



COMMUNITY ARTS GRANTS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

INTRODUCTION

The City of Manhattan Beach Cultural Arts Commission serves to encourage, develop and facilitate an enriched environment of artistic, creative and cultural activity. In a continued effort to enhance this mission, the Cultural Arts Commission is proposing a grant program to provide financial support to organizations, schools and individuals for various arts and culture projects through a competitive application and review process. The Community Arts Grants Program will support projects and activities that provide quality arts and cultural programming within the City Manhattan Beach.

OUR PURPOSE IS TO:

- Invest in small-scale community driven projects focused on arts, culture, and place making
- Allow for direct community engagement with the Cultural Art Commission (CAC), and create a formal avenue to request funding for community based projects and activities
- Generate new and innovative ideas for CAC to consider in the long term and decrease policy and process barriers to idea implementation
- Strengthen collaboration between CAC and community arts groups by providing hands-on technical support during project implementation



OVERVIEW

- \$50,000 in funding available
- Arts Organizations-\$7,000 maximum award
- Educational Institutions and Affiliated Groups-\$1,500 maximum award
- Individual Artists-\$5,000 maximum award
- Walk About Events-\$7,000 maximum award
- Programs and activities supported through the Community Arts Grants
- Program take place within the calendar year, Jan. 1 – Dec. 31 annually.

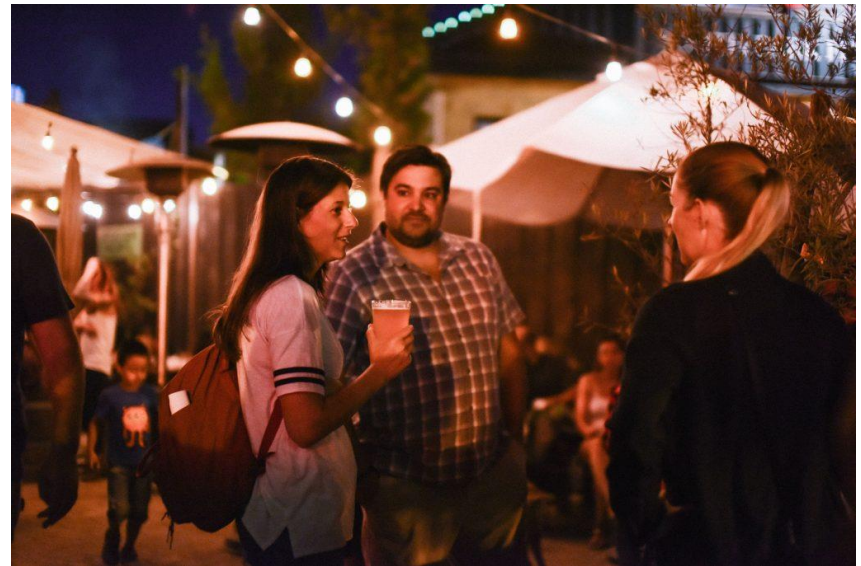
ELIGIBILITY FOR ORGANIZATIONS AND SCHOOLS

- All funded activities must take place within the City of Manhattan Beach. The Cultural Arts Division reserves the right to negotiate the location of grant-funded activities.
- All Arts Organizations and Arts In Schools, must be not-for-profit, tax-exempt organizations, as determined by either the Internal Revenue Service or the California State Franchise Tax Board.
- Individual Artists include artists who live or work in Manhattan Beach.



ELIGIBILITY FOR WALKABOUT EVENTS

- Organizations or Individuals are eligible to apply for a grant to develop and present targeted events such as Art Exhibitions and Fairs, Street Performances, Neighborhood Cultural Events, Outdoor Theater and Dance Events.
- All events should be programmed for outdoor presentation in the City of Manhattan Beach, either in a neighborhood, on a street, or in a park.
- Events must be reviewed by Special Events Committee and apply for the required permits.



GRANTEE REQUIREMENTS DURING PROJECT FUNDING PERIOD

- Grant recipients are required to maintain accounts, records and evidence pertaining to costs incurred and revenues acquired under the Cultural Arts Grants program.
- Grantees are required to keep the Cultural Arts Division staff informed of all program dates and times.
- Provide full and timely information to the Cultural Arts Division staff so grant-funded programs may be included in the City of Manhattan Beach's publications, as opportunities arise. This includes providing high resolution photographs of the project, related activities and participants of funded projects.
- Extensively promote funded events and projects
- Submit final report

REVIEW AND SCORING OF APPLICATIONS

- All applications will be prescreened by Cultural Arts Division staff to determine eligibility.
- All eligible applications will be reviewed at a public Cultural Arts Commission meeting before the January funds distribution deadline.
- Finalists will be selected by the commission and are subject to eligibility review.
- Grant recipients are subject to approval by the Manhattan Beach City Council.

