

Established Organization General Operating Support

Organization: JazzFresno

Address: 340 West Fallbrook, Suite 105, 93711

Funding Request: \$70,498.61

Funding Statement: With support from an Expanded Access to Arts and Culture grant, JazzFresno will continue to stabilize the organization and its various programs. This will enable us to expand our impact as we continue to build relationships with new arts creatives and providers to widen the options and opportunities to people of all ages and backgrounds in the city of Fresno and its sphere of influence.

Anticipated Impact: Grant support will allow us to:

- Pay staff members who have been volunteering for years
- Cover rent of a basic office space in storage space
- Use funding that was originally for rent into new programming and growth
- Pay for insurance to cover the nonprofit, board members, and staff
- Pay for critical support services like bookkeeping, website management, and cloud base software to manage and email members, conduct surveys, and plan content
- Hire an intern to assist with programs, allowing us to better connect with a younger demographic
 - This allows us to provide an intern with valuable work experience where they can learn about nonprofit support of the arts
- Grant support allows us to purchase equipment that is used in day-to-day operations and across various programs and no longer continue to rely on borrowing this type of equipment for board members and staff
- Become a more stable and professional organization

Organization Council District: District Two (2): Council President Mike Karbassi

City Service Area: Jazz at the Library happens monthly at the Woodward Park Library in District 6; 93720. The Jazz Jam session has been at Tap & Cellar in zip code 93711 for almost two years now. Previously it was held in 93721 at Tioga Sequoia. We are fiscal sponsors for The Fresno Jazz Composition Collective that will offer programming in 93720, 93710, 93728, 93721, 93727 and 93704.

Organization: El Teatro de la Tierra

Address: 414 N Park Ave, 93701

Funding Request: \$70,344.00

Funding Statement: With support from an Expanded Access to Arts and Culture grant, the organization will provide free classes on how to play the guitar or baritone ukulele and sing, to intergenerational members of the low-income community at the Fresno Center for Non-Violence. Guitars and ukuleles are available to loan to participants ages 7 through seniors. Intermediate and advanced participants will perform for local organizations such as FCNV, Peace Fresno, Raza against War, and other organizations. Wells, Vasquez, and Montes will produce instructional videos for the Cancionero del Pueblo collection to serve as a resource for participants and the public. An IT expert and website developer will build a new user-friendly website, she will maintain the website and create promotional campaigns for recruiting participants and for online distribution of what we produce. The grant will provide partial funding for artists, to produce and record new music.

Anticipated Impact:

- Expect new talent as the participants progress in their studies
- Provide new music by the professional music group Agustín Lira & Alma (A Lira, P Wells, J Bluestein, S Cossman, and J Martin) and distribute it online
- Create a new user friendly and updated website with easy access to the Cancionero video links and the lyrics/chord sheet that goes with each song
- Performing groups Generaciones Music Project and Agustín Lira & Alma will have programs of music available for presentations locally

Organization Council District: District Three (3): Council Vice President Miguel Arias

City Service Area: Southeast Fresno: 93727, 93722, 93702, and 93726 West side & Central Fresno: 93704, 93710, 93712, 93716, 93718, 93720. Please note that we provide services to PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THESE ZIP CODES. The zip code for the Fresno Center for Non-Violence is 93728

Organization: Alliance for California Traditional Arts

Address: 744 P Street, Suite 307, 93721

Funding Request: \$400,000.00

Funding Statement: With support from an Expanded Access to Arts and Culture grant, the Alliance for California Traditional Arts (ACTA) will sustain its cultural programs and services in the City of Fresno, engaging youth, adults, and elders from immigrant, Indigenous, and under-resourced communities. Funding will support core operations, including salaries, rent, utilities, and evaluation, as well as local public programming. These activities take place at ACTA's Fresno headquarters and community venues citywide. Participants range from young people learning traditional arts for the first time to elder culture bearers transmitting intergenerational knowledge. By investing in ACTA's Fresno-based infrastructure, this grant will deepen the impact of traditional arts on community cohesion, cultural identity, and healing, especially for those often excluded from mainstream arts support.

Anticipated Impact:

- Strengthen public programming for intergenerational audiences
- Expand public programs and events (such as concerts, storytelling gathering, and community dialogues) that foster intergenerational engagement
- Expand cultural sustainability through apprenticeships and cultural transmission
- Strengthen cultural networks in Fresno and increase connectivity among Fresno's artists, cultural leaders, and organizations through convenings and public gatherings
- Increase programmatic and organizational capacity
- Place a full-time Program Manager in our Fresno office
- Build stronger infrastructure for the region's cultural practitioners through expanded technical assistance, mentorship, and artist services
- Create greater access to personalized support, guidance, and resources for artists and cultural groups

Organization Council District: District Three (3): Council Vice President Miguel Arias

City Service Area: ACTA's reach extends citywide through public events, apprenticeships, fiscal sponsorships, and technical assistance, guided by a commitment to cultural equity and community-defined leadership. Key zip codes where we provide direct services, programming, or artist support include: 93701, 93702, 93706, 9372, 93727

Organization: Fresno Ideaworks

Address: 1730 H Street, 93721

Funding Request: \$133,051.07

Funding Statement: With support from an Expanded Access to Arts and Culture grant, Fresno Ideaworks will carry on with enhancements to our facility and expansion of our programs, while continuing to provide essential discounted memberships for military members, veterans, seniors, students, and families. Our goal is to stabilize an ever-more diverse and accessible makerspace for emerging and skilled artists and makers; broadening hands-on learning opportunities and improving the experience for all who rely on our tools, space, and community.

