



Fiscal Year 2018 Grants Awarded

FY18 General Operating Support Grants for Large Arts and Humanities Organizations \$3,374,941 for July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

General Operating Support Grants for Large Arts and Humanities Organizations provide general operating support to 24 nonprofit arts and humanities organizations in Montgomery County that have annual cash operating expenses of over \$150,000, full-time paid directors, and an annual audit. For FY18, the following organizations received grants:

- **Adventure Theatre MTC**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$134,384) - Adventure Theatre MTC (ATMTC) educates and inspires future generations of theater artists and audiences with exceptional theatrical experiences. ATMTC is a leading arts organization in the DC region, focused on youth and family theater performances, and high-quality pre-professional training. Serving nearly 75,000 constituents in the last year, ATMTC's outstanding professional productions and rigorous training inspire young people's imagination and creativity, cultivating new generations of artists and life-long audiences.
- **Artivate (formerly Class Acts Arts)**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$57,883) - Artivate sees the transformative power of the Arts as an essential part of community life – enhancing education and creating connections that transcend language, culture and individual circumstances to cultivate awareness and a broader world perspective. To accomplish this vision, Artivate engages communities to create interactive arts experiences that inspire learning. Holding the Arts as central to the human experience, we provide an arts-rich environment throughout Maryland, DC and Virginia.
- **Baltimore Symphony Orchestra**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$372,084) - Founded in 1916, the mission of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra (BSO) is to perform the highest quality symphonic music of all eras that nurtures the human spirit. The BSO is committed to engaging, inspiring, educating, and serving its audiences in a fiscally responsible manner and to enhancing Maryland as a cultural center of vitality and importance.
- **Bender Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, Inc.**, Rockville, Maryland (\$75,593) - The Bender JCC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-sectarian, community service agency serving the Greater DC-metro area with affordable and accessible programs and services. Their mission is to create a welcoming and inclusive environment, connecting the people of the Jewish community with each other, Israel, and the broader community.
- **CityDance**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$86,160) - CityDance was founded in 1996 as a non-profit with the mission to advance the appreciation for, and participation in dance. In 2011, CityDance shifted its business model from producing professional dance through its contemporary dance company, to bringing national and international companies to the metropolitan area. CityDance

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produces and presents professional dance at venues, trains young dancers for professional careers, provides students with opportunities to work and perform with professional dancers, and provides free education programs and performances to thousands of youth each year.

- **Dance Exchange**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$33,127) - The mission of Dance Exchange is to ignite inquiry, inspire change, and connect people of all ages more deeply to the questions at the heart of our lives through dancemaking and creative practices. Dance Exchange collaborates across generations, disciplines, and communities to channel the power of performance as a means for dialogue, a source of critical reflection, and a creative engine for thought and action.
- **Friends of the Library, Montgomery County**, Rockville, Maryland (\$50,027) - The mission of FOLMC is to strengthen, promote, and champion our county public library system as it responds to the changing needs of our diverse communities. Their goal is to raise funds for and awareness of library resources and services by developing educational programs and launching new initiatives.
- **Germantown Cultural Arts Center dba BlackRock Center for the Arts**, Germantown, Maryland (\$92,982) - BlackRock Center for the Arts serves as Upper Montgomery County's cultural cornerstone and is the leading performing and visual arts center in this region. Together with their partner organizations, they help create a stronger sense of community among residents in this rapidly growing area by providing a unique array of opportunities to explore, experience and celebrate the arts in a welcoming and intimate setting close to home.
- **Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$109,188) - GEPPAC's mission is to present vibrant artistic, cultural, and educational offerings at Glen Echo Park and promote the Park as a unique destination for our region's diverse population. The Partnership nurtures a dynamic community of artists and performers while preserving and managing historic facilities within a National Park.
- **Imagination Stage**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$301,957) - Founded in 1979, Imagination Stage (IStage) has grown from one-arts class of 17 children, into a multidimensional organization that has changed the face of theatre in Montgomery County. IStage has built a generation of theatre-lovers by encouraging 100,000 children and their families to discover theatre, and engage in the performing arts.
- **KID Museum**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$37,406) - The mission of KID Museum is to cultivate creativity, curiosity and compassion to inspire the next generation of innovators. KID Museum focuses on three core goals: (1) Engaging youth in STEAM as building blocks of creative expression, (2) Fostering an appreciation of cultural diversity, and (3) Promoting social responsibility and agency. Ultimately, we aim to empower youth to explore the world and invent the future.
- **Levine Music**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$149,069) - Levine is the region's preeminent center for music education committed to developing a lifelong love of music in everyone, regardless of age, ability, or means. Our goals are to provide the cognitive and social benefits of arts education; create a new generation of music appreciators; spur community redevelopment; provide mentors to our students; and provide children in neglected neighborhoods opportunity through music education.
- **Maryland Youth Ballet**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$145,546) - Our mission: 1) Provide the highest caliber of classical ballet training to prepare young dancers for professional careers in the performing arts 2) Provide professional and recreational high quality ballet classes as well as stretch, Pilates, and other wellness classes for adults. 3) Provide the metropolitan area with affordable, accessible, professional-quality ballet performances. 4) Provide our community's financially disadvantaged, under-served children with a free introduction to the art of ballet and

training scholarships. 5) Provide young children with physical disabilities the opportunity to experience the joy of dance.

