

**ARTS NEW ORLEANS**  
**2023 COMMUNITY ARTS GRANTS**  
**Grant Activity Period: January 1 – December 31, 2023**

The Community Arts Grants program supports Orleans Parish nonprofit arts and cultural organizations whose programs impact its residents. Our citizens and visitors will rejoice as they attend these programs and activities made possible with funding from the City of New Orleans. Arts New Orleans administers the Community Arts Grants Program.

**CATEGORY: MORE JOY**

**Creole Wild West** **\$3,500**

To support the operations of Creole Wild West's youth educational programs of free onsite education sessions to at least 30 children on Saturday afternoons in Mardi Gras Indian Culture.

**Mardi Gras Indian Hall of Fame/UNOLA** **\$3,500**

To support the fourth Mardi Gras Indian Hall of Fame Film Festival, a mini-documentaries festival featuring four queens and their roles in their group/tribe in the community.

**New Orleans Mardi Gras Indian Council, Inc.** **\$3,500**

To support Super Sunday 2023, typically held on the third Sunday of March.

**NOLARTS LEARNING CENTER** **\$3,500**

To support youth with special needs to participate in creative and cultural engagement throughout New Orleans.

**Original Big Seven/The Red Flame Hunters Mardi Gras Indian Tribe** **\$3,500**

To support teaching the traditions of the Mardi Gras Indian and Second Line Club to local youth who promote the culture through performances

**Original Creole Wild West** **\$3,500**

To support preserving the black masking Indian tradition.

**Original CTC Steppers** **\$3,500**

To support the Original "Cross the Canal" Steppers Social Aid & Pleasure Club Annual Second Line Parade held in the Lower 9th Ward neighborhood.

**Queens of The Nation** **\$3,500**

To support the Queens of The Nation Annual Retreat & Workshop.

**VIP Ladies and Kids Social Aid and Pleasure Club** **\$3,500**

To support the Annual VIP Ladies & Kids Social Aid & Pleasure Club Second Line Parade held in the Central.

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### CATEGORY: NEW ORLEANS AS CULTURAL CAPITAL

<b>826 New Orleans</b>	<b>\$6,120</b>
To support the continuation of 826 New Orleans educational programs offering New Orleans students who struggle with literacy the opportunity of developing their writing skills outside their school classes.	
<b>Art Camp</b>	<b>\$3,672</b>
To support summer camps and holiday break camps that focus on the arts.	
<b>ArtSpot Productions, Inc.</b>	<b>\$3,672</b>
To support the development of a new piece of original theatre focusing on eliminating oppressions.	
<b>Ashé Cultural Arts Center (Efforts of Grace, Inc.)</b>	<b>\$14,720</b>
To support Ashé creative works that emphasize the contributions of artists, writers, performers, actors, dancers, and speakers of African descent from New Orleans and around the world.	
<b>Be Loud Studios</b>	<b>\$3,672</b>
To support radio programming of weekly radio shows that involve training for local youth artists.	
<b>Creative Alliance of New Orleans</b>	<b>\$3,672</b>
To support CANO's presentations of under-recognized artists in underserved neighborhoods in our creative spaces in Central City and other collaborative activities with other nonprofit arts organizations.	
<b>Community Works of Louisiana</b>	<b>\$14,688</b>
To support Community Works of Louisiana's in-school, after-school, and summer programs reaching students by bringing art classes to their partner schools.	
<b>Cuba NOLA Arts Collective</b>	<b>\$3,672</b>
To support arts programs that bring together the shared arts traditions of New Orleans, Louisiana, Cuba, the Caribbean, and Latin America through community exchanges.	
<b>Culu Children's Traditional African Dance Company</b>	<b>\$3,672</b>
To support Culu's program that focuses on instilling an appreciation for the rich and diverse culture, traditions, dance, music, and history of the continent of Africa in Black youth through Traditional African Folklore.	
<b>Dancing Grounds</b>	<b>\$6,120</b>
To support high-quality, accessible dance education and performance programs for youth and adults in all dance genres and programs that work at the intersection of arts, education, and social justice.	

