Requested Grant Amounts for Main Category 2: General Arts and Culture Organization													
Name of Organization	Subcategory	Use of Grant Funds	Amount Requested	Andrea	James Bailey	Evy (RECUSED)	David	Jesse Petrick	Teressa	Jeff Prather	Average Score	%	Award Recommendation
E&M	Special programs and projects	E & M Presents will bring 2 matinee shows of a puppet play, "Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch," on Saturday, October 5, to the Yountville Community Center. Based on the 2012 children's book by author Eileen Spinelli, and performed by the Vancouver, BC - based Axis Theatre, the shows are specific to children ages 3 years and up. On Sunday, January 12, E & M Presents will bring two matinee shows of "Somos Amigos: Songs on Common Ground," featuring Mexican songstress Sonia de Los Santos with the Americana folk duo, the Okee Dokee Brothers. This show is geard to families of all ages and will take place at the Napa Valley College Performing Arts Center. This trio will be a different menu of songs - in English and Spanish - with the addition of Ms. Santos.	\$7,500	73	80	N/A	79	78	80	73	77.17	96.46%	\$7,500
Napa Valley Unified Educational Foundation	Special programs and projects	The Music Connection's Música Napa County will expand music equity across Napa County by providing youth music education and exploration through a Mariachi music strand. The project will provide cultural representation for Mexican American youth interested in music, as mariachi music has grown from an oral folk tradition in Mexico. As with all Music Connection programs, the project will provide free/low-cost access to quality musical instruments and free music education opportunities for young musicians in Napa County.	\$27,500	75	80	N/A	79	71	80	68	75.50	94.38%	\$27,500
Bel Canto	Special programs and projects	The Bel Canto Scholarship is a scholarship/internship open to a Napa County high school senior, who is interested in pursuing a music education. While we emphasize students of voice, students of piano accompaniment, choral conducting and choral composition are also encouraged to apply. The students selected for this program will have the option of participating as integral parts of the ensemble for a semester and performing with us at our concert series thus taking advantage of mentoring opportunities that we can provide; however, this will not be a condition of their award. Our awardees will receive a \$1,500 cash award, two-thirds of which will come from the grant and an additional third from the Bel Canto Scholarship fund. Four awards will be made. The Concert Musician Offset program is intended to help Bel Canto offset the cost of professional instrumental musicians who accompany both concert series each year.	\$7,500	76	RECUSED	N/A	76	73	75	77	75.40	94.25%	\$7,500
Nimbus	Capital Improvement	Nimbus Arts has been using the same scheduling software for promotion and registration of our classes, camps, workshops and events for more than 10 years, and its limitations and costs are becoming more and more evident as technology changes and our program offerings, locations, and participation grow (class and workshop attendance is up >30% in the last year alone). Staff time is spent de-bugging system issues and manually transferring data from one system to another, and our patrons are frustrated by program freezes and glitches. In this project we will convert the Nimbus Arts' registration system and email communication systems in order to create a better registration experience for our customers, improve our ability to communicate with all types of constituents, improve system integration between our internal database systems, and reduce staff time spent on repetitive and manual tasks.	\$18,556	68	80	N/A	80	68	80	72	74.67	93.33%	\$18,556
American Canyon Arts Foundation	Special programs and projects	We will use the County's grant funds to produce or support a number of multi-cultural or musical events in American Canyon. This will include our popular Juneteenth Celebration, Filipino cultural programs, Latin Celebration, the Holl Festival, and an Irish cultural event. In most cases, we will partner with local groups to ensure authenticity. We are also requesting funds for a new programPark Fest. This would be a new music event in American Canyon, free to the public.	\$7,500	80	78	N/A	79	70	80	60	74.50	93.13%	\$7,500
Lunchtime productions	Capacity Building	This project will focus on developing a strategic plan to support the sustainability of our organization, and overarching goals as a focal point with the governing board, executive leadership, and volunteers. Due to the restructuring of our program leadership this grant award would enable us to hire Center for Volunteer & Nonprofit Leadership (CVNL) Tom Hayashi, Chief Capacity Building Officer, to consult and support Cafeteria Kids Theatre's strategic planning process.	\$7,950	73	80	N/A	78	57	77	67	72.00	90.00%	\$7,950
Napa Valley Art Association	Special programs and projects	AANV seeks County grant funds to offer scholarships to art classes for children referred through the Children's Museum of Napa Valley and for developmentally disabled adults referred through Napa Valley Support Services (Brown Street Gallery). The grant would pay for the instructors, the facilities and the materials all included in the class tuition costs. The project will be managed by AANV, with input from the Program Director for Napa Valley Support Services and the President of the Children's Museum of Napa Valley. No administrative costs are included in the grant request, only direct services to the target audiences.	\$17,260	59	75	N/A	76	71	80	71	72.00	90.00%	\$17,260