Anticipated Impact:

- Increase enrollment in arts-based programs and workshops, especially among underserved and underrepresented communities in the Central Valley
- Develop new classes focused on visual arts, design, and craft; invest in better tools, materials, and studio spaces that support diverse artistic practices
- Measure growth in artistic and creative confidence, expression, and entrepreneurship—fostering pathways to both personal fulfillment and professional opportunity.
- Create stronger partnerships with artists, schools, and cultural organizations
- Create more inclusive public events and exhibitions that reflect the diversity and richness of our community
- Improve our facilities, expand outreach, and support staff and volunteer development

Organization Council District: District Three (3): Council Vice President Miguel Arias

City Service Area: The most common Fresno City zip codes in our participant databases are, in order of greatest numbers, 93711, 93720, 93704, 93727, 92722, 93729, 93726, 93721, 93710, and 93705. Our contact list of students, members, visitors, and collaborators includes participants from EVERY Fresno City zip code, plus the Valley and foothill towns and cities of Ahwahnee, Atwater, Auberry, Caruthers, Chowchilla, Clovis, Coalinga, Coarsegold, Cutler, Delhi, Denair, Dinuba, Exeter, Firebaugh, Fowler, Friant, Hanford, Kerman, Kingsburg, Laton, Lemoore, Los Banos, Madera, Madera Ranchos, Merced, Modesto, North Fork, Oakhurst, O'Neals, Orange Cove, Parlier, Porterville, Reedley, Riverdale, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma, Three Rivers, Tollhouse, Tulare, Turlock, and Visalia. We have members living in Los Osos, CA, Kamuela, HI, and in Washington State, who use the makerspace when they are in town.

Organization: BreakBox Thought Collective

Address: 6585 N Callish Ave, 93710

Funding Request: \$274,987.50

Funding Statement: With support from an Expanded Access to Arts and Culture grant, BreakBox Thought Collective proposes to expand upon several existing models of service offerings and programs to create an alternative learning environment and pathway for career technical education in Downtown Fresno. This community hub for wellness, arts, and culture would offer specialized support to the individuals and families, of all ages, appealing to those with interests in art, culture, innovation, and creativity. Our program would provide a range of activities and engaging experiences for enrichment and collaboration with industry professionals, licensed practitioners, and certified teachers. With flexible and personalized opportunities for collaboration, life skills, and career competency, our program would offer direct services and comprehensive support for the entire family.

Anticipated Impact:

- Increase the capacity of Fresno artists to create and sustain their work
- Increase the number of artists entering creative careers
- Maximize the engagement of youth, reach 1000 unique teens in Teen Night, and 250 participants in Power to the Pen over the year
- Generate a thriving network of artists and storytellers to form a community of practice
- Have at least 10 original projects completed and 30 additional youth participating in Open Studio during this time

Organization Council District: District Three (3): Council Vice President Miguel Arias

City Service Area: BreakBoxThought Collective serves the greater Fresno Area but primarily: District 3, Southwest, Tower District, Downtown, Chinatown, South Fresno, and Central Unified. Communities served from this district have zip codes of 93706, 93721, 93728, 93722.

Organization: Community Media Access Collaborative

Address: 1555 Van Ness Ave Ste #201, 93721

Funding Request: \$399,854.20

Funding Statement: With support from an Expanded Access to Arts and Culture grant, CMAC will sustain and expand its nationally-recognized media arts programs and services, including our Community Media Center, equipment and studio access, workshop series, training cohorts, community events, production assistance, and information sharing via local television and streaming. These programs serve Fresno residents of all ages, with a focus on youth, adults, seniors, and people from historically underrepresented communities. The grant funds will support staffing and operational capacity to keep our programs free or low cost, ensuring that financial hardship or lack of experience is never a barrier to creative expression. CMAC will also deepen its partnerships with local organizations to develop culturally relevant, place-based media arts programming. The desired impact is a more inclusive and representative media landscape, one in which all Fresno residents can develop skills, share their stories, and contribute to the cultural vitality of the region.

Anticipated Impact:

- Sustain and strengthen our core operations, with a particular focus on maintaining access to our media center services
- Expand public workshops and increase their number and consistency
- Deepen partnerships across the community and expand our ability to collaborate with local organizations, including schools, arts nonprofits, and social service agencies, to co-design new programs that reflect community needs
- Increase organizational capacity - ensuring that we can continue providing affordable access to equipment, training, and facilities
- Maintain staffing levels critical to supporting day-to-day operations
- Offset rising operational costs and preserve our commitment to a pay-what-you-can model
- Introduce more residents to media arts while also responding to community requests for specialized topics and advanced skills
- Ensure that Fresno residents have the tools, space, and support needed to tell their stories and engage meaningfully with their community

Organization Council District: District Three (3): Council Vice President Miguel Arias

City Service Area: We serve all parts of Fresno and provide services from our 11,000 sqft Community Media Center located in the Cultural Arts District in downtown Fresno (93721). Fresno zip codes we serve include: 93723, 93706, 39722, 93711, 93650, 93704, 93705, 93728, 93701, 93721, 93725, 93702, 93703, 93726, 93710, 93720, 93730, 93727.

