
PHOENIX OFFICE OF ARTS AND CULTURE
2019-2020 Grant Awards
A+CTION (General Operating Support III)

1 Applicant: **Alwun House Foundation**

Project Title: Alwun House A+CTION 2020

Council District(s): 8

Mission Statement: Showcasing artists of various cultures & disciplines, providing collaborative opportunities to explore & refine their work. Engaging artists and community to enrich the cultural climate and enhance the quality of life.

Grant Award Amount: \$5,000

2 Applicant: **Artlink, Inc.**

Project Title: Artlink A+CTION 2020

Council District(s): 4 7 8

Mission Statement: Artlink’s mission is to keep the arts integral to the development of our city by connecting artists, business, and the community. Artlink cultivates and promotes a diverse ecosystem of stakeholders to amplify the collective strength of Phoenix’s arts and culture community.

Since 1989 Artlink has operated at the intersection of arts and community, promoting downtown Phoenix as a unique arts destination for Phoenicians, Arizona residents, and visitors from out-of-state. Artlink connects artists with the community, facilitates access to vibrant, high-quality arts and cultural activities, and elevates the vital role that the arts play in the development of a thriving city that is culturally inclusive and forward-thinking.

To advance Phoenix’s cultural tourism economy, Artlink works with partners like Phoenix Convention Center, Downtown Phoenix Inc., and Marriott. Artlink is also supporting True North Studio’s call-to-artists for major art commissions for their new Cambria Hotel.

Grant Award Amount: \$5,000

3 Applicant: **CALA Alliance**

Project Title: CALA Alliance A+CTION 2020

Council District(s): 8

Mission Statement: **MISSION STATEMENT**

CALA Alliance (Celebración Artística de las Américas) is a multidisciplinary Latino arts organization based in Phoenix that collaborates with artists and arts organizations to connect Arizona, Mexico, and Latin America. We advance our mission through innovative public programming, artist commissions, international residencies, and cultural exchanges that reimagine Arizona’s place in the Americas.

VISION STATEMENT

CALA envisions a cultural landscape that values the creative and artistic contributions of Latinos and latinoamericanos, and critically engages their stories in Arizona and throughout the Americas.

Grant Award Amount: \$7,000

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Applicant: **Convergence Ballet Company**

Project Title: Convergence Ballet Company A+CTION 2020

Council District(s): 4

Mission Statement: Our mission is to celebrate the union of mind, body, emotion and talent. We inspire through the beauty of movement and music.

Grant Award Amount: \$5,000

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Applicant: **Cultural Coalition**

Project Title: Cultural Coalition A+CTION 2020

Council District(s): 6, 8

Mission Statement: The Cultural Coalition's mission is to provide community engagement through unique cultural programs dedicated to the education, promotion and development of indigenous artists in Arizona.

Our Vision is to celebrate diverse cultures, serve families, provide cultural education and create new traditions.

Our programmatic activities aim to educate, promote and develop Indigenous programs and artists in the Phoenix area, simultaneously preserving, producing, and presenting a culturally significant and rich tradition.

Through art events and multidisciplinary performances, we tell our collective universal stories, our traditional icons are kept alive and relevant to our contemporary culture.

Supporting our local Native and Latino Artists is an imperative goal. Artists are the visionaries and communicators of contemporary issues; it is vital to continue utilizing the arts as a way to reach new audiences beyond commercial exploitation and cultural appropriations.

Grant Award Amount: \$7,000

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Applicant: **Grand Canyon Performing Arts, Inc.**

Project Title: Grand Canyon Performing Arts A+CTION 2020

Council District(s): 7

Mission Statement: We are a voice of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Intergender community – strives to be a premiere performing arts organization that unites, inspires, educates and entertains its members, diverse audiences, and supporting partners.

Grant Award Amount: \$5,000

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Applicant: **iTheatre Collaborative**

Project Title: iTheatre Collaborative A+CTION 2020

Council District(s): 5

Mission Statement: iTheatre Collaborative will produce distinctive theatre that cultivates the visceral, innervating and divergent experiences intrinsic to live performance. Our mission is to bring to the Phoenix community live theatrical plays for the general public that are: affordable, of the highest professional quality, and of a diverse and/or multicultural nature, and to provide classes, workshops and forums on theater and performance for the general public. Through these activities iTheatre Collaborative will promote the idea that for all our uniqueness and individuality, we are, first and foremost, human beings.

