

**FY 2017-2018 *take pART* Grants
Project Descriptions**

Alum Rock Educational Foundation

Grant will support the Art & Design Thinking Camp, a project-based summer program engaging youth in exploring design thinking processes, art techniques, visual art and digital tools within various art projects and exhibitions. The six-week camp will be held at San Antonio Elementary School or other site within the Alum Rock School District from July to August 2017, and will serve more than 100 students.

American Beethoven Society

Grant will support an exhibit entitled “The Beethoven Piano Mystique: Fact and Fiction” in Spring 2018 at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library in the Special Collections room and adjoining Beethoven Center, and the 32nd annual Celia Mendez Young Pianists Beethoven Competition.

Cambodian American Resource Agency

Grant will support The Cambodian Cultural Dance Troupe’s provision of free weekly Cambodian classical and folk dance lessons to the public at the Tully Branch Library on Sundays from September 2017 through April 2018, including three dance performances in San Jose.

Chamber Music Silicon Valley

Grant will support Chamber Music Silicon Valley’s “Opus Now” program, a year-long training program and 12-member ensemble for local San Jose young artists ages 18 to 30 years old. This project is designed to provide professional mentorship and performance opportunities for the millennial generation.

College of Adaptive Arts

Grant will support the annual College of Adaptive Arts’ “Spotlight” program of the school’s professors and staff, many with differing abilities of their own, in a showcase of their artistic talents.

Dancing Sun Foundation

Grant will support a new modern dance production entitled “Ripe” which explores “ripeness” and its qualities, such as maturity or fullness. Choreography will use symbolism derived from dance imagery and inspiration of the work of Fernand Khnopff. Two performances will take place at the Historic Hoover Theatre on September 9, 2017.

East Side Community Arts

Grant will support free summer art camps for youth with classes including video production, history of Latino art, musical theatre, world music, theatre arts, textile crafts, graffiti art, and breakdancing. Camps will take place at Joseph George Middle School and another location in East San Jose.

Exhibition District

Grant will support the “Fund Public Art” program, specifically installation of 1000+ square feet of murals from Summer 2017 through Spring 2018, including free community celebrations of each mural unveiling.

Gilbert & Sullivan Society of San Jose

Grant will support the 2017-18 Mainstage Season consisting of three fully-staged shows to be produced and presented at the Montgomery Theater or San Jose City College Theater: “Oklahoma”; “Patience”; and “A Night in Venice”.

iCAN (International Children's Assistance Network) (with Van-Anh Vo)

Grant will support a workshop series by musician and educator Van-Anh Vo. The project aims to address depression among Vietnamese seniors and to provide a space for them to redefine their value in an artistic environment and beyond the realms of work. The series of 11 weekly workshops and one culmination recital will be held at the Vietnamese-American Cultural Center with an estimated 70-100 participants.

Media Poetry Studio

Grant will support Media Poetry Studio, an educational summer day camp for teenage girls in Silicon Valley. The program teaches young women to work in the cross-disciplinary medium of video poetry, thereby empowering them to excel in the realms of art and technology. Students will learn poetry composition and videography in a supportive, team-oriented and project-based learning environment. Program will take place at the Edwin Markham House in History Park San Jose.

Mexican Heritage Corporation

Grant will support production of the 26th annual San Jose Mariachi & Folklorico Festival, including intensive master classes for more than 120 students and a gala concert for 500 attendees. All workshops and activities will take place at the School of Arts and Culture at Mexican Heritage Plaza during January 13 through 15, 2018.

New Ballet School

Grant will support four elements of the New Ballet School’s OUTREACH program: After School Music and Dance; First Step; Invited Performances; and Continuing Scholarships. These programs provide in-depth dance instruction for over 80 youth from East San Jose, as well as admission to professional dance performances for more than 4,000 youth.

Northern California Chinese Chorus Alliance

Grant will support the world premiere of composer An-lun Huang’s “NuWa Seals the Sky” concert at the California Theater on October 14 and 15, 2017. This production is co-produced with Symphony Silicon Valley and features Symphony Silicon Valley, Chinese choirs from the San Francisco Bay Area, professional Chinese singers, and singers from Opera San Jose.

Northside Theatre Council

Grant will support its five-play season for 2017-18 with a total of 80 performances, free ticket program, and mentorship program for 20 young, aspiring theatre professionals.

