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GRANTS AWARDED TO MONTEREY COUNTY ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

(Seaside, CA - May 14, 2020) The Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) is proud to announce that we have awarded over \$135,000 in Community Arts Grants to 37 local arts organizations and cultural groups since July 1, 2019, thanks to the support of the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

Several of these grants were awarded for specific events or programs, but even more were awarded to provide immediate funding for those organizations who are suffering an economic loss due to Covid-19 and the Shelter in Place.

The Economic Impact Grants were created to support available to small nonprofit arts organizations seeking general operating funds, who have or will have an economic loss from cancellations or closures due to the Coronavirus crisis. Maximum award size was up to \$5,000 based on the scoring of the application, and grants were awarded on a first come, first served basis.

“It became obvious very quickly, that the creative sector in Monterey County is devastated by the Covid-19 Shelter in Place. Events and programs are canceled, and theaters, galleries and museums are shuttered. We wanted to help keep these small organizations afloat during the shutdown and are grateful for the support from the Hewlett Foundation and Packard Foundation,” states Jacquie Atchison, Arts4MC Executive Director.

These grantees play a vital role in helping us fulfill our mission to improve the quality of life for everyone in our region through the arts. The arts play a crucial role in healing, connection and social engagement. Witness the thousands of people who nightly go to their balconies or windows to play music or “social-distance” dance with their neighbors. In times of crisis, humans turn to art to help us survive the isolation and loss.

The next cycle of Community Arts Grants will open on July 1, 2020. Please visit arts4mc.org/grants for more information.

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The mission of the Arts Council for Monterey County (ACMC) is to improve the quality of life for everyone in our region through the arts. For more information, please email info@arts4mc.org

*List of Grantees Below.

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