Grant Award Amount: \$7,000

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Applicant: **Kids In Focus**

Project Title: Kids in Focus A+CTION 2020

Council District(s): 6, 8

Mission Statement: Kids in Focus is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to giving at-risk kids the chance to see themselves and their world in a new light and equipping them with essential life skills to make the shift from surviving to thriving. Through ongoing mentoring programs, Kids in Focus (KIF) inspires hope in at-risk children starting at age 10.

KIF began in 2012 with an 8-week after-school photography program for 24 kids with 12 volunteer mentors and one community partner. Today, KIF serves more than 250 kids annually through several life-changing programs including after-school, camps, workshops and alumni programs. These programs rely on the support of dedicated volunteer mentors who spend more than 3,700 hours with the kids each year. KIF's community partners have also grown to 9 including Arizona Friends of Foster Care, the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Phoenix, Children First Leadership Academy, Phoenix Children's Hospital, Sequoia Deaf School, and Hope & a Future.

Grant Award Amount: \$7,000

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Applicant: **Musica Nova Orchestra**

Project Title: MusicaNova Orchestra A+CTION 2020

Council District(s): 6

Mission Statement: MusicaNova enriches our community by playing new, neglected and familiar classical music. We engage, enthuse and educate through musical partnerships with diverse communities, artists and students.
As always, we bring you the greatest music you've never heard—yet!

Grant Award Amount: \$6,000

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Applicant: **North Valley Symphony Orchestra**

Project Title: North Valley Symphony Orchestra A+CTION 2020

Council District(s): 2

Mission Statement: The mission of NVSO is to provide skilled and aspiring musicians of all ages the opportunity to learn, rehearse, and perform exceptional orchestral music, fostering music appreciation and engagement among members of the North Valley community
Our vision is to be a vibrant and diverse community that deeply cares for the artistry, learning and performance of exceptional orchestral music.

Grant Award Amount: \$6,000

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Applicant: **Orpheus Male Chorus of Phoenix**

Project Title: Orpheus Male Chorus of Phoenix A+CTION 2020

Council District(s): 6, 8

Mission Statement: The mission of the Orpheus Male Chorus of Phoenix is to present choral music that entertains and adds cultural value to Arizona communities by delivering quality performances and engaging in outreach activities while providing a rewarding experience for members.

Grant Award Amount: \$5,000

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Applicant: **Phoenix Women's Chorus**

Project Title: PWC A+CTION 2020

Council District(s): 4

Mission Statement: Cherishing our Lesbian heritage, Phoenix Women's Chorus (PWC) is a nurturing sisterhood, providing diverse choral programs, empowering all women, embracing inclusivity and educating our communities through the universal language of music.

Our community-based cultural programs are intended to empower women, to educate our communities regarding diversity and to foster the elimination of prejudice and discrimination.

PWC was established in 1993 to give support and a voice to members of the Lesbian community. Through the years, our mission has evolved to include reaching out to women of all cultures and sexual identities, as well as trans individuals.

Grant Award Amount: \$6,000

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Applicant: **Red Rocks Music Festival**

Project Title: Red Rocks Music Festival A+CTION 2020

Council District(s): 6

Mission Statement: The mission of the Red Rocks Music Festival (RRMF) is to educate, engage, and challenge audiences through a collaboration of leading Arizona artists and world acclaimed musicians.

A key part of the festival's mission is music education and outreach to underserved low income populations. The festival offers masterclasses that enable young musicians to learn skills from master musicians and school concerts that open minds and ears to diverse musical styles and instrument sounds.

Grant Award Amount: \$5,000

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Applicant: **Rising Youth Theatre**

Project Title: Rising Youth Theatre A+CTION 2020

Council District(s): 4, 8

Mission Statement: Rising Youth Theatre’s mission is to create youth driven theatre that is riveting and relevant, challenging audiences to hear new stories, start conversations, and participate in their communities.”