Opera Cultura

Grant will support the presentation and West Coast premiere of Hector Armienta's new Mexican-American opera "Bless Me Ultima" at the School of Arts and Culture at Mexican Heritage Plaza during April 20 through 22, 2018. The opera is based on Rudolfo Anaya's epic novel of the same title. Production includes community engagement activities including acting class, forums and writing workshops.

Positive Alternative Recreation Teambuilding Impacting Program (P.A.R.T.I.)

Grant will support a 12-week Stepping class for youth ages eight through 20. Classes will take place at the Portuguese Community Center in San Jose. Participants will perform at local cultural and community events in San Jose and the Bay Area.

Sangam Arts

Grant will support the "Mosaic Silicon Valley: Engagement, Exchange and Expression" program which aims to foster multicultural understanding among the many vibrant cultural groups that make up Silicon Valley. The program includes meetups and workshops at various San Jose locations; pop-up showcases; and a festival and culminating showcase at the School of Arts and Culture at Mexican Heritage Plaza.

San Jose Center for Poetry and Literature (Poetry Center San Jose)

Grant will support poetry and spoken word community engagement projects including the Well-RED Series at WORKS San Jose, Veterans Write, the Willow Glen Library Poetry Series, publication of 2017 Caesura, and workshops at Markham House in History Park San Jose, including Poets@Play writing group.

San Jose Chamber Music Society

Grant will support its 2017-18 season of presenting six chamber music concerts and student matinee concerts targeted to elementary and middle school students. The concerts feature music from the pre-Baroque to 21st Century period, and take place at Le Petit Trianon Theatre.

San Jose Choral Project

Grant will support a performance of internationally renowned vocal ensemble The Kings' Singers in April 2018 at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph. The ensemble will sing with the San Jose Choral Project in a return engagement while on its 50th Anniversary Tour.

San Jose Downtown Foundation

Grant will support the Downtown Doors youth art exhibit/competition in downtown San Jose. The project involves hundreds of middle and high school artists from Santa Clara County to create work specifically meant to fit onto plain single- and double-paneled service doors and utility boxes. The program includes over 100 sites, 24 schools and more than 200 different installations.

San Jose International Piano Competition

Grant will support the 19th Annual San Jose International Piano Competition held from June 8-17, 2018 at Le Petit Trianon Theatre. Participants range in age from six to 32, and in 2018 the competition will attract over 100 contestants from 18 different countries.

San Jose State University Foundation for Center for Literary Arts

Grant will support the Center for Literary Arts' reading series and presentations of major and emerging authors in downtown San Jose and Mt. Pleasant High School. The 2017-18 season is still in development, but confirmed are Pulitzer Prize winner Viet Nguyen and feminist playwright Eve Ensler.

San Jose Youth Shakespeare

Grant will support one Shakespeare production, one Christmas performance, and one original work comprised of scenes from Shakespeare's collected works. Workshops will be offered at HOPE Services for adults with developmental disabilities.

Santa Clara Valley Performing Arts Association (Mission Chamber Orchestra)

Grant will support the presentation of Mission Chamber Orchestra in four orchestral concerts featuring Mission Chamber Orchestra and professional soloists at Le Petit Trianon Theatre and other San Jose venues between September 2017 and June 2018.

South Bay Guitar Society of San Jose

Grant will support five guitar concerts by world class and local artists; four master classes presented by touring artists; four free library lecture/demonstrations by touring and local artists; 11 free Open Mics; and one free "Guitar Story" concert for 5th-12th grade students. Programming takes place at a variety of venues in San Jose.

Teatro Visión de San Jose

Grant will support the production of Rebecca Martinez' play "La Muerte Baila" as the annual Dia de los Muertos program at the School of Arts and Culture at Mexican Heritage Plaza. There will be nine performances during October 12 through 22, 2017. Teatro Visión will partner with local nonprofit and grassroots organizations to host events and activities designed to involve the community with the production and themes of the play.

Winchester Orchestra

Grant will support its 18th season, including four concerts at Lincoln Glen Church in San Jose and the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph. Performances will take place in October and December 2017, and March and May 2018.

Works/San Jose

Grant will support Works/San Jose's Exhibition and Performance Series which combines exhibitions with curatorial and artists' workshops and multiple performance events. Exhibitions will run three to six weeks beginning on the South First Fridays art walks in the SoFA district. Performances are one to three times per month with 20 events scheduled for 2017.