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City of Chico Announces 2025–2026 Arts and Culture Grant Recipients

The **City of Chico** and the **City of Chico Arts Commission** are proud to announce the recipients of the **2025–2026 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 not-for-profit arts and cultural organizations.

This year, the City received **19 applications** for funding. Due to limited resources, not all applicants received their full requested amounts, but a total of **\$38,442.00** was awarded to 16 outstanding projects that enrich Chico’s vibrant arts and culture community.

The awarded organizations and projects are:

- **1078 Gallery** – \$1,059.00 for the “**2nd Annual Northern California Mock Cat Show**”
- **Chico Art Center** – \$2,646.00 for the “**Artist Cafe**” project
- **Chico State Enterprises** – \$1,072.00 for “**Nexo Entre Raíces (Nexus Between Roots) Exhibition & Visiting Artist Talk**”
- **Chico Theater Company** – \$2,646.00 for the “**Roof Replacement**”
- **Downtown Chico Business Association** – \$2,646.00 for “**ARTober FEST: Celebrating Art, Culture, and Community in Downtown Chico**”
- **Friends of the Chico Community Ballet** – \$2,646.00 for “**A Very Chico Nutcracker 2025**”
- **Inspire School of Arts & Sciences** – \$2,646.00 for “**Big Fish Design Mentorship**”
- **KZFR Community Radio** – \$2,646.00 for “**Chico Speaks**”
- **Legacy Theatre Group (Legacy Stage)** – \$2,646.00 for “**Shakespeare in the Park 2026**”
- **Little Red Hen** – \$2,646.00 for “**The Business of Being an Artist**”
- **Maker Radio** – \$2,646.00 for “**Makers Muse 2025**”
- **Movement Arts of Chico** – \$2,540.00 for “**Capoeira Arts Therapy**”
- **Museum of Northern California Art (MONCA)** – \$2,370.00 for “**Foyer Sound Panels**”
- **Pedal Press Youth Shop** – \$2,295.00 for the “**Pedal Press Youth Shop**”
- **Stonewall Alliance** – \$2,646.00 for “**To Be Seen: Uplifting LGBTQIA2S+ Art & Honoring Trans Lives Lost**”
- **Upstate Community Enhancement Foundation** – \$2,646.00 for “**Chico Fab Lab Fundamentals Community Workshop**”

The City of Chico thanks the **North Valley Community Foundation** for their ongoing partnership in managing the grant application and award process.

For more information about the City of Chico Arts and Culture Grants, please visit the North Valley Community Foundation website.