Organization: Arte Américas

Address: 1630 Van Ness Ave., 93721

Funding Request: \$400,000.00

Funding Statement: General Operating Support Funds will be utilized by Arte within the following categories: Preventative Maintenance which includes inspections of fire sprinklers, elevator, and plumbing; Safety and Security which refers to our alarm system, safety and sanitation equipment (eye wash station, emergency CPR equipment). Taxes & Licenses that must be paid on time in order to keep our doors open; utilities including trash collection, water, and PG&E. Marketing materials to attract local participants and funding from sources beyond California and staff. Our first full-time staff has officially been in place for one year and our ability to sustain the momentum we have generated depends entirely upon our ability to pay staff salaries. EAAC General Operating Support will allow us to focus funds generated by individual giving to our programs and maintenance that will offset future costs, diminish our environmental impact, and allow us to meet our goal of financial sustainability.

Anticipated Impact:

- Engage more people by prioritizing our ongoing multigenerational programming and engagement with our community
- Engage people through multidisciplinary arts
- Enhance our ability to meet our mission by expanding our audience and network of support
 - The community has expressed enthusiasm for recent programs and attendance has increased by approximately 120% since we reopened our galleries in 2023
- Expand the notion of Latino arts and cultures by focusing on specific experiences

Organization Council District: District Three (3): Council Vice President Miguel Arias

City Service Area: The primary location of our programming is our building and plaza located on the corner of Calaveras and Van Ness. Arte's zip code is 93721. Because of data gathered for EAAC reporting during the 2024-25 grant cycle, we now know that our programming attracts individuals from all zip codes of Fresno.

Organization: Warnors Center for the Performing Arts

Address: 1400 Fulton Street, 93721

Funding Request: \$294,403.76

Funding Statement: With support from an Expanded Access to Arts and Culture grant, Warnors Center for the Performing Arts will be able to continue the work of expanding community access to cultural arts programming at our 3 venues, support local artists, provide employment, enhance technical equipment, and increase outreach initiatives to underserved populations. These efforts aim to foster creativity, cultural engagement, and inclusivity in the City of Fresno. Serving a diverse population across all age groups, the center anticipates engaging between 30,000 - 40,000 individuals annually through public arts programming, cultural events, and educational workshops. Activities will include low-cost movie nights, live music, theater, and community-based events such as ArtHop and Jazz Tuesdayz. The desired impact is to create an inclusive, vibrant cultural hub where local artists can showcase their talents and Fresno residents can experience high-quality arts programming in a restored, historically significant venue.

Anticipated Impact:

- Have vital restoration and modernization work done on Warnors Theatre, including upgrades to plumbing, climate control, and accessibility features like elevators and ADA restrooms
- Expand our community-based programming, including more low-cost performances, free cultural events, and inclusive arts education opportunities
- Increase the number of Fresno residents served annually and paid opportunities for local artist
- Engage dozens of Fresno-based creatives in exhibitions, performances, and educational workshops.
- Diversify our board and expand community partnerships
- Build deeper audience engagement and satisfaction

Organization Council District: District Three (3): Council Vice President Miguel Arias

City Service Area: Our primary service area includes ZIP code 93721, where the theater is physically located. This central location allows us to reach surrounding neighborhoods such as 93706 and 93702. We also regularly engage residents from 93701, 93705, and 93728. We also welcome attendees from surrounding communities such as Clovis and rural parts of Fresno County.

Organization: The Company Studio Inc.

Address: 1105 North Wishon Ave., 93728

Funding Request: \$142,571.10

Funding Statement: With support from an Expanded Access to Arts and Culture grant, The Company Studio will expand its theatre education programs to engage more youth and emerging artists from across Fresno, particularly those in communities with limited access to arts opportunities. Funding will support additional workshops, master classes, public performances, as well as rehearsal and performance necessities—making theatre education more affordable, culturally responsive, and accessible. By investing in program expansion and improvement, teaching artist support, and targeted outreach, The Company Studio will create inclusive spaces where performers can develop their artistic voice, build confidence, and connect with their community. This support will help nurture the next generation of theatre artists and contribute to a more vibrant and representative cultural ecosystem in Fresno.

Anticipated Impact:

- Increase access to high-quality theatre education and performance opportunities for youth and emerging artists
- Expand curriculum and training programs, offering more robust pre-professional development, master classes, and inclusive showcase opportunities that reflect the cultural diversity of the region
- Have greater sustainability and efficiency in its operations, allowing staff and leadership to focus more time and resources on program delivery, equity efforts, and community building

Organization Council District: District Three (3): Council Vice President Miguel Arias

City Service Area: The Company Studio primary serves individuals from 93706, 93702, 93704, 93705, 93721, and 92726

Organization: Valley Public Television, Inc.

