

# Cultural Arts Funding Update

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# Status Reports

- **Contracts and Payments**
  - Elevate
  - Nexus
  - Thrive
  - Arts Education (ARPA)
- **Grant Funded activities this month**

# Elevate Grant Status – 200 awardees

- 197 Contracts sent (TLC holds the contract)
- 197 Contracts signed/processed
- 198 test payments issued
- 196 test payments verified
- 196 First payments issued (50% of award) - 98% of awardees
- 120 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.
- \$4,627,500 Total Distribution to date (\$6,250,000 total)
- COA staff working with TLC re: outreach to non-responsive awardees.

# Nexus Grant Status – 51 awardees

- 51 Contracts sent (COA holds the contract)
- 51 Contracts signed/processed
- 42 test payments issued
- 42 test payments verified
- 42 First payments issued (90% of total award = \$4,500)
- \$189,000 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

- ALL CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS BEING PROCESSED BY COA
- 17 Contracts sent
- 17 Contracts signed and are in COA process for payment codes
- 17 First payments issued (90% of total award = \$22,500)
- 0 Final payments issued (10% of total award = \$2,500)
- \$22,500.00 Total Distribution to date
- The 2 contracts not yet sent are waiting on insurance certificates.

# Elevate Grantee Activities

- East Austin Creative Coalition, District 1
  - *Blue Monday Blues Jam*, Mondays @ Victory Grill
- Hyde Park Theatre, District 9
  - *Frontera Fest 2024*, 1/16 – 2/17 @ Hyde Park Theatre
- The Levite Laboratory, MSA
  - *Hope is like a Light: Music Therapy Concert Series*, 2/10 @ Carver Museum
- Austin Classical Guitar, District 9
  - *Live at The Rosette: Yuefei Yang*, 2/3 – 2/4 @ The Rosette
- Beerthoven, District 10
  - *To Invoke History*, 2/4 @ Saengerrunde Hall

# Nexus Grantee Activities

- Austin Moonflower Performing Arts Group , District 6
  - *2024 Lunar New Year Celebration, 2/10 @ Vandergrift High School*
- The Artful Resistance , District 5
  - *Art of Pleasure Exhibition, 2/24 @ 2211 Lynnbrook Dr*
- Flourish Sanctuary , District 1
  - *Homegirls Healing: No-Cost Tax Clinic, 2/24 @ African American Cultural and Heritage Facility*



# Thrive Grantee Activities

- Cine las Americas, District 9
  - *Maxima*(MUJERES EN LA LUCHA series), 1/31 @ Violet Crown Cinema
- Mexic-Arte Museum, District 9
  - *Mix 'n' Mash: Celebrating Austin* opening reception, 2/2 @ Mexic-Arte
- Esquina Tango, District 3
  - *Salsa in la Esquina with "Ritmo y Clave"*, 2/9 @ 209 Pedernales St
- OUTsider Fest, District 9
  - *2024 OUTsider Festival*, 2/15 – 2/18 @ Vortex Theatre
- Puerto Rican Folkloric Dance, District 3
  - *The Prince & The Pana*, 2/25 @ PRFD

# Questions?