

**City of Peoria, AZ
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ORGANIZATION	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	DETAIL	AWARDED
Childsplay	Imagine Together Online	Childsplay offers online children's theatre classes in response to COVID-19. Childsplay's award-winning EYE Play curriculum platform that supports literacy and social-emotional skill development in early learners. Embedded in the story time reading are vocabulary development and literacy best practices in both English and Spanish.	\$5,000.00
TheaterWorks	PuppetWorks	TheaterWorks provides engaging puppet shows for children. This year TW will be partnering with Peoria libraries to parallel the literary connection between the book and the show and encourage students to read. New custom puppets and set that match the illustrations in the book will be created.	\$5,000.00
Iron Key Studio Inc.	PCPA Stained Glass Windows Art Install	Iron Key Studios and TheaterWorks are seeking funding for a visual art project at the Peoria Center for the Performing Arts (PCPA). In an effort to incorporate more visual art into the area around the PCPA and provide an element of creative placemaking, Iron Key Studios would work alongside TheaterWorks to create temporary stained-glass window installations for the windows along the outside of the theater.	\$5,000.00
WHAM Art Association	Community Art Project - Peoria ES	WHAM has been asked to partner with Peoria Elementary School, a Title 1 school, to bring an art project to them for fall 2020. The project will be for all 640 students to participate in the activity by painting on a river rock an image of a fish with their name on it. The rocks will be placed in the inner courtyard of the school grounds in a winding pattern like a river. The school has K through 8thgrade enrolled. There will be a sign near the rocks saying "Even though we are different we all swim in the same pond." This tag line will be a positive statement to all kids about their diversity in the community.	\$4,620.00
Free Arts For Abused Children of Arizona	Creative and Trauma-informed Arts Programs	Free Arts is requesting funds to produce several programs for abused and homeless children in Peoria. In the Weekly Mentor Program volunteer mentors build trusting relationships with small groups of children by leading them in intentional art making.. In the Camp Series, mentors and professional teaching artists support children as they bravely explore their stories through a variety of art forms, then share their skills and stories with the public. In the Free Arts Days program, children connect with their community by participating in meaningful one-day creative events with our community arts and culture partners.	\$2,500.00

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Ballet Arizona	DanceAZ	The DanceAZ Program will be offered to underserved 3rd - 5th grade students throughout the Phoenix metro area, DanceAZ is a free 12-week afterschool dance residency program. During bi-weekly 60-minute classes, youth will learn and practice self-awareness skills, relationship skills, and self-management skills through the practice of basic ballet technique, choreography, and performance. The program culminates in a free showcase for friends and family at the end of the second session, which includes a demonstration from the students and a performance by members of Ballet Arizona's professional dancers and studio company members. Additionally, participants will receive a voucher for four tickets to an upcoming Ballet Arizona production, so that students may experience a fully staged professional dance performance in a theater.	\$5,000.00
HeARTsy	Art Videos and Kits	HeARTsy will offer fine art classes to both underserved and at risk populations at the Peoria community center. The participants in our classes will become empowered, engaged and enlightened on multiple mediums of art while also building lifelong meaningful friendships in their community, especially meaningful due to COVID-19 social distancing.	\$5,000.00
Phoenix Symphony Association	Classroom Concert Series	Phoenix Symphony would partner with Aurora Day School, a Peoria school serving students who are challenged mentally, emotionally, physically, or academically, to present an educational "Classroom Concert Series" program. This funding will allow for two in-school Classroom Concert Series concert experiences at Aurora Day School during the 2020/21 academic year.	\$4,000.00
WHAM Art Association	Clay Masks - Peoria Accelerated HS	The intent is for 60 students to create a lasting example of their arts learning experience. Through this project, students learn hard-skills and techniques for working with clay; primarily this will be new skill acquisition as PAHS does not have a kiln. Firing will be done by the artist at WHAM. Participants will be students in art class and members of the school's Art Club, instructed by Margaret Lieu, art teacher, with WHAM Art Association's founder as Guest Artist.	\$4,795.00
Mind and Body Kids Early Childhood Education Center	Preschool Picasso	This year for the Pre-Kindergarten classes, a new fine arts program, called Preschool Picasso, will be introduced. This program will be a ten-month study of the works of "The Great Master Artists". Artists from Picasso and Pollack to Monet and Van Gogh who began their careers by studying works of other artists, yet each developing a signature style that is absolutely recognizable. This program will expose children to many different styles and techniques of drawing and painting. Preschool Picasso will increase their creativity by multiplying the tools in their creative toolbox.	\$4,168.00
Phoenix Conservatory of Music	After School Program, scholarships	The Phoenix Conservatory of Music's mission is to unleash the power of music by providing high quality music education and experiences to students and families that is affordable and accessible. We fulfill our mission by providing community education programs and classes, after school programs for at risk populations, private music lessons, ensembles and a unique college preparatory program in affiliation with the Berklee City Music Network.	\$5,000.00

