

Dear Grant Applicants:

The Office of Cultural Affairs is seeking input from our grant applicants on revisions to our Cultural Funding Portfolio Grants programs, which are Operating Grants; take pART Grants; and Festival, Parade and Celebration Grants. Changes would take effect for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

You are receiving this survey because your organization has applied for at least one grant from the City of San Jose's Office of Cultural Affairs within the last five years. **SURVEY DEADLINE: Sunday October 9th, 5:00 P.M. PST.**

We began exploring the process of grant program revisions during 2019-2020, but this was interrupted due to the impacts of COVID. We are now taking another look at revisions with input from grantees and guidance from the Arts Commission. Your input matters!

The goals for revisions include:

- 1. More equitable distribution of funds:** Revising evaluation criteria to better align with the goal of the City of San Jose's Office of Racial Equity, which is to **improve outcomes for communities of color**. "Communities of color" includes Indigenous, Native American, Black or African-American, Middle Eastern, Latino/a/x, East Asian, South Asian, Southeast Asian, Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders.
- 2. More funding for small to mid-sized organizations:** Better support for small to mid-sized organizations that may not have the resources that larger organizations have.
- 3. Larger grant amounts:** We are considering limiting the number of Festival, Parade and Celebration grants to one per organization (unless the applicant is a fiscal sponsor/receiver) which could result in larger maximum grant award amounts for the FPC Grant program and take pART Grant program, as funding could be re-distributed.
- 4. Simplified application process and questions:** Reducing multi-part narrative questions with shorter, more specific questions and more "check box" style questions whenever possible.

Thank you for your time and for your role in sustaining the vitality of San Jose's arts community.

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