Address: 1544 Van Ness Avenue, 93721

Funding Request: \$400,000.00

Funding Statement: With support from an Expanded Access to Arts and Culture grant, Valley PBS will strengthen its operations to expand access to arts and cultural programming for audiences of all ages throughout the City of Fresno. Funds will support essential staffing, production, and outreach infrastructure that enable Valley PBS to deliver high-quality, free content and events across broadcast, digital, and in-person platforms. Serving children, youth, adults, and seniors, our programming highlights local artists, diverse cultures, and creative expression. This operational support will ensure long-term sustainability, deepen community engagement, and provide inclusive cultural experiences for all Fresno residents.

Anticipated Impact:

- Broaden the reach and impact of our free arts and cultural programming, both on-air and in-person, with a focus on underserved Fresno ZIP codes
- Deepen collaborations with schools, libraries, artists, and community-based organizations
- Expand opportunities for local artists to share their work, connect with audiences, and contribute to the region's cultural identity
- Launch two original programs:
 - Central Groove: A music-focused series highlighting the vibrant soundscape of Fresno. It will feature local musicians from all genres, including folk, mariachi, hip-hop, jazz, and more
 - School Yard Rap: An arts-integrated educational series created in partnership with School Yard Rap, using music, poetry, and cultural dance to teach history and identity in engaging ways
- Increase staffing support, outreach, production, and technology needed to sustain and grow our community-centered initiatives for learners of all ages
- Advance Fresno's Cultural Arts Plan and build a more equitable arts landscape

Organization Council District: District Three (3): Council Vice President Miguel Arias

City Service Area: Valley PBS serves the entire City of Fresno through broadcast, digital content, and community-based programming. Our services reach residents across all 58 Fresno ZIP codes, including 93650, 93701, 93702, 93703, 93704, 93705, 93706, 93710, 93711, 93720, 93721, 93722, 93723, 93725, 93726, 93727, 93728, 93730, and 93737.

Organization: Arts Enrichment For All

Address: 1968 N Gateway Blvd. #104, 93727

Funding Request: \$157,467.00

Funding Statement: With support from an Expanded Access to Arts and Culture grant, Arts Enrichment For All will broaden artistic horizons through our key initiatives: comprehensive fine arts training for students, a master series that blends arts history with standards-based applications, specialized master classes in musical theater, acting, and dance, and community showcases through a diverse lens of cultural awareness. We pride ourselves on providing exceptional service, with programs that engage students and make the arts an enjoyable experience for everyone involved. It's so exciting that the collaboration of this grant and the City of Fresno allows us to further our mission of making the Arts affordable and accessible to the children and families in our community.

Anticipated Impact:

- Hire 3-5 full-time and part-time teaching artists, we will significantly
- Increase our program offerings and reach within the community
- Increase our visibility and advocacy efforts in local communities through enhanced marketing and active participation in community events
- Facilitate meaningful arts opportunities and career exposure for high school students in Fresno through mentorship and guidance by providing workshops, internships, and collaborations with local artists and organizations
- Build a sustainable model for growth, ensuring that we can continue to serve the community effectively and adapt to changing needs

Organization Council District: District Four (4): Councilmember Tyler Maxwell

City Service Area: The zip codes in the City of Fresno we serve the most students include: 93701, 93702, 93703, 93704, 93705, 93706, 93722, 93726, 93727, 93730, and 93737.

Organization: African American Historical and Cultural Museum of San Joaquin Valley

Address: 1857 Fulton Street, 93721

Funding Request: \$77,855.70

Funding Statement: With support from an Expanded Access to Arts and Culture grant, the African American Historical and Cultural Museum (AAHCM) will strengthen staff and operational capacity and expand the reach of its core programs (Bee Resilient, Bee Renewed, Artistry Unbound, Future Innovators, and Heritage Horizons) across its main site at 1857 Fulton Street in downtown Fresno. Programs will serve youth, families, and young adults ages 10-25, particularly those impacted by poverty, incarceration, foster care, or systemic inequities. Funds will enhance our STEAM-based Community Arts and Education offerings, improve exhibition interactivity and accessibility, and increase outreach to underserved communities. By investing in immersive experiences that blend history, arts, innovation, and mental health support, AAHCM will foster cultural pride, creative expression, and healing. This grant will help us advance equity, deepen community engagement, and preserve African American heritage while empowering future generations through dynamic, inclusive programming.

Anticipated Impact:

- Expanding our reach into historically underserved neighborhoods
- Increase access to culturally relevant arts education, wellness-focused workshops, and intergenerational learning opportunities
- Deepen engagement among youth, families, and system-impacted individuals by offering more frequent and accessible programming tailored to community needs
- Enhance our staffing capacity, enabling more efficient program coordination, volunteer engagement, and partnership development
- Increase access to inclusive, healing-centered cultural spaces that celebrate African American history and empower marginalized voices
- Provide paid opportunities for local artists, educators, and cultural practitioners to lead and co-create programming

Organization Council District: District Three (3): Council Vice President Miguel Arias

City Service Area: AAHCM is located in downtown Fresno (93721). Our primary service zip codes include: 93721, 93706, 93701, 93702, 93703, 93704, and 93705

