



# ARTS COUNCIL For Monterey County

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## **Arts4MC Announces the 2025 Fall Community Arts Grant Recipients** *\$130,000 Invested in Creativity Across Monterey County*

**[MONTEREY COUNTY, CA. DECEMBER 16, 2025]** The Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) proudly announces the awardees of its Fall 2025 Community Arts Grants. This cycle allocates a total of \$130,000 to 25 local organizations, bolstering access to arts and culture across all five supervisorial districts.

These critical grants, providing up to \$7,500, are designated to fuel public arts projects, cultural events, and community-driven programs that foster creative expression and local connectivity. This investment is made possible through dedicated funding from the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, alongside significant contributions from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation and the Todd Lueders Fund of the Community Foundation for Monterey County.

Last night, awarded grantees convened at the Marina Public Library to officially receive their funds and share exciting details about the projects and community events the grants will be supporting.

"The diversity of these organizations speaks directly to the richness and passion present throughout Monterey County," stated Jacquie Atchison, Executive Director of Arts4MC. "By funding these art programs, we are fundamentally ensuring that vibrant, impactful arts programming is not just supported, but actively accessible and flourishing in every corner of our community."

Arts4MC is pleased to recognize the following Fall 2025 Community Arts Grant recipients:

Alisal Center for the Fine Arts (D1), ARIEL Theatrical (D1), Natividad Medical Foundation (D1), Hidden Hills Ranch (D2), Prunedale Senior Center (D2), Salinas Area Reading For Fun (D2), First Night Monterey (D3), Monterey County Agricultural & Rural Life Museum (D3), Monterey County Dance Foundation (D3), Salinas Valley Arts & Innovation Hub (D3), YOSAL (D3), Enchantrix (D4), Marina Youth Arts (D4), New Canon Theatre Co (D4), Big Sur Fiddle Camp (D5), Grange742 Big Sur (D5), I Cantori di Carmel (D5), Monterey County Pops! (D5), Monterey History and Art Association (D5), Monterey Jazz Festival (D5), Monterey Symphony (D5), Museum Foundation of Pacific Grove, Inc. (D5), SpectorDance (D5), Stagekids (D5), and Youth Arts Collective (D5)

These grants will support a wide range of creative projects across Monterey County, including visual arts training, museum exhibitions, community classes for all ages, music and dance instruction, and local theater performances, to name a few. Crucially, the distribution of these funds is guided by a commitment to equity. The program prioritizes financial assistance for organizations serving historically marginalized and under-resourced communities.



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All applications were rigorously evaluated by an independent panel of 15 community jurors, bringing a breadth of artistic and cultural expertise to the process: Jose Moran, Denise Estrada, Teri Storelli, Sandie Borthwick, Terrence Gargiulo, Athena Ereno, Mary Linzer, David Orta, Michelle Findlay, Patricia Schulte Werts, Thom Taft, Andres Ortiz, Chris Hasegawa, Susan Breen, and Laurie Iwami.

For more details about the Community Arts Grants and the upcoming funding cycle in the Spring, please visit [arts4mc.org/communityartsgrants](https://arts4mc.org/communityartsgrants).

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*Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) is committed to enhancing the quality of life for all residents in our region through the arts. We provide a variety of ways to make art more accessible to everyone, including but not limited to providing **Arts Education** programs through schools and community organizations, offering business resources for artists and nonprofits through **BusinessWorks**, creating studio and public art spaces for local artists by **Curating Public Exhibitions** and via **ArtWorks**, awarding **Scholarships**, and providing **Grant Funding** to individual artists and nonprofits for community programs and events related to arts and culture. To learn more, visit [arts4mc.org](https://arts4mc.org).*



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## Arts4MC Anuncia los Beneficiarios de las Becas de Artes Comunitarias de Otoño 2025

*\$130,000 invertidos en creatividad en todo el Condado de Monterey*

[CONDADO DE MONTEREY, CA. 16 DE DICIEMBRE, 2025] El Consejo de las Artes del Condado de Monterey (Arts4MC) se enorgullece de anunciar a los ganadores de sus Becas de Artes Comunitarias de Otoño de 2025. En este ciclo se asigna un total de \$130,000 a 25 organizaciones locales, lo que refuerza el acceso a las artes y la cultura en los cinco distritos supervisores.

