in the Road Productions)**

**\$2,500**

To support performances of *VESSELS*, an interdisciplinary ritual performance about the Middle Passage which will premiere in October with eight outdoor performances in Algiers Point highlighting New Orleans' history to slavery.

**Southern Repertory Theatre**

**\$2,600**

To support the world premiere production of *FLOWERS FOR HALIE*, an original play by Troi Bechet about the life of Mahalia Jackson, New Orleans' own legendary queen of gospel music.

**Spotlight New Orleans with John Calhoun (Fiscal Agent: NOVAC)**

**\$2,500**

To support *Spotlight New Orleans with John Calhoun*, a live performance and interview show held at Café Istanbul Performance Theatre featuring New Orleans artists and culture and a live house band.

**Tennessee Williams/New Orleans Literary Festival**

**\$2,500**

To support the 16<sup>th</sup> annual *Saints and Sinners LGBTQ Literary Project* 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 NOLA Project's world premiere of the immersive musical production of *Stockholm Syndrome* during their 14th season produced at the Little Gem Saloon.

**Total – Orleans Parish: \$52,901**

**Jefferson Parish**

**2018/2019 Organizational Support Grants**

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**Delta Festival Ballet**

**\$4,500**

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 and other productions by Delta Festival Ballet.

**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 *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**

**\$4,500**

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

**Jefferson Parish**

**2018/2019 Project Assistance Grants**

**Bissonet Plaza Elementary School**

**\$2,500**

To support Bissonet Plaza Elementary School's project of exposing students in Pre-K through 5th grade to the arts through a comprehensive program that includes performances and a workshop by a national touring theatre company, and performances by professional storytellers, authors, and a musician.

**Jefferson Dollars for Scholars**

**\$3,926**

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**

**\$5,000**

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**

**\$3,000**

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.

**Jefferson Parish**

**2018/2019 Project Assistance Grants**

**New Orleans Chapter of the American Harp Society**

**\$4,200**

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To support the presentation of harp music through concerts, workshops, and residencies by visiting harpists, Abigail Kent and Maeve Gilchrist, with the concerts involving local harpists, and therapeutic harp concerts at Ochsner Hospital and Colonial Oaks Living Center in Jefferson Parish.

**Ryan School of Irish Dance New Orleans**

**\$3,925**

To support the Ryan School of Irish Dance New Orleans' staging of *The Magnolia State Feis* and *Feis New Orleans* in May 2019, two one-day competitions where participants compete in Irish dance, instrumental music, song, visual arts, and spoken word.

**Young Audiences Charter Association**

**\$5,000**

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**

**2018/2019 Project Assistance Grants**

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

**Total – Plaquemines Parish: \$3,545**