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Downtown Arts Organizations Receive Cultural Grants

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The Museum of Contemporary receive \$31,250 from the city Department of Cultural Affairs to produce and present 13 public programs. photo by Gary Leonard

DTLA - Everyone who works in the arts knows that money is tight. Now 258 nonprofit arts organizations and festival organizers in the city will have things a little easier, thanks to the latest cultural grants from the city Department of Cultural Affairs.

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The recipients include 45 projects that will be produced or exhibited in Downtown Los Angeles.

Altogether the DCA is awarding more than \$3 million. The Downtown recipients includes MOCA, Grand Performances, Center Theatre Group, SCI-Arc and Inner-City Arts.

Hundreds of organizations and event producers submitted proposals to the DCA. A panel of experts selected the recipients, according to DCA General Manager Danielle Brazell. She said the grants serve as seed money for the organizations.

“All of the grants from the Department of Cultural Affairs require a minimum of a one-to-one match. They have to raise additional private dollars,” Brazell said in an interview. “On average, we see a one-to-six or one-to-seven match on dollars. It’s a kind of major economic generator.”

Grants can be awarded in a variety of fields, including education, exhibitions or performances. Inner-City Arts, for instance, received \$22,500 to produce three series of classes and two public shows. The Arts District’s A+D Museum received \$5,500 that will help offset a pair of free or low-cost cultural forums and discussions.

Another Arts District entity, Cornerstone Theater Company, received \$14,300 to help stage a show. Nearby, Little Tokyo's Japanese American National Museum was awarded \$32,250 for art classes and a pop culture-focused exhibition.

A full list of grant winners is at culturela.org/current-grantees.

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