Estas importantes subvenciones, de hasta \$7,500, están destinadas a impulsar proyectos artísticos públicos, eventos culturales y programas comunitarios que fomenten la expresión creativa y la conectividad local. Esta inversión es posible gracias a la financiación específica de la Junta de Supervisores del Condado de Monterey, junto con las importantes contribuciones de la Fundación David y Lucile Packard y el Fondo Todd Lueders de la Fundación Comunitaria del Condado de Monterey.

El pasado lunes por la tarde, los beneficiarios de las subvenciones se reunieron en la Biblioteca Pública de Marina para recibir oficialmente sus fondos y compartir detalles interesantes sobre los proyectos y eventos comunitarios que se financiarán con las subvenciones.

«La diversidad de estas organizaciones refleja directamente la riqueza y la pasión presentes en todo el condado de Monterey», afirmó Jacquie Atchison, directora ejecutiva de Arts4MC. «Al financiar estos programas, estamos garantizando fundamentalmente que los programas artísticos dinámicos y de gran impacto no solo reciban apoyo, sino que sean accesibles y prosperen en todos los rincones de nuestra comunidad».

Arts4MC se complace en reconocer a los siguientes beneficiarios de las subvenciones para las artes comunitarias del otoño de 2025:

Alisal Center for the Fine Arts (D1), ARIEL Theatrical (D1), Natividad Medical Foundation (D1), Hidden Hills Ranch (D2), Prunedale Senior Center (D2), Salinas Area Reading For Fun (D2), First Night Monterey (D3), Monterey County Agricultural & Rural Life Museum (D3), Monterey County Dance Foundation (D3), Salinas Valley Arts & Innovation Hub (D3), YOSAL (D3), Enchantrix (D4), Marina Youth Arts (D4), New Canon Theatre Co (D4), Big Sur Fiddle Camp (D5), Grange742 Big Sur (D5), I Cantori di Carmel (D5), Monterey County Pops! (D5), Monterey History and Art Association (D5), Monterey Jazz Festival (D5), Monterey Symphony (D5), Museum Foundation of Pacific Grove, Inc. (D5), SpectorDance (D5), Stagekids (D5), y Youth Arts Collective (D5)



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Estas subvenciones apoyarán una amplia gama de proyectos creativos en todo el condado de Monterey, entre los que se incluyen formación en artes visuales, exposiciones en museos, clases comunitarias para todas las edades, clases de música y danza y representaciones teatrales locales, por nombrar algunos. Es fundamental destacar que la distribución de estos fondos se guía por un compromiso con la equidad. El programa da prioridad a la ayuda financiera para las organizaciones que prestan servicios a comunidades históricamente marginadas y con pocos recursos.

Todas las solicitudes fueron evaluadas rigurosamente por un panel independiente de 15 jurados de la comunidad, que aportaron una amplia experiencia artística y cultural al proceso: José Morán, Denise Estrada, Teri Storelli, Sandie Borthwick, Terrence Gargiulo, Athena Ereno, Mary Linzer, David Orta, Michelle Findlay, Patricia Schulte Werts, Thom Taft, Andrés Ortiz, Chris Hasegawa, Susan Breen y Laurie Iwami.

Para obtener más información sobre las subvenciones para las artes comunitarias y el próximo ciclo de financiación en primavera, visite [arts4mc.org/communityartsgrants](https://arts4mc.org/communityartsgrants).

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*Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) se compromete a mejorar la calidad de vida de todos los residentes de nuestra región a través de las artes. Ofrecemos una variedad de maneras de hacer el arte más accesible a todos, incluyendo, pero no limitado a proporcionar programas de Educación Artística a través de escuelas y organizaciones comunitarias, ofreciendo recursos de negocios para artistas y organizaciones sin fines de lucro a través de BusinessWorks, la creación de espacios de estudio y de arte público para artistas locales mediante la Curaduría De Exposiciones Públicas y a través de ArtWorks, la concesión de Becas, y la concesión de Subvenciones a artistas individuales y organizaciones sin fines de lucro para programas comunitarios y eventos relacionados con las artes y la cultura. Para más información, visite [arts4mc.org](https://arts4mc.org).*