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**Ellis Marsalis Center for Music** **\$14,688**

To support arts education programs for children and youth using a combination of platforms for group and individual teaching and adult piano classes, community performances and concerts, and audio recording services.

**Friends of A Studio in the Woods** **\$6,120**

To support artist relief residencies, open to those in our community most significantly impacted by the pandemic and the existing racial disparities it has highlighted.

**Goat in the Road Productions** **\$6,120**

To support Goat in the Road's Play/Write program through classes at the International School of Louisiana, St. Mary's Academy, Young Audiences Charter School, Success Prep, and Homer Plessy Community School.

**Guardians Institute** **\$3,672**

To support the preservation, promotion, and celebration of indigenous Mardi Gras Indian traditions and culture through school educational activities.

**June Bug Productions Inc.** **\$6,120**

To support high-quality performing arts that address issues of inequity that have historically impacted African Americans and to provide training for artists interested in using art to create social change.

**KID smART** **\$14,688**

To support educational activities, including a teaching artist residency in 11 public schools and monthly professional development for a cohort of classroom teachers.

**Le Petit Theatre du Vieux Carre** **\$14,688**

To support Le Petit Theatre's season, featuring an exciting and unique array of productions – from original theatre to Tony, Obie, and Drama Desk Award-winning plays.

**Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra** **\$14,688**

To support the LPO's season that focuses on composers of diverse backgrounds past and present, delivered with their trademark artistic versatility.

**Make Music NOLA** **\$6,120**

To support Make Music NOLA after school program of tuition-free music instruction on string instruments to underserved youth at charter schools and community centers in nine locations in New Orleans.

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**Marigny Opera House Foundation** **\$6,120**

To support the Marigny Opera House Ballet programs and presentations of New Orleans-based performing artists in concerts and recitals.

**Musicians for Music** **\$3,672**

To support Musicians for Music's programs that promote career development for individual artists and bring their work to a broader audience.

**N'Kafu Traditional African Dance Company** **\$3,672**

To support N'kafu's programs and activities that focus on the historical documentation, study, presentation, preservation, and promotion of traditional African Culture and Folklore through the venues of Dance, Singing, Music, Costuming, and Cuisine.

**New Orleans Airlift** **\$14,688**

To support the creation of collaborative works of public art designed as musical architecture with innovative concerts, events, and educational programs.

**New Orleans Arts & Cultural Host Committee** **\$6,120**

To support the Louis Armstrong Jazz Camp that provides music education programs for New Orleans youth involving emerging, national, and internationally known artists as teachers and guest artists, as well as school-day and after-school jazz education classes.

**New Orleans Ballet Association** **\$14,688**

To support NOBA's tuition-free classes and activities for 1,500+ participants ages 4 – 80+ and the presentation of world-class dance companies.

**New Orleans Ballet, Inc DBA New Orleans Ballet Theatre** **\$6,120**

To support live performances for NOBT's 2023 season, featuring dancers in its company in a mixed repertoire of contemporary concerts.

**New Orleans Chamber Orchestra** **\$3,672**

To support high-quality orchestra concerts featuring works by New Orleans composers and vocalists, along with standard repertoire at the Marigny Opera House.

**New Orleans Dance Collective** **\$3,672**

To support youth dance training, including tap, African, Hip-Hop, and other dance forms.

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**New Orleans Opera Association** **\$14,688**

To support productions of "Charlie Parker's Yardbird" at the New Orleans Jazz Market, "Madame Butterfly" at the Mahalia Jackson Theatre of the Performing Arts, and the New Orleans Opera's educational programs.

**New Orleans Film and Video Festival** **\$14,688**

To support the New Orleans FilmSocieties' programmatic activities, including its annual film festival, film series, and artist lab programs.

**New Orleans Video Access Center, Inc.** **\$6,120**

To support the local film community through a digital platform through training, education, community events, production services, and youth arts training programs.

**The NOCCA Institute** **\$14,688**

To support the nonprofit partner of the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts High School that provides programs that offer meaningful and substantial arts experiences to NOCCA students, faculty, and the community.

