



Commission for Arts and Culture

City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture

FUNDING COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Civic Center Plaza, Economic Development Department 14th Floor Conference Room
1200 Third Ave., 14th Floor San Diego, CA 92101

Friday, April 11, 2025

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

10:45 a.m.	I.	Call to Order	Tyler Hewes, Chair
10:55 a.m.	II.	Non-agenda Public Comment	
11:00 a.m.	III.	Chair's Reports	Tyler Hewes
		A. Commission Business	
		B. ACTION – January 10, 2025 Minutes	
		C. Other Reports	
11:15 a.m.	IV.	ACTION – Fiscal Year 2026 Organizational Support Program (OSP) and Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) Ranks	Olivia Jones, Senior Arts and Culture Funding Manager
11:35 a.m.	V.	Staff Reports	Christine E. Jones, Chief of Civic Art Strategies
11:50 a.m.	VI.	New Business for Future Agendas	Tyler Hewes
12:15 p.m.	VII.	Adjourn	Tyler Hewes

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MINUTES

Friday, January 10, 2025

Members Present

Kamaal Martin
Keith Opstad
Tyler Hewes, Chair
Lee Ann Kim

Absent

Dr. Alberto Pulido
Abe Hughes

Staff Present

Christine E. Jones
Gabrielle Romberger
Olivia Jones

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- I. Call to Order | [VIEW HERE](#) – Chair Hewes called the City of San Diego (City) Commission for Arts and Culture’s Funding Committee meeting to order at 10:52 a.m.
- II. Non-agenda Public Comment | [VIEW HERE](#)
- III. Chair’s Reports
- A. Commission Business – None
- B. **ACTION** – December 13, 2024, Meeting Minutes | [VIEW HERE](#) – Commissioner Kim made a motion to approve the minutes of December 13, 2024. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0-0; the motion passed.
- Yea: Opstad, Martin, Kim, Hughes (4)
- Nay: (0)
- Abstention: (0)
- Recusal: (0)
- C. Other Reports – None
- IV. **ACTION** – Slate of Commission Advisory Panelist Candidates to Evaluate Proposals Submitted in Response to the Fiscal Year 2026 Organizational Support Program (OSP) and Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) Application, Part 2 [VIEW HERE](#) – Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the Slate of Commission Advisory Panelist Candidates. Commissioner Opstad seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0-0; the motion passed.
- Yea: Opstad, Martin, Kim, Hughes (4)
- Nay: (0)
- Abstention: (0)
- Recusal: (0)

- V. **Staff Reports | [VIEW HERE](#)** – Chief of Civic Arts Strategies Christine E. Jones provided administrative updates on Fiscal Year 2026 funding cycle: Organizational Support Program and Creative Communities San Diego.
- VI. **New Business for Future Agendas | [VIEW HERE](#)** – Funding Committee requested that City staff cancel the March meeting to allow Commissioners the flexibility and time to attend and observe at least one FY2026 Organizational Support Program or Creative Communities San Diego panel discussion.
- VII. **Adjourn** – Chair Hewes adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:17 a.m.

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STAFF REPORT

DATE ISSUED: April 08, 2025

ATTENTION: Funding Committee

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2026 Organizational Support Program (OSP) and Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) Ranks

REFERENCES: 1. List of FY26 Organizational Support Program Applicants and Ranks
2. List of FY26 Creative Communities San Diego Applicants and Ranks

STAFF CONTACT: Olivia Jones, Senior Arts and Culture Funding Manager

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture (Commission) recommend to the City of San Diego Mayor and City Council the proposal ranks for fiscal year 2026, as follows:

1. Recommend proposal ranks for Organizational Support Program, as submitted by Commission Advisory Panels.
2. Recommend proposal ranks for Creative Communities San Diego, as submitted by Commission Advisory Panels.

BACKGROUND

The City of San Diego (City) issued the Part 1 Application for Fiscal Year 2026 Organizational Support Program (OSP) and Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) funding categories during October 2024. Two hundred twenty-two (222) organizations applied in response to the Part 1 Application. Of those applicants, two hundred seventeen (217) were deemed qualified to advance to the subsequent Part 2 application stage. Qualified applicants with an agreement with the City for Fiscal Year 2025 OSP and CCSD funding were able to elect between submitting a Part 2 Application proposal and requesting that the City exercise the Option to Renew their agreement. The value to an existing OSP or CCSD agreement holder in submitting a Part 2 Application is that the organization can update or refine organizational details such as program details and compete for a higher score than achieved in the past. In total, one hundred and fifteen (115) eligible proposals were submitted in response to the Part 2 Application, and seventy-five (75) applicants requested and were granted the Option to Renew. Organizations who were granted the Option to Renew retain their ratified rank from the previous year. Twenty-seven (27) organizations did not cure deficiencies or submit a complete Part 2 Application.