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TheaterWorks	Interactive Theatre	This will fund a new, immersive theater performance called "Curiouser and Curiouser". In response to the challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic, Theater Works has developed a new performance experience, designed to keep audience members and actors safe while still allowing patrons to experience the wonders of live theater. Curiouser and Curiouser will take audience members down the rabbit hole and through the magic of Wonderland as small groups of patrons walk through a building-wide immersive performance art piece. Audience members will experience the performance in small groups of ten patrons at spaced intervals.	\$5,000.00
Arizona Opera	OperaTunity Program	The Brewster OperaTunity program offers three distinct performances geared towards different grade levels: For grades K-5 the Brewster OperaTunity troupe presents a mini version of a full opera, allowing students the opportunity to see the principles learned prior to the performance applied as they watch an opera condensed into a 35-minute adaptation. For grades 4-8, "Opera 101" guides students through the basics of opera and narrative. Students experience live performances of the greatest arias, sung in original languages, within the context of an engaging and educational performance. For grades 7 – 12, "Opera 101 – A Crash Course" will offer students an introduction to the history of the art form, how to attend an opera, and what different components make up a performance. Like the original "Opera 101," this offering is complemented by live performances of well-known and familiar arias sung in their original languages.	\$5,000.00
ProMusica Arizona Chorale & Orchestra	Women in Song	The grant will bring musical performances to senior living and memory care facilities in the City of Peoria as well as the Peoria Community Center.	\$4,910.00
Act One	Spring School Field Trips	Act One dramatically improves the odds that students in Title 1 schools receive the benefit of an arts-related experience that should be part of a child's comprehensive education. Working with our arts partners, adaptations are being made to the current field trip program to bring the arts into the classroom. The Classroom Access to the Arts Program is an adaptation of Act One's Field Trip Program.	\$3,000.00
Arizona Broadway Theatre	Academy for Young Performers	AYP provides West Valley children, ages 7 - 18, the opportunity to explore the performing arts at three summer camps offered in one, two, and three-week sessions in June and July. On average, about 200 students participate each summer. The program is designed for students with a budding interest in theatre. AYP has two tracks - the Performance Camp where children prepare to perform in a summer production, and the Teen Camp where older students write and create a show. All camps, regardless of the track, are action-filled and receive professional instruction for acting, music, and movement. Participants audition for parts, rehearse, and take part in a stage performance on the ABT Mainstage. The goal of AYP is to inspire an appreciation for the performing arts and develop youth performance skills while encouraging personal development.	\$5,000.00

