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San Benito County
Final Report: Grant Allocation 2019-2020

Accomplishments

We were able to accomplish the following with the support of the San Benito County Grant Allocation for FY 2019-2020 :

1. Provide year-round arts learning to over 300 students through our After School Visual & Performing Arts Program, where 30-50% of students in each class received a free tuition scholarship; serve 30 students with special needs through our Life Skills Art Program; engage 20 students from Calaveras and RO Hardin Schools in our free After School Mariachi Program; and expand our 2019-2020 Dreams Project at the County Juvenile Hall, San Andreas School and Pinnacles School.
2. Foster the creative abilities and potential of local, rural youth through culturally responsive arts learning
3. Increase arts accessibility through free arts programs and art tuition scholarships
4. Strengthen partnerships between teaching artists, arts organizations and youth-based nonprofits
5. Create economic and professional development opportunities for teaching artists
6. Contribute positively to the quality of life for residents in San Benito County

Challenges

Our biggest challenges this year were the signing into law of AB5 and COVID. With the signing into law of AB5 in January 2020, our board made the decision to formally hire 9 teaching artists as regular W2 employees, who had previously been contracted as independent contractors. Initially, this put both logistical and financial constraints on our program structure, however it did allow us to provide more organizational support to a core group of teaching artists, who meet regularly for staff meetings, coordinate programs, share curriculum and best practices and so forth. Importantly, we were able to support these teaching artists through COVID and quickly pivot to providing online and virtual programs.

The other major challenge was the closure of our programs and facilities due to COVID19 on March 13, 2020. All of our afterschool programs came to a quick stop, but we were able to resume most programs virtually within a fairly quick timeframe. For instance, by mid-April we had resumed virtual art classes with Juvenile Hall, providing 4 classes per week with 2 different teaching artists. While there were some technological challenges, the virtual classes proved very successful and engaging for the students who had no other access to outside programs from March 13- June 15, 2020. According to Jonell Casada at Juvenile Hall, our art program was the ONLY outside service being brought to the students at Juvenile Hall during the shelter in place. Since June 15th, we have continued to provide online and in-person art classes at Juvenile Hall twice per week.

We appreciate the County's support of these programs and look forward toward our continued partnership. Thank you!

Final Budget

REVENUE	Actual FY 19-20	County Allocation FY 19-20	Notes
California Arts Council	\$35,000.00		
Monterey Peninsula Foundation	\$3,000.00		
Packard Foundation	\$3,000.00		
San Benito County	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$45,000.00	\$4,000.00	
EXPENSE			
After School Art Program	\$11,580.00	\$1,000.00	County funds applied to scholarships
Life Skills Program	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	County funds applied to art supplies
Mariachi Program	\$5,365.00	\$500.00	County funds applied to instruments
Dreams Project	\$20,150.00	\$500.00	County funds applied to teaching artist fees
Administration & Operations	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00	County funds applied to program coordination
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$45,095.00	\$4,000.00	