In January 2025, the Commission appointed Commission Advisory Panels (CAP) to participate in the review of proposals received by the City for the Fiscal Year 2026 OSP and CCSD funding categories. Over a three-week period, the CAP convened in thirteen (13) separate public meetings. Each panel evaluated a specific group of proposals using standard criteria and scoring. The panels also included a process allowing applicants to address the panel at two

prescribed intervals—prior to and following the panel discussion of applicant proposals. After evaluation of all proposals and scoring, each CAP voted to recommend ranks for their specific group of proposals. The lists included with this report show all qualified applicants, including the recommended ranks provided by the Fiscal Year 2026 CAPs and ranks retained by applicants who were granted the Option to Renew.

As stated in the Fiscal Year 2026 OSP Funding Guidelines and Fiscal Year 2026 CCSD Funding Guidelines, any organization who received a rank of 2+ or below will be deemed "not aligned with scoring criteria" and will not be recommended to receive an award. Per the guidelines: "Any applicant not recommended to receive an award may submit a written appeal to staff no later than 5:00 p.m. on the tenth calendar day following notification from staff to the applicant that no award is being recommended." Staff did not receive any appeals.

NEXT STEPS

Following Funding Committee's recommendation, the Commission will receive and vote to recommend the Part 2 Application proposal ranks to the Mayor and City Council. Staff will use recommended ranks as one factor in the calculation of each applicant's award amount. Using the standard award algorithm as stated in the Fiscal Year 2026 OSP Funding Guidelines and Fiscal Year 2026 CCSD Funding Guidelines, any organization who received a rank of 2+ or below, will not be recommended for funding. Final award amounts will be announced by June 30, 2025, all contingent on available funds in the adopted Fiscal Year 2026 City budget.

**Fiscal Year 2026 Organizational Support Program (OSP)
and Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) Recommended Ranks**

Fiscal Year 2026 Organizational Support Program (OSP) Panel Recommended Ranks	
Pacific Arts Movement	4
San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory	4
transcendANCE Youth Arts Project	4
Voices of Our City Choir Inc	4
Art of Elan	4-
ArtReach	4-
Arts Education Connection San Diego	4-
Blindspot Collective	4-
Center for World Music	4-
Centro Cultural De La Raza, Inc	4-
Culture Shock Dance Troupe Inc	4-
DISCO RIOT	4-
Fern Street Community Arts Inc	4-
Gaslamp Quarter Historical Foundation	4-
Guitars in the Classroom	4-
Isadoranow Foundation	4-
Japanese Friendship Garden	4-
La Jolla Historical Society	4-
La Jolla Music Society	4-
Lambda Archives of San Diego	4-
Lao Community Cultural Center of San Diego	4-
Lawrence Family Jewish Community Centers of San Diego County	4-
Malashock Dance and Company	4-
Mojalet Dance Collective	4-
MOXIE Theatre, Inc.	4-
Opera Neo	4-
Outside the Lens	4-
Persian Cultural Center	4-
Playwrights Project	4-
Project BLANK	4-
Resounding Joy, Inc.	4-
Reuben H. Fleet Science Center	4-
Revision Project Inc.	4-
SACRA/PROFANA	4-
San Diego Automotive Museum Inc.	4-
San Diego Civic Youth Ballet Inc	4-
San Diego Collaborative Arts Project	4-
San Diego Dance Theater	4-

San Diego Early Music Society	4-
San Diego Historical Society	4-
San Diego Jazz Ventures Inc.	4-
San Diego Junior Theatre	4-
San Diego Museum Council Inc.	4-
San Diego Museum of Art	4-
San Diego Museum of Man dba Museum of Us	4-
SO SAY WE ALL	4-
Tap Fever Studios	4-
The AjA Project	4-
The Rosin Box Project Inc.	4-
The San Diego Symphony Orchestra Association	4-
Trinity One Theatre Troupe Inc.	4-
Unscripted Learning	4-
Vanguard Culture	4-
Cygnnet Theatre Company	3+
DanzArts	3+
Loud Fridge Theatre Group	3+
Otic Theater Collective Inc	3+
San Diego Archaeological Center	3+
San Diego Comic Convention	3+
San Diego Filipino Cinema	3+
Scripps Ranch Theatre	3+
The House of China	3+
The San Diego Society of Natural History dba San Diego Natural History Museum	3+
Backyard Renaissance Theatre Company	3
Music Company Tmc	3
San Diego Musical Theatre	3
The Roustabouts	3