**One Book One New Orleans** **\$3,672**

To support free literacy public programming and their annual Words & Music Festival that celebrates the arts of New Orleans.

**Prescription Joy** **\$3,672**

To support Prescription Joy's programming that promotes healing through human connection, whimsy, education, and play in hospitals and beyond by using imagination, art, improv, and human connection to aid in the healing process of patients, their families, and hospital staff.

**Press Street (dba Antenna)** **\$14,688**

To support Antenna's arts programming, including artist residencies, rotating gallery exhibitions, public events, community workshops, and large-scale collaborative projects at Antenna Gallery.

**ricRACK NOLA** **\$3,672**

To support ricRack NOLA's programs and initiatives that provide recycling education and sewing training to youth at its workshops and schools.

**Second Line Arts Collective** **\$3,672**

To support the Second Line Arts Collective's programming that addresses three basic needs within the New Orleans music and arts community: financial literacy and creative marketing.

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#### **Tekrema Center for Art and Culture**

**\$3,672**

To support Tekrema Center's dance programs and activities rooted in the creation, acquisition, preservation, and research of the arts; and to disseminate these resources through presentations, exhibitions, publications, public lectures, and special activities.

#### **Tennessee Williams/New Orleans Literary Festival**

**\$6,120**

To support the Tennessee Williams/New Orleans Literary Festival and the Saints and Sinners LGBTQ Literary Festival in the French Quarters and other venues.

#### **The Tennessee Williams Theatre Company of New Orleans**

**\$3,672**

To support The Tennessee Williams Theatre Company's theatre presentation of one of their shows, *For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls*, at Loyola University New Orleans.

#### **Treme Artists Collective**

**\$3,672**

To support programming that includes a podcast series highlighting local musicians and their experiences with street performances and an artist support program that provides grant writing assistance and performance opportunities for street musicians.

#### **The Ella Project**

**\$6,120**

To support pro bono legal and business assistance to low to moderate-income New Orleans artists, musicians, and grassroots nonprofit arts organizations.

#### **The NOLA Project**

**\$6,120**

To support a professional ensemble theatre company that produces bold new and classic theatre works in locations around New Orleans.

#### **The Ogden Museum of Southern Art**

**\$14,688**

To showcase artwork created by Southern artists at the Ogden Museum and education programs for families, children, and youth.

#### **The Roots of Music**

**\$14,688**

To support a music education program that empowers youth through their band participation.

#### **Upturn Arts**

**\$6,120**

To support Upturn Arts' arts enrichment programming for New Orleans children—regardless of socio-economic background.

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#### **US Biennial (dba Prospect New Orleans)**

**\$6,120**

To support Prospect New Orleans' educational programs and the development of Prospect's city-wide exhibitions featuring New Orleans, national, and international artists.

#### **Voices in the Dark Repertory Theatre Company**

**\$3,672**

To support the production of an outdoor theatre experience for the community that includes presenting plays, lectures, visual art exhibits, booking signings, and folk art that is carefully and meticulously selected to reach out to the disenfranchised.

#### **Young Audiences of Louisiana**

**\$14,720**

To support high-quality arts-education programs in all disciplines for children in school and after-school reaching 10,000+ students, as well as arts-integration professional development for educators.

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**THESE MORE JOY GRANTS ARE DEPENDENT ON RECEIVING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.**

**Black Men of Labor, Inc.**

**\$3,500**

To support the Noir Experience, an event that will bring the Middle Passage Diaspora together in New Orleans.

**Casa Samba, Inc.**

**\$3,500**

To support an Afro- Brazilian Cultural Arts Fest (in celebration of Brazilian Independence Day ) in late September 2023.

**Mahogany Blue Baby Dolls**

**\$3,500**

To support their activities during the 2023 Carnival season.

**Mamacita Social Aid Pleasure Club Inc.**

**\$3,500**

To support efforts of paying homage to their Social Aid & Pleasure club culture and the Flamenco culture in New Orleans.

**Prince of Wales Social Aid and Pleasure Club**

**\$3,500**

To support their second line parade in October 2023.