



• *Enriching the lives of our community through the arts* •

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**ARTS & CULTURAL IMPACT GRANTS AWARDED TO MONTEREY COUNTY ARTS ORGANIZATIONS**

(Seaside, CA - June 22, 2021) The Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) is proud to announce that they have awarded approximately \$42,000 in Arts & Cultural Impact Grants to 9 local arts organizations and nonprofits with art programs, thanks to the support of the County of Monterey and the Board of Supervisors.

Arts and Cultural Impact Grants are available to nonprofit organizations seeking support for public arts and culture projects/programs, through two funding cycles - one in the Spring, and one in the Fall.

**Congratulations to our 2021 Spring Arts & Cultural Impact grant recipients: Urban Arts Collaborative (District 1), Prunedale Senior Center (District 2), Monterey County Dance Foundation (District 3), Foundation for Monterey County Free Libraries (District 4), Youth Arts Collective (District 5), Monterey Peninsula Ballet Theatre (District 5), Eclectic Collective (District 4), Youth Music Monterey County (District 5), and Pacific Grove Art Center (District 5).**

“We are pleased to support these organizations who have persevered during the pandemic and are ready to provide new art programs for our community. According to a study by John Hopkins University, the arts was the hardest hit sector during the pandemic, and we hope the public will be there to support the arts as they begin to reopen,” 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.

Please visit [arts4mc.org/grants](https://arts4mc.org/grants) for more information or upcoming grants.

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