

ARTS & CULTURE**ARTS GRANT AWARD RECIPIENTS****FISCAL YEAR 2024-25**

Arts Organization or Individual	Project or Event	Award Amount
<i>The Art Spread</i>	Beyond Aesthetics is a free, family-friendly community event designed to celebrate creativity, and well-being. This exhibition style event will include a complimentary art workshop and introduce participants to fresh perspectives on artmaking to improve their lives and the lives of others.	\$2,000
<i>Backhausdance</i>	Backhausdance is excited to propose "Dance for Joy and Well-Being," a new pilot program designed to enrich the lives of seniors, caregivers, veterans, and adults in Costa Mesa through the art of contemporary dance, promoting accessibility, creativity and community through movement. This free program, running from October to December 2025 to be held at the Costa Mesa Senior Center, includes an 8-week series of 1.5-hour weekday workshops for up to 30 participants per class. The series will culminate in a showcase performance and community celebration. Additionally, the full company of 12 Backhausdance members will present a special repertory performance at the Senior Center, offering the community an opportunity to experience world-class, innovative contemporary dance, followed by a Q&A and meet-and-greet with the dancers.	\$2,500
<i>Brain and Body Music Studio</i>	Creating Community. In Wakeham park. 5 people minimum 10 people maximum. 2 hours of creativity practices that encourage people to connect with their neighbors; including nerve regulating breathing exercises, imagination practice, group singing, theater improv, and conversation games. The goal is to create a space where people of all backgrounds can connect with themselves, their creativity, and each other; promoting a space of learning and creating cross-community relationships. Best for ages 15 & up. This is intended to be a free class for the community, sponsored by the Costa Mesa Arts Grant.	\$1,000
<i>Braver Players Musical Theater Foundation</i>	High School students from ages 15-19 will gather in our Black Box Theater in Costa Mesa to rehearse and stage a performance of Hadestown the Musical Teen Edition. We will be incorporating live musicians into the process as well who will also be high school students. Not only will students learn and build theater skills, but also engage in team building, critical thinking, and higher order problem solving. In addition, literature will be integrated into the rehearsal process since Hadestown is based on Greek mythology. There will be around 35 teen actors, 5 teen musicians, and a projected audience of 600 people.	\$2,250
<i>Givsum Foundation</i>	Songs in the Canyon: The Festival, is not just a picnic—it's a vibrant, music-filled community celebration under the sun! Held at the scenic Canyon Park in Costa Mesa, this free event brings together local bands, artists, and vendors for an unforgettable afternoon of creativity and connection. Picture this: friends and neighbors lounging on blankets, sharing delicious bites, and swaying to the sounds of incredible live music. Kids can dive into games and activities, while local artists capture the magic of the park in real-time with their brushes. Stroll through vendor booths filled with unique handmade treasures, soak in the good vibes, and let the music set the mood. With performances from multiple bands, the fun runs from 3 PM to 6:30 PM. This year, we're doubling the magic with two event dates—	\$2,500

	May 4th and September 28th. Mark your calendars and get ready for a day of music, art, and community joy!	
<i>Dance Arts Academy Foundation</i>	The Rhythms of Costa Mesa: Dance Residency & Community Performance will bring dance directly into local schools and culminate in a public performance that celebrates the creative talents of students and the Costa Mesa community. A professional choreographer will serve as an artist-in-residence, leading a 4-week dance residency in 3-4 Costa Mesa schools, targeting underserved and Title I schools. Approximately 300 students, grades 4-8, will participate in the residency, learning foundational dance techniques and collaborating to create an original performance piece. The residency will offer students access to diverse dance styles, including hip-hop, contemporary, and cultural forms, while fostering creativity, teamwork, and self-expression.	\$2,500
<i>Dance 4 Joy Ministries</i>	The West Side Alive Summer Camp is a vibrant arts education program that brings joy, movement, and cultural enrichment to children ages Pre-K through 6th grade in West Side Costa Mesa. Led by Dance 4 Joy (D4J), this inclusive and engaging program ensures that every child—regardless of background or ability—has the opportunity to SHINE through the joy of dance, movement, creativity, art and community connection. Since 2007, D4J has been dedicated to fostering accessibility, diversity, and inclusion in the arts, ensuring that all children can experience the joy of self-expression through dance. The West Side Alive Summer Camp will be held at the Wilson Street Community Center and will serve approximately 50 children, from local West Side Costa Mesa schools, community groups and centers with limited access to arts opportunities. Children participating in West Side Alive will benefit from performance-based activities and educational arts and cultural programming that instills a love of dance and movement through an enriching summer camp curriculum that nurtures artistic expression, social, emotional, and physical well-being.	\$2,250
<i>Pacific Chorale</i>	Every year, singers from throughout Orange County and beyond clamor for the opportunity to sing onstage with the Grammy-winning Pacific Chorale. During this musical "fantasy camp" weekend in Renee and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall, up to 250 community singers join 100 members of Pacific Chorale under the baton of Artistic Director Robert Istad to prepare and perform a major choral work--all with no audition necessary! The 3-day festival culminates in a free community concert which has drawn sell-out crowds for fifteen years running.	\$2,500
<i>Pacific Symphony</i>	Grant funds are requested for the Class Act Music Education Program in two Costa Mesa schools, Victoria and College Park Elementary Schools, during the 2025-26 academic year. For 30 years, Class Act has met the need for music education in schools to help Orange County bolster student scholastic achievement. Class Act trains and places Pacific Symphony musicians in schools where students receive meaningful music learning in the classroom. Through year-long residencies, musicians focus on the fundamentals of music through age-appropriate classroom instruction, on-site school performances and a trip to the concert hall for a full Pacific Symphony performance.	\$2,500

TOTAL: \$20,000