Rising Youth Theatre has articulated a series of core values for the company. As we develop programming and artistic work, we use these values as a standard, to keep the company aligned with its mission and goals. These values are as follows:

“We believe:

In the radical potential of youth

In creating art that is embedded in and reflective of our community

That everyone who wants to see or participate in theatre should have access to it

In what is possible when people from different ethnicities, genders, ages, social circumstances, and cultural contexts come together

That youth deserve to see themselves, their values, and their experiences reflected onstage in making great art”

Grant Award Amount: \$7,000

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Applicant: **Roosevelt Row CDC**

Project Title: Roosevelt CDC A+CTION 2020

Council District(s): 8

Mission Statement: Roosevelt Row Community Development Corporation (CDC) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization established to further the unique cultural character and creative assets of the Roosevelt Row Arts District, to advocate for the continuing presence and role of the arts, particularly individual artists, and small businesses in downtown Phoenix, and to foster a dense, diverse and walkable urban community. The organization has been an advocate for the arts, diversity and community culture, and the artists who cultivate arts experiences for more than a decade. With numerous arts venues, murals and public art, hundreds of local businesses who support the arts, and over 100,000 new visitors each year, the Roosevelt Row Arts District is a continuously evolving urban canvas that has become nationally recognized for arts, culture and small, locally-owned businesses. Roosevelt Row CDC works on behalf of the district to create opportunities for artists, current and prospective residents and visitors alike.

Grant Award Amount: \$6,000

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Applicant: **Scorpius Dance Theatre**

Project Title: Scorpius Dance Theatre A+CTION 2020

Council District(s): 4

Mission Statement: Scorpius is dedicated to providing accessible, outstanding, original contemporary dance theatre and aerial arts performances to diverse audiences, gaining recognition for artistic excellence in the community, and providing exceptional educational opportunities.

Grant Award Amount: \$6,000

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Applicant: **SOUNDS Academy**

Project Title: SOUNDS A+CTION 2020

Council District(s): 8

Mission Statement: SOUNDS Academy is a non-profit music education organization that teaches, mentors, and provides musical experiences and opportunities for underserved youth. Students receive individual lessons, group classes, and perform on the violin, viola, cello, guitar, and piano. Instruments are provided to those who cannot afford one. In SOUNDS Academy students learn the character values of creativity, leadership, perseverance, resilience, and teamwork through music education. We teach these values in our Musical Access Program, which connects students to live music and instruments through our Instrument Petting Zoos, our School Programs for lower income schools, and our SOLO Program which provides one-on-one instruction.

Our mission is to teach, mentor, and provide musical experiences and opportunities to underserved youth. The vision is to provide music education opportunities to a wide variety of children while removing any barriers that children may have in receiving quality music education.

Grant Award Amount: \$6,000

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Applicant: **Space 55 Theatre Ensemble**

Project Title: Space 55 Theatre Ensemble A+CTION 2020

Council District(s): 4

Mission Statement: Space 55's mission is to create, cultivate and produce innovative, relevant pieces of theatre through ensemble collaboration that are affordable and accessible to the Phoenix community.

We were founded in 2006 to provide a home for new, alternative, and experimental theatre and performance art in the Valley. We believe that black boxes and open-stages play an essential role in a community. We offer performance and theatre artists at any stage in their creative journey a place to find their voice, practice their skills, or explore new territory. We are a sandbox, a laboratory, a testing ground for new work, emerging talent, and adventurous spirits.

Our stage is open to professionals and amateurs, first timers and seasoned veterans, autodidacts and PhDs. We have found that amazing things happen when you bring such a diverse collection of creative minds together under one roof, on one stage.

Grant Award Amount: \$7,000

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Applicant: **Voices of the Desert**

Project Title: Voices of the Desert A+CTION 2020

Council District(s): 7

Mission Statement: Voices of the Desert Vision Statement – Enhancing community awareness, acceptance and respect through the power of musical performance.

Mission Statement - Voices of the Desert, an unconventional theatrical choir, bridges the gap between diverse communities. We perform inspiring, motivational, energetic, musical events. Our all-inclusive family engages in a variety of community outreach activities.

Grant Award Amount: \$6,000

Applicant: **Young Arts Arizona**

Project Title: Young Arts A+CTION 2020

Council District(s): 4, 6

Mission Statement: Increasing the self-concept, and giving hope, healing, and recovery through art making and public exhibition for children who are ill, dying, disabled, detained, and more.

Young Arts Arizona Ltd. is dedicated to:

- serving challenged children through the arts
- making children’s art accessible to the community through public exhibition.
- empowering children who are ill and at risk to achieve their full potential through artistic expression, art education, and exhibition of their art.
- providing quality art programming, exhibition, advocacy, and accessibility for children and the Arizona community.

Grant Award Amount: \$6,000