Organization: Fresno Art Museum

Address: 2233 North First Street, 93703

Funding Request: \$400,000.00

Funding Statement: The Fresno Art Museum seeks General Operating support for an Established Organization with an annual budget of 1.2 million. The funds will cover all utility expenses for the 2025/26 fiscal year, and the museum will hire two new staff positions: a Development Coordinator and a Curatorial Assistant. Additionally, the funding will enable the museum to hire a marketing firm to increase its visibility with paid advertising. The funds will also allow FAM to offer two free days per month, which have been highly successful. With the second round of Measure P Grant funding, the Fresno Art Museum will enter a new phase of fiscal security, gaining an enhanced staff for the first time in ten years, and will see expanded visibility with the hiring of a local marketing firm. The support will also allow the museum to have an audit or review accomplished again in the FY 2025/26.

Anticipated Impact:

- Maintain daily operations, including staffing, utilities, programming, and outreach
- Respond to immediate needs and challenges, allowing the organization to adapt their programs and services without being constrained by designated funding restrictions
- Support core programs that attract patrons, educate the community, and fulfill the organization's mission, ensuring these vital services continue
- Bridge gaps that may arise from sudden cuts or changes in funding sources
- Create a strong base of operating funds that will help weather financial uncertainties and plan for the long term
- Invest in community outreach, educational initiatives, and cultural programs, thereby strengthening their connection with the public

Organization Council District: District Seven (7): Councilmember Nelson Esparza

City Service Area: The Fresno Art Museum, located next to Radio Park in Central Fresno, serves all areas of Fresno, as well as the surrounding communities within Fresno County. Some of the primary zip codes in Fresno where we provide services and attract visitors include: 93710, 93720, 93727, 93711, and 93704

Organization: Fresno Philharmonic Association

Address: 726 W. Barstow Avenue, Suite 106, 93704

Funding Request: \$400,000.00

Funding Statement: With support from an Expanded Access to Arts and Culture grant, the Fresno Philharmonic Association will present its 2025-2026 season of concerts featuring 17 live symphony orchestra performances by the Fresno Philharmonic in the Paul Shaghoian Concert Hall in Northeast Fresno and the William Saroyan Theater in Downtown Fresno for an anticipated audience of approximately 16,000 people from throughout the City of Fresno and its surrounding areas, including an estimated 5,500 senior citizens and 8,400 youth attendees. This grant will help us further expand access to our live music programming and support employment for musicians and administrative staff.

Anticipated Impact:

- Attract more Fresno residents to live orchestra concerts
- Create events in which residents from all cultures feel represented and welcome
- Promote the City of Fresno as a hub of artistic innovation and excellence; and
- Maintain and increase employment opportunities in the arts in Fresno

Organization Council District: District Two (2): Council President Mike Karbassiv

City Service Area: The Fresno Philharmonic serves the entire City of Fresno. Fresno Philharmonic Masterworks Series concerts are held in the Paul Shaghoian Concert Hall in Northeast Fresno (93730, District 6). Our annual holiday concert and Link Up education concerts are held in the William Saroyan Theatre in Downtown Fresno (93721, District 3).

Organization: Youth Orchestras of Fresno

Address: 2503 W. Shaw Ave. #103, 93711

Funding Request: \$192,285.00

Funding Statement: With support from an Expanded Access to Arts and Culture grant, The Youth Orchestras of Fresno will provide high-quality, music education and performance opportunities for K-12 students while offering accessible cultural events for community members of all ages. Activities will include weekly rehearsals, masterclasses, and public concerts primarily held at the Shaghoian Theater and the Fresno State Concert Hall. Funding will support essential staffing, venue rentals, coaching, and marketing to expand our reach and deepen community impact. Our goal is to inspire, educate, and unite the diverse populations of Fresno through the power of music.

Anticipated Impact:

- Increase in student enrollment and audience attendance
- Making classical music more accessible to new and diverse audiences
- Inviting guest artists who will bring outstanding talent and valuable educational opportunities
- Continuing to have our concerts remain open to the public, free of charge
- Expanding our reach and impact
- Increase awareness of who we are through strategic marketing to elevate visibility of Youth Orchestras of Fresno

Organization Council District: District Three (3): Council Vice President Miguel Arias

City Service Area: Our student body, while inclusive of youth from across the Central Valley—including communities like Sanger, Visalia, Turlock, and Madera—is still primarily drawn from the city of Fresno itself. The most represented zip codes among our students include: 93611, 93612, 93650 93702, 93703, 93704, 93705, 93706 93710, 93711, 93720, 93722 93726, 93727, 93728, 93730. Our regular concerts and cultural performances this year took place at Fresno State University (93710), the Paul Shaghoian Memorial Concert Hall (93730), and the William Saroyan Theatre (93721). Our administrative offices are located in northwest Fresno (93711).