Nimbus	Leadership & Professiona Development	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) training has become standard across all business segments. As a community-serving organization, Nimbus Arts recognizes that commitment to and activation of strong DEI policies is both important and appropriate. The professional development funds will be deployed for a comprehensive training program for Nimbus Arts managers and will guide development of sound policies that will then be introduced and activated organization-wide.	\$2,500	35	50	N/A	50	50	40	44	44.83	89.67%	\$2,500

Friends of the Cameo	Special programs and projects	The Napa Valley Fork2Film Festival, which will take place March 13 – 16, 2025, is a celebration of the finest culinary, wine and agriculture films from around the world. During the Festival, attendees will enjoy more than a dozen film screenings, food and wine experiences, opportunities to interact with filmmakers and more. The Fork2Film Festival brings devotees of fine films, epicurean excellence, vinous virtuosity, and Earth-friendly farming from all points on the globe to Napa Valley in March, traditionally an off-peak time for tourism.	\$17,500	73	67	N/A	72	73	67	74	71.00	88.75%	\$17,500
Calistoga Theater Company	Special programs and projects	Award-winning San Francisco playwright Susan Jackson has written a play for our company titled "Hold Out Hope". We are seeking funding to premiere this work in our winter season of 2025. A grant from ACAC will enable us to bring a world-class premiere to Napa's residents.	\$7,500	72	65	N/A	75	78	80	52	70.33	87.92%	\$7,500
Napa Valley Youth Symphony	Special programs and projects	The proposed grant will significantly amplify the impact of the Napa Valley Youth Symphony by expanding our programming and outreach efforts. With this funding, we aim to continue to remove access barriers through group and individualized coaching with our professional music instructor. We plan to broaden our community outreach with smaller performances in the community, collaboration with our local music education programs, and live-performance opportunities for a wider audience. Additionally, this grant will enhance our existing programs, including our successful peer-mentoring initiative, which cultivates leadership skills among our musicians. Overall, this grant will empower us to continue providing high-quality musical experiences to young musicians in the Napa Valley and beyond, enriching lives and nurturing a lifelong love of music.	\$17,500	73	53	N/A	74	78	70	72	70.00	87.50%	0
St Helena Community Band	Special programs and projects	The Saint Helena Community Band is continuing a (100-year old) Napa Valley tradition revived by Francis Ford Coppola in 2007. We enjoy sharing our talents throughout the Napa Valley and beyond. The band performs several concerts throughout the year; both indoors and outdoors. Each concert brings in an audience of between 100-300 attendees	\$7,500	74	60	N/A	46	72	71	59	63.67	79.58%	0
Valley Players	Special programs and projects	Season 2024: We open with SMALL MOUTHS SOUNDS by Bes Wohl in April 2024 and in the October, RIPCORD by David Lindsay-Abaire. Both productions will be held at the Yountville Community Center Our Summer Stage Readings: we'll be bringing you seven evenings of entertainment with readings of brand-new original works. They will be held Friday nights from May 31st - August 23rd. In addition, in October and November, our popular adult acting classes return to the Yountville Community Center. Giving a chance for novices to explore and experienced pros to hone their skills, these 6-week sessions are led by experienced thespians June Alane Reif and Richard Pallaziol, who between them have 80 years of theatrical experience and have worked on over 500 shows. It's going to be a busy year and we are looking forward to bringing you these exciting offerings.	\$3,500	60	33	N/A	72	72	62	48	57.83	72.29%	0
Calistoga Art Center, Inc	Capital Improvement	two requests: 1) replace CAC office laptop and build ergonomic workstations for Program director/office manager 2) replace broken water heater	\$11,120	64	59	N/A	56	62	69	36	57.67	72.08%	0
Calistoga Art Center, Inc	Special programs and projects	transforming tiles created by community members to a permanent public display art.	\$6,380	33	55	N/A	66	69	30	56	51.50	64.38%	0
Napa Valley Youth Symphony	Leadership & Professional Development	Our Executive Director and team at the Napa Valley Youth Symphony (NVYS) will leverage past grant-funded opportunities as we partner with experts in Human Resources, Development, Program Design/Evaluation and Leadership. These partnerships will provide personalized training, access to specialized consultants, and streamlined operational platforms. By learning from these respected entities, NVYS aims to implement best practices that will enhance its organizational sustainability and operational effectiveness. This commitment to learning from specialized experts demonstrates the strength and quality of NVYS' professional development activities.	\$2,500	35	0	N/A	50	50	9	43	31.17	62.33%	0
Calistoga Art Center, Inc	Leadership & Professional Development	Our board has increased in size from five to 11 over the past years. Though this growth brings new talent, we need to focus our direction and Tech Soup on line offerings have proven effective for individual as well as group learning.	\$2,500	12	30	N/A	40	40	10	25	26.17	52.33%	0
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