Fiscal Year 2026 Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) Panel Recommended Ranks	
A Reason to Survive	4-
Adams Avenue Business Association Inc	4-
Alliance Francaise De San Diego	4-
Armed Services YMCA of the USA	4-
BIPOC Support Foundation	4-
Black San Diego Empowering Our Community dba Black San Diego	4-
Bocon Inc.	4-
Boys & Girls Clubs of Northwest San Diego	4-
California Lawyers for the Arts Inc.	4-
City Heights Community Development Corporation	4-
Contact Arts dba San Diego Fringe Festival	4-
Creative Engagement dba Blanket Sounds	4-
Dreams & Ducats	4-
Educreate	4-
Friends of International Friendship Park Inc	4-
Generation STEAM	4-
Gray Area Foundation for the Arts	4-
Indian Fine Arts Academy of San Diego	4-
Installation Gallery	4-
Joyce Kushner dba Tiltshift Dance	4-
Karama	4-
KPBS	4-
Nadia Arambula, Inc. dba Ballet Folklorico	4-
Olongapo Disco	4-
Rock N Roll Camp for Girls San Diego	4-
San Diego Alpha Foundation	4-
San Diego American Indian Health Center	4-
San Diego Art Matters	4-
San Diego Audubon Society	4-
San Diego Diplomacy Council	4-
San Diego LGBT Pride	4-
San Diego Made	4-
San Diego State University Foundation	4-
Sisters Of St. James Productions	4-
T3 Triple Threat Youth Mentors	4-
The High Steppers Drill Team Inc.	4-
Tuyo Theatre Inc.	4-
Via International	4-
Vietnamese American Youth Alliance Corp	4-
Central San Diego Black Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation	3+
FUNDSTUME	3+

Ilan-Lael, Inc.	3+
Mandate Project Impact Inc.	3+
RISE San Diego	3+
Spirit of the Fourth Inc.	3+
The San Diego River Park Foundation	3+
Asian Story Theater Incorporated	3
Particle FM	3

Fiscal Year 2026 Organizational Support Program (OSP) Renewed Ranks	
Diversionsary Theatre Productions Inc	4
Youth Philharmonic Orchestra	4
Bach Collegium San Diego	4-
Balboa Art Conservation Center	4-
Balboa Park Cultural Partnership	4-
Balboa Park Online Collaborative Inc	4-
Choral Consortium of San Diego	4-
City Ballet Inc	4-
Classics for Kids Inc	4-
Encore Vocal Ensemble of San Diego Inc	4-
La Jolla Symphony and Chorus Association	4-
MAINLY MOZART INC	4-
Maritime Museum Association of San Diego	4-
Media Arts Center San Diego	4-
Mingei International Inc	4-
Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego	4-
New Americans Museum Inc	4-
NTC Foundation	4-
Old Globe Theatre	4-
Prophet World Beat Productions	4-
San Diego Air & Space Museum	4-
San Diego Children's Choir	4-
San Diego Gay Men's Chorus, Inc	4-
San Diego Master Chorale Inc	4-
San Diego Opera Association	4-
San Diego Watercolor Society	4-
San Diego Young Artists Music Academy Inc	4-
Save Our Heritage Organisation	4-
Southern California Ballet Inc	4-
Space 4 Art Inc	4-
Spreckels Organ Society	4-
The Italian Cultural Center of San Diego	4-
The Library Association of La Jolla	4-
The New Children's Museum	4-
The Putnam Foundation dba Timken Museum of Art	4-
The San Diego Model Railroad Museum Inc	4-
Theatre and Arts Foundation of San Diego County	4-
Villa Musica	4-
Visions Museum of Textile Art	4-
WHEELCHAIRDANCERS.ORG	4-
Women's History Reclamation Project	4-

Write Out Loud	4-
Camarada Inc	3+
Hausmann Quartet Foundation	3+
San Diego Architectural Foundation	3+
San Diego Art Institute	3+
San Diego Ballet	3+
San Diego Chinese Historical Society and Museum	3+
San Diego Chorus Chapter of Sweet	3+
San Diego Urban Warriors	3+
Westwind Brass Inc	3+
San Diego Writers Ink	3

Fiscal Year 2026 Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) Renewed Ranks	
Cooper Family Foundation	4
The Mariachi Scholarship Foundation	4
Asian Culture and Media Alliance Inc	4-
BEST PRACTICE	4-
Casa Familiar Inc	4-
COTA Collaborations Teachers and Artists Inc.	4-
La Maestra Family Clinic Inc	4-
Media Heritage Inc	4-
Monarch School Project	4-
Mother Sponge Inc. dba Set + Drift	4-
Musicians for Education Inc	4-
Ocean Beach Merchants Association Inc	4-
Rolando Community Council, Inc	4-
Saikat	4-
San Diego Film Foundation	4-
San Diego Parks Foundation	4-
Sherman Heights Community Center Corporation	4-
Teatro Mascara Magica	4-
VAPA Foundation	4-
Italian American Art and Culture	3+
Linda Vista Multi-Cultural Fair Inc	3+
Pacific Beach Community Development Corp	3+
The Bon Temps Social Club of San Diego	3+