Organization: Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame

Address: 1133 E Champlain Dr, 93720

Funding Request: \$89,020.81

Funding Statement: With support from an Expanded Access to Arts and Culture grant, the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame (FAHOF) will preserve key staffing vital to its mission, including the Executive Director, Director of Education, and Educational Program Coordinator. These leaders drive FAHOF's work in arts and culture, youth mentorship, veteran support, and senior engagement. Located at Fresno's Save Mart Center, FAHOF offers interactive media and memorabilia displays that inspire and educate. With a curriculum approved by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, FAHOF continues shaping young minds through programs for elementary, middle, and high school students, collaborating with groups like the Boys and Girls Clubs. Beyond education, FAHOF enriches veterans and seniors with meaningful experiences. Continued funding ensures the organization's core operations/administration, outreach, education, and event coordination to thrive, strengthening its impact on the community.

Anticipated Impact:

- Expand our current outreach, partnerships, and programs to involve more people in diverse segments of our community. Anticipated outreach, partnerships, and programs include:
 - Working with the African American Academic Acceleration program
 - Student involvement in our programs from Fresno County schools such as Sunnyside High and Hoover High
 - Collaborating with the Fresno County Historical Society to create a sports photography program
 - Awarding our 2026 Mehas Memorial Scholarship to a video production student from Sunnyside High
 - Developing a program with noted Nisei sports researcher Kerry Yo Nakagawa, recognized with the Zinkin Award in 2010, that includes education curriculum

Organization Council District: District Four (4): Councilmember Tyler Maxwell

City Service Area: 93650, 93701, 93702, 93703, 93704, 93705, 93706, 93710, 93711, 93720, 93721, 93722, 93723, 93725, 93726, 93727, 93728, 93730, 93737, 93740, 93741

Organization: Radio Bilingüe

Address: 441 N. Roosevelt Avenue, 93701

Funding Request: \$400,000.00

Funding Statement: With support from an Expanded Access to Arts and Culture grant, Radio Bilingüe Latino Public Radio—an established cultural institution rooted in Fresno—will enrich and elevate Latino music and arts program offerings by and for Fresno’s Latino, Indigenous Mexican, immigrant, and working-class communities. Radio Bilingüe’s hallmark multilingual and multi-genre music segments, artist profiles, live interviews, features and announcements of community events will engage listeners and uplift cultural pride, resilience, and healing. In Spanish, English, and Mixteco, Radio Bilingüe celebrates community musicians, poets, dancers, writers, filmmakers and folk artists—airing stories that reflect the lives, languages, and creative legacies of Fresnans. Listeners of all ages tune in from homes, cars, and workplaces to discover new artists and neighborhood events, and experience arts as vital in Fresno civic life and community wellbeing. In 2025-26 we also look forward to surveying Fresno listeners to shape future local arts programming, events and impact.

Anticipated Impact:

- Continue amplifying the voices and creativity of Fresno-based Latino artists
- Build cultural bridges that deepen appreciation for Latino art and foster community pride by showcasing authentic stories and creative expressions
- Reach new and current art appreciators from low-income and immigrant-rooted communities amongst our listenership
- Strengthen Fresno’s arts ecosystem, fostering collaboration that benefits artists, audiences, and the broader community through partnerships with local arts organizations and community groups
- Increase community awareness, participation, and support for Fresno’s Latino arts and culture

Organization Council District: District Three (3): Council Vice President Miguel Arias

City Service Area: Radio Bilingüe reaches listeners across the entire City of Fresno, with our highest listenership residing south of Shaw. Fresno audiences are concentrated in Southeast Fresno (zip codes 93737, 93725, 93702), Southwest Fresno (93706), and Central Fresno (93701).

Organization: Fresno City & County Historical Society

Address: 2120 Kern Street, 93721

Funding Request: \$400,000.00

Funding Statement: With support from an EAAC grant, the Fresno City & County Historical Society will significantly deepen its mission to preserve, celebrate, and share the diverse stories of our region through cultural exhibits, oral history collection and live events. Our Kern Street Facility will serve as a world-class cultural hub—offering not only preservation of historic records, objects, and stories, but also innovative programming that brings history and culture to life for people of all ages. This funding will allow us to expand no-cost workshops, build community partnerships, and curate walking tours that explore the vibrant heritage of neighborhoods like Huntington Boulevard and the Mural District. These offerings encourage the public to engage with and celebrate their own heritage. As stewards of Fresno's past and present, FCCHS is uniquely positioned to foster inclusive, ongoing dialogue about our shared history—strengthening understanding and civic pride through engagement, education, and access for all.

Anticipated Impact:

- Open our Kern Street facility to many groups at no charge for collaborative meetings, events, and partnerships
- Provide mentoring and other services to organizations who need guidance and support
- Capture diverse stories of people of all ages and backgrounds
- Expand workshops, primarily free of charge to participants, for the public and other cultural organizations to learn about preservation of photos, storytelling, ephemeral items and more
- Continue partnering with Fresno residents for free digitization, sharing, and proper preservation of their family collections
- Continue cataloguing and scanning archives
- Expand historic walking tours at venues such as the San Joaquin River Parkway, Downtown Fresno, Huntington Boulevard, and the Mural District
- Have more content and collections to be prepped and uploaded to the FCCHS website, valleyhistory.org, to be accessible to everyone

Organization Council District: District Three (3): Council Vice President Miguel Arias

City Service Area: 93721, 93706, 93702, 93703, 93726, 93705, 93701, 93728 and 93704, 93720