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Arizona Broadway Theatre	Theatre for Young Audiences (TYA)	Arizona Broadway Theatre's stated mission is "to enrich lives through the power of the performing arts." The TYA at Arizona Broadway Theatre is aimed at enriching the lives of youth through performing arts exposure and education. ABT hopes to partner with the City of Peoria and the Peoria Arts Commission to present the relaunch of the TYA program as a child-friendly introduction to the performing arts and to the impact the arts can have on individuals and on the community.	\$5,000.00
Arizona Broadway Theatre	HyRev Youth Performance Troupe	Established in 2018, the HyRev program inspires young people aged 13-19 to develop specific theater skills while fostering interpersonal communication skills and strengthening the ability to work in a team environment. The HyRev program enriches the lives of West Valley and Valley Youth and broadens students' ability to work in a collaborative fashion to solve for setbacks and address obstacles. The program encourages civic engagement skills by encouraging working with others to accomplish a team goal.	\$5,000.00
Lora's Academy of Dance, LLC	Everybody Dance Now	The Everybody Dance Now Program will help reach a larger community through dance and encourage individuals with disabilities to improve social skills, creativity, physical activity and introduce them to the arts in a fun way. Dance abilities would foster a safe and inclusive environment along with encouraging other students to get involved and volunteer with students who may be differently-abled than them. The goal is to enrich the lives of children through the exploration of movement and dance concepts in a safe and structured environment.	\$5,000.00
Street Market LLC	Virtual 2nd Saturdays - Jul, Aug, Sep	This will fund a continuation of this organization's participation in Virtual 2nd Saturdays on the Peoria's 2nd Saturdays Facebook page. Local small businesses, artists, musicians, and chefs will film a short showcase of their business for us to air a live format on the second Saturday of each month. There will be no fee for businesses to participate in this event.	\$2,500.00
Lora's Academy of Dance, LLC	Virtual Dance Recital	With the complete shut down of its dance community and not currently able to hold large gatherings, L.A. Dance has had to create a new and unique way to allow the dancers and community to be part of its end of the season performance. Serving a large amount of the youth and families in the Peoria community, Lora's Academy of Dance, LLC. works to fulfill its mission by providing dance education for the youth community of the city of Peoria and surrounding cities. Its end of the season performance allows it to bring the community together to share the beauty and art of dance.	\$2,000.00
Klos Enterprises, LLC	Sunday Brunch Series	Sunday brunch would be once a month from 10:30am to 12:30pm in the Encore Room at Arizona Broadway Theatre. There will be two entertainment segments each 30 minutes long with a 20-minute break in between beginning at 11:20am. Projected attendance for each brunch would be 60-80 people.	\$2,500.00

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Musician First Music LLC	Family Folk Dance Night	Musician First Music will rent the Calderwood Room at the Peoria Community Center for an evening to host a night of dance lessons appropriate for all ages. The folk dances will be freeform, circle dances, line dances, etc.; from countries including (but not limited to) Greece, Lebanon, Australia, and the Americas. There will be two dance teachers that will be teaching at least two styles each. There will be a DJ/MC to handle the music, lighting, and to keep the night on schedule. There will also be time in between dance sessions for everyone to buy snacks, visit food trucks, look at vendor tables, buy raffle tickets, etc.	\$1,500.00
Klos Enterprises, LLC	Classic Musical Movie Series	The Classic Musical Movie Series at Arizona Broadway Theatre will give mature local residents a chance for a trip down memory lane while the younger generation will learn how it was done in the old days. The addition of a speaker will provide an educational component hopefully stimulating attendees to become more interested in performance-based artistry in Peoria.	\$2,500.00
Street Market LLC	Pineapple Triangle and Front Porch Pickins	Artists and pickers would be able to participate at no charge, allowing them to make money through digital sales, drive traffic to their brand platforms, and expand their reach. For Pineapple Triangle, we partner with a local nonprofit who receives 20% of the vendor product sales. We would elect a Peoria based charity to be the recipient of these funds, further expanding the event's local impact.	\$1,000.00
Street Market LLC	Website - Peoria Based artisans/businesses	PrioritizePeoria.Com will be similar to a digital yellow pages, and feature ONLY Peoria based businesses. There is a lack of centralized listings of Peoria based businesses and services for the arts. For example, even the Peoria Chamber of Commerce access businesses from any city as long as they pay the membership fee. We would develop the site to list all business types that we can source that are either owned by Peoria residents or located within the City of Peoria.	\$1,000.00
Marilyn's Academy of Dance	Dance Recital/Toy Drive Christmas Show	Marilyn's Academy of Dance will undertake a three-day rental of Cactus High School Auditorium for a dance recital and Christmas show and toy drive, open to PUSD families and the public.	\$1,000.00

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