



Civic Arts Commission

INFORMATION CALENDAR

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To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: Civic Arts Commission

Submitted by: Jos Sances, Chair, Civic Arts Commission

Subject: FY06 Civic Arts Grant Allocations

INTRODUCTION

This is an information report regarding the Civic Arts Commission grant allocations to 74 nonprofit organizations and individual artists in support of arts and cultural activities during FY06. For FY06 City Council allocated \$229,569 to the Civic Arts Grant Program. In FY05 \$246,848 was allocated and distributed to 63 nonprofit organizations and individual artists.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

On January 17, 2005, 77 nonprofit art organizations and individual artists applied for FY06 funding through the Civic Arts Grant Program. The 77 applicants requested a total of \$4,473,676. This represents an increase of 124% over the \$1,996,479 requested in FY05. After review, discussion, and evaluation of each application by the Grant Committee, 74 applicants were awarded a grant (see Attachment A). Three (3) applications were rejected for noncompliance with the grant guidelines.

BACKGROUND

Application packets were accessible in various locations throughout the city. In November of 2004, they were mailed to over 160 arts organizations and individual artists and posted on the Office of Economic Development Civic Arts web page for downloading. Applications were also accessible at the Main Library and the South, North, and West Berkeley Senior Centers. Two Civic Arts Grant Workshops were held in December of 2004 to assist art organizations and artists in completing their application. Applicants could apply in one of two grant categories: General Operating Support or Program Support. They could ask for up to 10% of their total annual operating budget or program budget. The Grant Committee met on two separate occasions to review, discuss, and evaluate each application.

Applications were evaluated with a score from 1-10 on organizational strength, relationship to the community, artistic and programmatic quality, and merit of the proposal. Senior economic development staff calculated a complex formula for distribution of the funds in accordance with the evaluation score, the amount of funds requested, and the amount of funds allocated to ensure fairness of distribution.

The Berkeley Civic Arts Grant Program is an important asset to the artistic vitality of Berkeley as nonprofits leverage these funds for additional funding with other granting organizations. The City of Berkeley and all of its citizens will be well served with cultural and artistic activities as a result of funding these projects and activities that reach all neighborhoods in the City.

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

In conformity with other City grant programs, the Civic Arts Commission is considering changing to a two-year funding period.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

None.

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Attachments:

1: Grant Distribution List

FY2006 Civic Arts Grant Allocations

Organization Name	05/06 Award	Fund Category
Arab Film Festival	\$1,436.83	Program
Art & Education Media, Inc.	\$806.84	Program
Art Between Us., Inc.(aka Minding the Body)	\$760.36	Operating
Artsbridge Scholars Program, UCB	\$2,191.90	Operating
Ashkenaz Music & Dance Center	\$9,000.00	Operating
ASUC/Art Studio	\$2,925.83	Program
Aurora Theatre Co.	\$9,000.00	Operating
Bella Musica	\$1,190.79	Operating
Berkeley Art Center	\$3,289.42	Operating
Berkeley Ballet Theatre	\$1,282.45	Program
Berkeley Chamber Performances	\$1,037.01	Operating
Berkeley City Ballet	\$3,099.71	Operating
Berkeley Comm. Chorus & Orchestra	\$1,895.90	Operating
Berkeley Farmers Market	\$1,391.02	Program
Berkeley Jazz/Art Program	\$1,047.89	Program
Berkeley Opera	\$3,166.53	Operating
Berkeley Partners for Parks	\$0.00	Program
Berkeley Repertory Theatre	\$9,000.00	Operating
Berkeley Symphony Orchestra	\$9,000.00	Operating
Bonita House, Inc.	\$1,190.79	Operating
Bulitt, Patricia	\$845.39	Program
Cal Performances, UCB	\$9,000.00	Operating
Cazadero Performing Arts Camp	\$9,000.00	Operating
Ceasar Chavez Memorial Solar	\$1,161.42	Operating
Center for Accessible Technology	\$4,052.56	Operating
Central Works Theater Ensemble	\$1,721.29	Operating
Choreographer Performing Alliance	\$1,008.90	Operating
Corp. on Disability. & Telecommunication	\$1,120.28	Operating
Crowden Center for Music	\$3,006.62	Operating
Dance & Rhythm of India	\$1,833.82	Operating
DEAF Media, Inc.	\$2,588.10	Operating
East Bay Center for the Performing Arts	\$2,144.71	Program
East Bay Depo for Creative Reuse	\$2,813.11	Operating
Epic Arts Foundation	\$3,281.96	Operating
Freight & Salvage Coffee House/Berk.Soc	\$9,000.00	Operating
Habitot Children's Museum	\$9,000.00	Operating
Impact Theater	\$1,105.26	Operating
John F. Kennedy Univ. Arts Annex	\$1,155.06	Program
Julia Morgan Center for the Arts	\$3,035.04	Operating

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Junior Bach Festival Assoc.	\$1,156.40	Operating
Kala Art Institute	\$8,583.71	Operating
La Pena Cultural Center	\$9,000.00	Operating
Life on the Water, Inc.	\$2,791.75	Operating
Live Oak Concerts	\$676.31	Operating
Luna Kids Dance	\$6,289.93	Operating
New Memulium Strings	\$0.00	Operating
North Berkeley Senior Center Advisory Council	\$1,128.94	Program
Pagan Alliance	\$879.21	Operating
Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology	\$2,631.54	Operating
Play Ground	\$2,071.25	Operating
Poetry Flash	\$2,106.94	Operating
Pro Arts	\$2,314.92	Program
Rebecca Salza Dance Theater	\$1,025.88	Operating
River of Words	\$2,664.96	Operating
Ruth Botchan Dance Co.	\$970.62	Program
Sacred & Profane	\$1,165.35	Operating
San Francisco Early Music Society	\$1,038.16	Program
Schwartz, Richard	\$2,426.28	Program
Shotgun Players, Inc.	\$4,562.85	Operating
Sisters Project	\$1,067.41	Program
Solano Avenue Association	\$6,364.24	Program
Stagebridge	\$5,960.41	Operating
Subterranean Shakespeare Theater	\$1,141.49	Operating
Telegraph Area Assoc.	\$1,068.68	Program
Telegraph Street Calendar	\$676.31	Program
The Jazz School	\$3,004.12	Operating
The Latina Center	\$0.00	Program
Trinity Chamber Concerts	\$615.26	Operating
UC Art Museum & Pacific Film Archive	\$9,000.00	Operating
United Capoeira Association	\$905.26	Program
University Avenue Association	\$1,060.26	Operating
Watershed Environmental Poetry Festival	\$1,243.46	Program
Wee Poets	\$1,158.22	Operating
Young Musicians Program/UCB	\$9,000.00	Operating
Young People's Symphony Orchestra	\$2,475.40	Operating
Youth Arts Studio	\$714.47	Program
Youth Musical Theater Commons	\$1,033.79	Operating