Organization: The Friends of The Big Fresno Fair

Address: 6740 N. West Avenue, 93711

Funding Request: \$141,069.00

Funding Statement: With support from an EAAC grant, the Friends of The Fair will collaborate with cultural and historical experts to both enhance two vital museums on the Fresno Fairgrounds and properly catalogue and preserve the more than 5,000 unique artifacts in the Museum's current collection. The Fresno County Historical Museum illuminates the rich, multicultural heritage of the Central Valley, showcasing the voices, traditions, and artistry of the region's many communities and the Fair Museum chronicles the 141-year legacy of the Fair—highlighting its enduring role in uniting and celebrating the diverse communities of Fresno. Together, these facilities and their collections will serve as vibrant centers for learning, empathy, and connection—offering immersive experiences that honor the stories of migration, perseverance, and cultural fusion from the earliest inhabitants to today's newest residents. Expanded programming, including increased school tours and public open days, ensures broader year-round access to meaningful educational and cultural engagement for all.

Anticipated Impact:

- Offer free admission to the Fresno County Historical Museum and the Big Fresno Fair Museum
- Expand the museums' public hours, increasing access from just one day a month to weekly visits, fostering greater community engagement
- Support partnership with The Fresno City & County Historical Society, ensuring professional operation and archiving services for our extensive collection of over 5,000 objects. These services will guarantee the preservation, protection, and long-term care of our priceless artifacts
- Create new exhibit spaces, develop fresh partnerships, and expand our educational outreach
- Offer rotating exhibits which will entice people to return to the space
- Expand cultural collection of exhibits in hopes that more communities can be represented, and their stories told in interactive and relevant ways

Organization Council District: District Five (5)

City Service Area: The Friends of The Big Fresno Fair provides services to the whole city of Fresno through its tour program, Fair Education outreach and annual events; the services within the Fresno Fairgrounds are located in District 5 in the 93702-zip code. Friends of The Big Fresno Fair also maintains a second business office in District 2 in the 93711-zip code.

Organization: Children's Musical Theatreworks of Fresno

Address: 2425 Fresno St #101, 93721

Funding Request: \$75,000.00

Funding Statement: With support from an Expanded Access to Arts and Culture grant, Children's Musical Theatreworks (CMT) will fund two key management positions to include an Executive Director and an Artistic Director, which will ensure our commitment to providing excellent, accessible musical theater training and performances for youth ages 5-20, families, educational institutions and the entire community at large. Funding these permanent staff positions allows us to retain (and in the future, attract) individuals who manage the general operations of the company. The Executive Director's duties include the management of all day-to-day operations, managing all classes and camps, hiring of teachers and professional theater staff, and financial operations, and the Artistic Director's duties include the planning, execution and oversight of three mainstage musical productions and two small scale plays that we do annually. Our office and mainstage musical theater productions take place at the Fresno Memorial Auditorium in Downtown Fresno.

Anticipated Impact:

- Continue funding the Executive Director and Artistic Director positions
- Increase the Executive Director's stipend to reflect expanded workload
- Establish a stipend for a permanent Artistic Director, creating a two-management structure essential for the organization's growth
- Reduce staff turnover and providing more stable schedules for staff and management.

Organization Council District: District Three (3): Council Vice President Miguel Arias

City Service Area: Since our performance venue is located in the heart of Downtown Fresno, the majority of our work occurs in the 93721 zip code. However, our patrons and performers reside in zip codes throughout the city, with large numbers living or attending schools in the 93727, 93706, and 93720 zip codes. Patrons and performers also reside in the following zip codes: 93701, 93702, 93703, 93704, 93705, 93710, 93711, 93712, 93722, 93723, 93725, 93726, 93730, 93732, and 93747.

Organization: Fresno Community Chorus, Inc.

Address: 5435 N. Fresno St., 93710

Funding Request: \$88,100.00

Funding Statement: With support from an Expanded Access to Arts and Culture grant, Fresno Community Chorus, Inc. will stabilize its administrative structure to sustain it as a major cultural arts organization with a 70-year history in Fresno. Currently, FCC has a membership of 261 singers including 2 large choirs and 3 small ensembles who perform 6-8 concerts each year. Funds will be utilized to support the hiring of a part time administrator to assist our volunteer administrator with all administrative functions. Funds will allow FCC to waive membership fees (\$72/year) and music costs (up to \$90/year) for Fresno residents who would not otherwise be able to participate. Funds will also provide stipends to 14 core singers to support all aspects of the chorus' work. Funds will increase the compensation of orchestra members to a more competitive rate and will provide for a marketing professional to assist with outreach, fundraising, and recruitment.

Anticipated Impact:

- Employ a part-time administrator and orchestra coordinator, gradually transitioning toward a fully paid administrator
- Expand access for singers by waiving membership fees and music costs
- Enhance marketing and fundraising. This will broaden our outreach, target future audiences, and potential donors
- Increase education and organizational development by continuing to embed paid Core Singers into the Master Chorale
- Create new activities and perform innovative choral works
- Increase the per service compensation for instrumentalists. This will stabilize our orchestral accompaniment and more adequately compensate our orchestra members

Organization Council District: District Four (4): Councilmember Tyler Maxwell

City Service Area: Of our total membership of 261 singers, 160 live throughout Fresno's 93700 zip codes. Our members gather for weekly rehearsals at Hope Lutheran Church (93710). Performances are given at the Shaghoian Performing Arts Center (93730), University Presbyterian Church (93710), the William Saroyan Theater (93721), San Joaquin Memorial High School (93703), Roosevelt High School Auditorium (93721), and wherever we are invited to perform.

