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## Arts, Culture & Library Commission Awards Arts & Culture Grants To Support Local Art

San Leandro, CA – The City of San Leandro’s Arts, Culture & Library Commission has awarded 12 Arts & Culture Grants to support art created by local artists and non-profit organizations, including:

1. The Davis Street Community Center for disability services art programs, and show, \$10,000.
2. The San Leandro Art Association for free art classes for all ages, \$10,000.
3. The San Leandro Improvement Association (SLIA) is responsible for transforming the Bell Planter into a work of art with mosaics, \$10,000.
4. Teen Advocacy Going Strong (TAGS) for a teen and young adult creative reuse project, \$10,000.
5. Constance Chapman for art workshops to motivate all adults to paint what they like and love about living in San Leandro, \$4,963.
6. Eric Shea for a series of paintings inspired by stories from San Leandro cafes & restaurants, \$5,000.
7. Frank Oliver for a “Tricks to Happiness” comedy and magic show and workshop about how to live a happier life, \$5,000.
8. Nancy Brown for a community collage art project, \$3,700.
9. Rose Whitmore for a “Start Your Story” writing workshop and support for finishing her second book, “Tough Enough,” a memoir, \$5,000.
10. Monica Hedman for a 2024 Holiday Belly Dance Showcase featuring 15 belly dancers, \$5,000.
11. Vianney Gavilanes for a series of creative writing workshops for Latinx girls in 6th-8th grades, \$5,000.
12. Kimberly Twardochleb for two film documentaries of San Leandro entrepreneurs, \$5,000.

In 2024, as part of the City of San Leandro Public Art Master Plan, the Arts, Culture & Library Commission renewed the Arts & Culture Grants Program after a 3-year hiatus. This grant program supports efforts to create a more vibrant artistic and cultural environment through projects that engage and enrich the San Leandro community. San Leandro-based nonprofit organizations and individual creators, artists, or culture bearers living in San Leandro are eligible to receive grant funding.

"By empowering local artists and organizations, we spotlight San Leandro's cultural fabric," stated Mayor Juan González. "Our financial support underscores the City's commitment to fostering creativity and inclusivity by celebrating the unique stories and talents that make San Leandro a vibrant place to live."

The Arts, Culture & Library Commission has established the largest grant fund in the history of the Arts & Culture Grant Program, amounting to \$80,000. The Commission also increased the grant limits to \$10,000 for non-profit organizations and \$5,000 for individuals. These changes encouraged community participation with record-setting results, with 26 applicants seeking \$153,843 in grant funding, nearly twice the available amount. The Grants Sub-Committee of the Arts, Culture & Library Commission reviewed all applications and referred their recommendations to the full commission, which unanimously approved them.

All grant-funded programs, workshops, classes, events, and art shows are free to the community. Visit [www.sanleandrolibrary.org](http://www.sanleandrolibrary.org) for information about upcoming Arts & Culture Grant-sponsored events.

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