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City of Chico Announces 2026–2027 Arts and Culture Grant Recipients

The **City of Chico** and the **City of Chico Arts Commission** are proud to announce the recipients of the **2026–2027 Arts and Culture Grants**. This annual grant program is funded through an allocation of **1% of the City’s Transient Occupancy Tax (Hotel/Motel Tax)**, dedicated to supporting local non-profit arts and cultural organizations.

This year, the City received **20 applications** for funding. Due to limited resources, not all applicants received funding, but a total of **\$50,000.00** was awarded to 12 outstanding projects that enrich Chico’s vibrant arts and culture community.

The awarded organizations and projects are:

- **Boys & Girls Club** – \$5,000.00 for the “**Triple Threats Performing Arts Program**”
- **Chico Creative Reuse** – \$2,850.00 for the “**Chico Creative Reuse Resident Artists**” project
- **Chico State Enterprises** – \$3,000.00 for “**Personal to Political: Celebrating the African American Artists of Paulson Fontaine Press and A Century of Ateller 17**”
- **Chico Theater Company** – \$5,000.00 for the “**New Sound System**”
- **Downtown Chico Business Association** – \$5,000.00 for “**ARTober FEST**”
- **Drink & Draw Chico** – \$5,000.00 for “**Drink & Draw Events**”
- **Explore Butte County** – \$2,000.00 for “**Butte365 Chico Arts & Entertainment Expansion Initiative**”
- **KZFR Community Radio** – \$4,000.00 for “**Concert Series**”
- **Legacy Theatre Group (Legacy Stage)** – \$5,000.00 for “**Fringe Festival**”
- **Mi Escuelita Maya Preschool** – \$3,150.00 for “**Mural Restoration**”
- **Pedal Press** – \$5,000.00 for the “**Day of the Dead Festival**”
- **Sound Source AV** – \$5,000.00 for “**Chico Mobile Arts Platform**”

For more information about the City of Chico Arts and Culture Grants, please visit <https://chicoca.gov/Your-Government/Commissions/Arts-Commission/>