

CITY OF CHULA VISTA PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS GRANT FY25 RECOMMENDATIONS

Art for Learning

Chula Vista Vet Center will provide weekly arts instruction at the Chula Vista Vet Center, specifically engaging combat veterans ranging from the Korean War era to contemporary service members and will culminate in a public art showcase. This initiative aims to foster social connectedness, emotional resilience, and creative self-expression through structured, hands-on arts education.

Award: \$8,000
Teaching Artists and Art Supplies

Art through the Glass

A dynamic arts initiative that transforms vacant storefronts into immersive gallery spaces, bringing art directly to the community. This project not only provides a platform for local and emerging artists to showcase their work but also revitalizes underutilized commercial spaces, turning them into vibrant cultural hubs.

Award: \$8,000
Artist Fees and Art Supplies

Bayanihan: For Life, For Blood

An original jukebox musical dance performance at Maraya Performing Arts Studio Theatre in Eastlake that explores the coming of age, triumphs and resilience of a first-generation Filipina-American artist seeking the American dream. Includes a collaboration with San Diego Blood Bank to continue their vital work for the region's blood supply.

Award: \$8,000
Artist Fees and Production Supplies

Chula Vista Comic Arts Workshops

Public workshops designed to teach participants the fundamentals of comic book storytelling, illustration, and visual narrative. Led by professional comic artist and educator Charles Glaubitz, the workshop will guide participants through the process of creating a short comic or graphic novel excerpt, culminating in a printed anthology or digital publication for the Chula Vista Library.

Award: \$8,000
Artist Instructor Fee

CV Slam Fest

Poets Underground will develop a community-centered poetry slam competition event designed to showcase spoken word as a powerful theatrical art form and will include a year-long campaign to locate spoken word artists across social media, poetry spaces, libraries, and community centers, encouraging them to participate.

Award: \$8,000
Artist Fees and Event Production

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Dreams Beyond Tomorrow

A photographic exhibition project celebrating women with metastatic breast cancer in Chula Vista and featuring dreamlike portraits with surreal backgrounds, incorporating families and each woman's unique aspirations. The project aims to raise awareness about this incurable disease and inspire hope.

Award: \$8,000
Photo Shoot Production

Page on the Stage

OnStage Playhouse will produce its Page on the Stage program, which develops new works by local playwrights and will culminate in a free event where their new plays are read by professional actors on OSP's theatre. Includes collaborative workshops for the productions to foster inclusive storytelling and community engagement.

Award: \$8,000
Actors and Production

Painting Life Mural

A community-invigorating mural on Broadway by artist Nolan Lee that will not only beautify the area but also energize the surrounding neighborhood with an inspiring artwork, art workshops for children, and educational opportunities for all. The mural will be a dynamic representation of the community, communicating hope, life, and vitality through vibrant, realistic portraiture.

Award: \$8,000
Artist Fee and Supplies

Unfurled: Stories and Flags of Chula Vista

This project will create an accessible, intergenerational space for community expression in Chula Vista through flag-making workshops where participants will be given prompts to write poetry and paint flags based upon their lived experience in Chula Vista. The flags and mixed media backdrop will form a temporary multimedia installation at Memorial Park, serving as a backdrop for an event where the community is invited to share their poetry and personal stories about Chula Vista.

Award: \$8,000
Artist Instruction Fees and Art Supplies