Organization: Bonsai Foundation of the Central Valley DBA Clark Bonsai Museum

Address: 6331 N. Palm Ave., 93704

Funding Request: \$77,511.96

Funding Statement: With support from an Expanded Access to Arts and Culture grant, the Bonsai Foundation's Clark Bonsai Museum, will: seek operational funds to expand capacity for preserving, promoting the collection of bonsai, and expanding the museum's educational and cultural programs. The grant will help us hire two positions: full-time museum manager and part-time outreach volunteer coordinator. This staff will provide needed leadership and professional experience in planning, implementation, assessment of programs and services we offer. They will coordinate our collaborative work, implement board policies, enhance our communication and outreach, and bring essential tools for tracking work output, visitor satisfaction, and program success. The impact of the grant support of professional staffing will demonstrate our commitment to investing in inclusion and diversity of our volunteers and staff, and commitments of the younger and diverse population of our city.

Anticipated Impact:

- Expand capacity and pursue stabilization by securing ongoing donor support and grant funding
- Fund professional staffing
- Serve underserved groups
- Protect art and cultural assets
- Advance educational program
- Have internships
- Host celebrations
- Expand opportunities for youth engagement in the art and cultural activities

Organization Council District: District Six (6): Councilmember Nick Richardson

City Service Area: As of May 1, 2025, Clark Bonsai Museum has hosted 221,192 visitors since our opening in October of 2015. The primary zip codes include: 92223, 93614, 93711, 93616, 93245 93619, 93720, 93635, 93257, 93630, 93722, 95060, 93277, 93635, 93723, 95060, 93291, 93638, 93727, 90031, 93301, 93656, 93728, 93625, 93603, 93667, 93730, 93657, 93606, 93704, 94650, 93142, 93611, 93705

Organization: Art of Life Cancer Foundation, Inc.

Address: 9121 N Chadwick Lane, 93720

Funding Request: \$82,610.57

Funding Statement: With support from Expanded Access to Arts and Culture Grant Art of Life Cancer Foundation will continue to build hope, strength and joy for those impacted by cancer with support through healing arts programs and creative experience. In addition, Art of Life will continue to maintain and expand Fresno's largest outdoor cultural arts asset, the Art of Life Healing Garden in Woodward Park.

Anticipated Impact:

- Continue to expand our reach and visibility in Fresno with our Art of Life newsletter, and social media
- Increase number of visitors
- Expand access to several activities for visitors and families including viewing original art on display, play areas, picnic areas, reflection areas and outdoor musical instruments
- Continue to offer the opportunity for participants to gain exposure to arts and culture and build stronger relationships within the community through our healing arts programs
- Continue to offer opportunities and engagement for local artists to continue to develop their talents in a fulfilling and supportive setting through our programs

Organization Council District: District Six (6): Councilmember Nick Richardson

City Service Area: We serve all areas of Fresno. We draw from all 58 zip codes in Fresno because we provide services for all ages, abilities and ethnicities

Project Name: Break the Barriers Inclusive Arts Program

Organization or Fiscal Sponsor: Break the Barriers Inc

Address: 8555 N Cedar Ave, 93720

Funding Request: \$400,000.00

Project Description: With support from an Expanded Access to Arts and Culture grant, Break the Barriers (BTB) will deliver inclusive programming across visual arts, performing arts, and expressive movement. Our arts initiatives nurture identity, build empathy, and encourage storytelling in dynamic, accessible ways. As a result of artistic learning, we will deliver beautiful and impactful presentations and performances to over 3,000 people during the grant term. We will help participants connect their stories to others through dance, movement, music, visual expression, and presentation. We are committed to include and empower individuals experiencing disability (we say various abilities) and underserved neighborhoods within the City of Fresno.

Anticipated Impact:

- Deliver 24 high-impact school and college performances, promoting inclusion and acceptance of all abilities to over 3,000 students
- Host 7 week-long inclusive dance camps for 150+ underserved youth and youth with disabilities, with emphasis on teamwork, movement, and cultural expression
- Provide 38 weeks of dance and aerial arts classes to up to 400 participants, offering adaptive instruction and consistent mentorship
- Stage 2 inclusive dance-theater productions, each featuring up to 250 performers of diverse backgrounds and abilities
- Facilitate 10 visual arts workshops for 400 youth and 50 Veterans, integrating cultural themes and therapeutic expression
- Enhance social-emotional learning, including self-confidence, empathy, and communication skills, in at least 80% of participating youth
- Expand access to arts education for marginalized and under-resourced communities in Fresno

Organization Council District: District Six (6): Councilmember Nick Richardson

City Service Area: 93702, 93703, 93705, 93706, 93710, 93720, 93722, 93725, 93726, 93727