

L.A. COUNTY ARTS DEPARTMENT GRANTS



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Long Beach's Musical Theatre West received \$40,800 from the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture's Organizational Grant Program.

Long Beach, South Bay nonprofits get over \$50K

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South Bay and Long Beach nonprofits combined to receive more than half a million dollars in arts grants from the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture.

That county department recently announced its 2021-22 recipients for its Organizational Grant Program for nonprofit arts organizations. Overall, the program allocated \$4.5 million in two-year grants to 231 nonprofits countywide. The nonprofits vary in size and mission. Some provide arts education and others put on plays. Dance troupes and museums received money, as did music associations.

South Bay and Long Beach nonprofits received \$511,000 total. The Los Angeles Clarinet Choir, in Redondo Beach, received the smallest amount, \$1,500, and Long Beach's Musical Theatre West received the most — \$40,800.

The Clarinet Choir will spend its money, according to the Organizational Grant Program list, on continued funding for co-artistic directors,

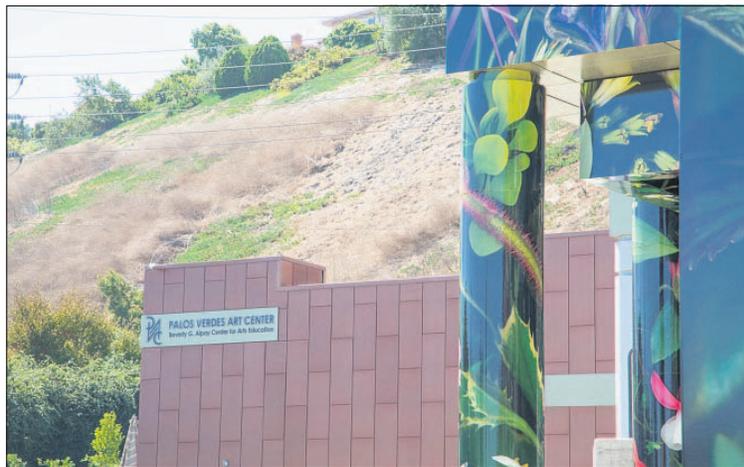


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Palos Verdes Art Center is just one of the South Bay nonprofits that received an arts grants from the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture.

venue rental costs and commissioning new work. Musical Theatre West will spend its money on a new ticketing system and two new positions, a box-office assistant manager and a marketing director.

Long Beach had six fewer nonprofits represented on the list of grant recipients than the South Bay — 17 for the latter and 11 for the former. But the \$261,000 the county awarded to

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Long Beach nonprofits was \$12,200 more than the South Bay groups combined.

And five Long Beach nonprofits received at least \$30,000, compared with one in the South Bay. Besides Musical Theatre West, the Long Beach Symphony Association received \$31,700, Long Beach Opera got \$36,000, Public Corp. for the Arts for the City of Long Beach received \$36,500 and Long Beach Museum of Art Foundation was given \$40,700.

The Palos Verdes Art Center, in Rancho Palos Verdes, received \$37,700. The next highest grant was \$29,500, which the county



PALOS VERDES ART CENTER

Annie Appel's photography "Mexico Journeys — Carmelita" is one piece on exhibit this weekend at the reopening of the Palos Verdes Art Center.

awarded to American Youth Symphony in El Segundo.

The 15 other South Bay nonprofits to receive money are:

- Afro-American Chamber Music Society Orchestra, in Inglewood, \$4,400
- Arts District/San Pedro Waterfront, \$8,500

- Artlab21 Foundation, in El Segundo, \$19,600
- Beach Cities Symphony Association, in Torrance, \$9,300
- Culture Shock Los Angeles Dance Troupe, in San Pedro, \$15,400
- Fantasia Family Music, in Redondo Beach, \$13,100
- Guitars Antiqua Music Program, in Torrance, \$3,300
- Kenneth Walker Dance Project, in Lomita, \$3,200
- Kings and Clowns, Inc., in Hawthorne, \$15,800
- Matsutoyo Kai, in Gardena, \$9,200
- Peninsula Symphony Association, on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, \$13,100
- Puttin' On Productions Corp., in Manhattan Beach, \$18,600
- San Pedro City Ballet, \$14,900
- Shakespeare by the Sea, in San Pedro, \$20,600
- SoLA Contemporary, in Rancho Palos Verdes, \$11,700

The six other Long Beach nonprofits to which the county awarded money are:

- Act Out Theatre Company, \$8,100
 - Kontrapunktus Neo-Baroque Chamber Orchestra, \$8,400
 - Long Beach Chorale and Chamber Orchestra, \$13,000
 - Long Beach Community Players, \$20,900
 - Pony Box Dance Theatre, \$14,100
 - Southern California Brass Consortium, \$11,400
- A group of 75 experts, curators and educators evaluated the nonprofits' applications and recommended to the county Arts Commission

which ones should get money. The commission reviewed those recommendations, and the Board of Supervisors ultimately approved the grants.

The Organizational Grant Program has helped strengthen art organizations in the county since the 1940s, Board of Supervisors Chair Hilda Solis said in a news release.

"Today, this program is critical to helping the local arts ecosystem thrive," Solis said, "through the inclusion of arts organizations that exemplify culture, traditions and artistic creativity that celebrate the diversity of this county."

A complete list of OGP recipients is at lacountyarts.org/funding/organizational-grant-program/about-ogp/grantees.