

# Cultural Arts Funding Update

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**Economic  
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# Status Reports

- Contracts and Payments
- Grant Funded activities this month

# Elevate Grant Status – 200 awardees

- 189 Contracts sent (TLC holds the contract)
- 173 Contracts signed/processed
- 194 test payments issued
- 182 test payments verified
- 171 First payments issued (50% of award) - 86% of awardees
- 64 Second payments issued (40% of award) - must complete Miles Partnership Marketing class (+take survey) or post to Visit Austin (+tell COA staff) to be eligible.
- \$3,522,752 Total Distribution to date (\$6,250,000 total)
- COA staff working with TLC re: outreach to non-responsive folks.

# Turn-Around-Time Comparison – FY19 vs Now

- 397 Core awardees =
  - 94 days average from Pre-Contract Material Submission to First Check out the door.
  - 0% invoiced by end of October; 2% invoiced by end of November
  - 23% invoiced by end of December; 86% invoiced by end of March
- 200 Elevate awardees =
  - 4.5 days average from Contract Material Submission to First Check out the door.
  - 86% of awardees invoiced by end of October.

# Nexus Grant Status – 51 awardees

- 49 Contracts sent (COA holds the contract)
- 44 Contracts signed/processed
- 34 test payments issued
- 29 test payments verified
- 0 First payments issued (90% of total award = \$4,500)
- \$0 Total Distribution to date
- TLC invoiced 11/1; takes 2-3 business days to process; Nexus funds will be distributed when it hits TLC account to those who have signed an agreement/ submitted financial information/ verified a test payment.

# Thrive Grant Status – 36 awardees

- 36 Contracts sent (COA holds the contract)
- 36 Contracts signed/processed
- 36 test payments issued; 36 test payments verified
- 36 First payments issued
- 36 Second payments issued
- \$3,447,500 Total Distribution to date (\$3,935,000 total in year 1)
- Grant Administrator has met with each organization individually to set their strategic growth goals for Year 1. Preparing the launch of capacity building workshops using the feedback from the Thrive Cohort. Next round of reporting and payments will be in January 2024

# Arts Education Grant Status – 19 awardees

- 14 Contracts sent (COA holds the contract)
- 9 Contracts signed and are in COA process for payment codes
- 0 First payments issued (all payments through COA)
- 0 Second payments issued (all payments through COA)
- \$0.00 Total Distribution to date
- The National Endowment for the Arts requires that all grant recipients have a Unique Entity ID through SAM.GOV - The 5 contracts not yet sent have pending UEIDs and/or incomplete Pre-contract Materials.

# November Activities

- [www.VisitAustin.com](http://www.VisitAustin.com)
- Click on Menu





# November Activities

The screenshot shows the Visit Austin website (austintexas.org) with a navigation menu on the left. The 'EVENTS' menu item is highlighted with a red circle. The main content area features three promotional tiles: 'GET A FREE VISITOR GUIDE' (showing a couple), 'GET AUSTIN IN YOUR INBOX' (showing a band), and 'PLACES TO STAY' (showing a person on a bed). A 'Have a Question?' button is visible in the bottom right corner.

**PLAN A TRIP** +

**PLACES TO STAY** +

**THINGS TO DO** +

**EVENTS** +

**MUSIC SCENE** +

**MEETING PROFESSIONALS** +

**TRAVEL PROFESSIONALS** +

**SPORTS COMMISSION** +

**FILM COMMISSION** +

**MUSIC OFFICE** +

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**GET A FREE VISITOR GUIDE**

**GET AUSTIN IN YOUR INBOX**

**PLACES TO STAY**

**Have a Question?**

# November Elevate Grantee Activities

- Austin Shakespeare
  - *El Cid*, 11/10 - 11/26 @ The Long Center
- Early Era Collective
  - *Of Thee / Swing*, 11/11 & 11/12 @ First Street Studio
- Jarrott Productions
  - *Deathtrap*, 11/9 - 11/12 @ Trinity Street Playhouse
- Motion Media Arts Center
  - *Paper Dragon Small Press Fair*, 11/18 @ Motion Media Arts Center
- Ground Floor Theatre
  - *Jack & Aiden*, 11/30 @ Ground Floor Theatre
- Austin Jazz Workshop
  - Sundays @ Batch Craft Beer & Kolaches

# November Elevate Grantee Activities

- Austin Jewish Film Festival
  - *21st Austin Jewish Film Festival*, 11/2 - 11/12 @ Shalom Austin Dell JCC
- New Manifest Theatre
  - *5th Annual Manifest Minifest 5th Annual Short Play Festival*, 11/6 & 11/11-11/12 @ Ground Floor Theatre
- Austin Creative Reuse
  - *An Evening with Reuse Artist*, 11/17 @ Austin Creative Reuse
- Texas Book Festival
  - *2023 Texas Book Festival*, 11/11-11/12 @ Texas State Capitol Grounds
- Capitol Broadcasting Association or KMFA Classical 89.5 FM
  - *KMFA Middday Concert Series: Alt Improv Music Ensemble*, 11/28 @ Draylen Mason Music Studio

# November Nexus Grantee Activities

- Pinoy Potluck ATX
  - *Pinoy Potluck ATX Artist Market, 11/19 @ Camp East*
- Sylla Music
  - *Free West African Percussion and Music Classes, 11/19 @ Zilker Park and Sahara Lounge*

# November Thrive Grantee Activities

- **Austin Asian American Film Festival, Cine Las Americas, Indie Meme, and others**
  - *Art in Motion: Expression Through Film*, 11/16 @ AFS Cinema
- **Capitol View Arts**
  - *Austin Studio Tours*, 11/4 - 11/19 @ Capitol View Arts Studio
- **DAWA**
  - *DAWAHQ Grand Opening*, 11/10 - 11/12 @ DAWAHQ Headquarters
- **Great Promise for American Indians**
  - *Austin Pow Wow*, 11/18 @ Travis County Exposition Center
- **La Peña Inc.**
  - *Dia de los Muertos*, Ongoing in November @ La Peña

# November Thrive Grantee Activities

- **Mexic-Arte Museum**

- *40 Years of Dia de los Muertos*, Ongoing in November @ Mexic-Arte Museum

- **Taranada**

- Oliver Rajamani with Zamora Orchestra, 11/12 @ The Paramount

- **Torch Literary Arts**

- *Texas Book Festival (Various Events)*, 11/10 - 11/14 @ Various Locations

- **Women in Jazz Association**

- *The Austin Women in Jazz Festival*, 11/10, 11/17, 11/18 @ Various Locations

# Questions?