- **Metropolitan Ballet Theatre**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$54,419) - MBT's updated mission statement was adopted in June 2015: "Providing arts opportunities for all through exceptional dance education, community outreach, and inspiring performances." This statement reflects the current goals of excellence and service to our community in MBT's three program areas- Academy, Outreach, and Productions. MBT achieves its mission by offering professional, individualized instruction in a caring, nurturing environment. We allow everyone, regardless of age, experience, body type, future goals, or finances to discover the joy of dance. The Academy strives to provide students a well-rounded, affordable, and accessible dance education to produce creative, confident adults. Through all programs, in the studio or off-site, MBT stresses the importance of creative and individual expression.
- **Metropolitan Center for the Visual Arts, dba VisArts at Rockville**, Rockville, Maryland (\$92,397) - The mission of the Metropolitan Center for the Visual Arts ("VisArts") is to transform individuals and communities through the visual arts. Our five overarching strategic goals are to: 1) build diverse and inclusive audiences in the Washington metropolitan region; 2) connect with partners to deepen and extend the impact of the visual arts in the community; 3) expand support to artists by obtaining funding for endowed residencies, sponsored exhibitions, and professional development opportunities; 4) provide innovative experiences that cultivate creativity, problem solving, and appreciation of the visual arts; and 5) ensure the operational stability and sustainability of VisArts.
- **Montgomery Community Television, dba Montgomery Community Media**, Rockville, Maryland (\$205,306) – We are the county's community media center and region's largest access station. Since 1984 our aim is to "inform, connect and educate" the 1+ million residents of Montgomery County. Our mission is to create and deliver unique media content that educates, entertains, informs and inspires those who live and work in Montgomery County.
- **Montgomery County Historical Society, Inc.**, Rockville, Maryland (\$16,558) - Montgomery History serves the local community through its exhibitions, programs, educational activities, library, and conferences. Our mission is to collect, preserve, interpret, and share the histories of all of Montgomery County's citizens.
- **National Philharmonic Orchestra & Chorale of Montgomery County, Inc.**, (\$120,628) - North Bethesda, Maryland (\$) - The mission of the National Philharmonic is to be the dynamic organization of choice providing the highest quality orchestral, choral and other musical experiences to enrich and inspire the lives of people in Montgomery County, the Washington DC metropolitan area and beyond through concerts and educational programs for all ages.
- **Olney Theatre Center**, Olney, Maryland (\$308,075) - Olney Theatre Center's (OTC) mission is to produce and present extraordinary theater and performance on our four-theater campus for an ever-more diverse set of audiences in our community, and educate the next generation of theater-makers to follow in our footsteps. OTC strives every day to unleash the creative potential of our artists and audiences, and in so doing, become Maryland's premier center for theater performance and education.
- **The Puppet Co.**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$27,038) - The Puppet Co.'s mission is to create and present professional puppet theater, especially for children and families, as an art form reflecting excellence in both the performance and visual experiences and the establishing of a theater, play

park and other related facilities for puppet performance. We additionally provide an array of supporting programs including classes, demonstrations, publications, and exhibitions.

- **Round House Theatre**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$220,504) - Round House Theatre is a home for outstanding ensemble acting and lifelong learning. We seek to captivate audiences with stories that inspire compassion, evoke emotions, and demand conversation.
- **Strathmore Hall Foundation, Inc.**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$539,423) - Strathmore's vision is to create transcendent moments that ignite the human spirit. Their mission/purpose is to present and produce exemplary visual and performing arts programs for diverse audiences; create dynamic arts education experiences; and nurture creative ideas and conversations that advance the future of the arts.
- **Washington Conservatory of Music**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$70,538) - The Washington Conservatory of Music provides exceptional musical learning and listening experiences for our students and community.
- **The Writer's Center**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$74,558) - The Writer's Center is one of the region's premier independent literary organizations. Since 1976, we have cultivated the creation, publication, presentation, and dissemination of literary work. We help people tell their stories and find the best way to write them, and we believe in the power of the written word for all individuals, no matter their age or background. It is our goal to build and support the community by bringing words and people together. We do this by teaching more than 300 writing workshops a year, hosting over 80 author readings and literary events, and publishing the nation's oldest poetry journal *Poet Lore*.

FY18 Advancement Grants

\$295,094 awarded for July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

Advancement Grants assist arts and humanities organizations in attaining fiscal stability and long-term viability. Specifically, these grants are focused on long-term planning, and technology improvements critical to an organization's arts or humanities mission. Four organizations received FY18 *Advancement Grants*.

- **Arts for the Aging, Inc. (AFTA)**, Rockville, Maryland (\$13,788) - Grant funds will support an Earned Revenue Feasibility Study, part of a strategic plan goal that will strengthen AFTA's sustainability by building a new funding model.
- **Levine School of Music**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$117,807) - Grant funds will be used to fund wiring and technology equipment to connect and upgrade four studios at Levine's new campus in Silver Spring to create two spaces that can be used as recording studios; adding a high-quality sound board, lighting, and drapes to serve the performance space; and enable Levine to record and live stream performances and lectures.
- **Strathmore Hall Foundation, Inc.**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$11,391) - Grant funds will be used for a permanent sound reinforcement system to be installed in Strathmore's Dorothy M. and Maurice C. Shapiro Music Room.
- **Round House Theatre**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$152,108) - Grant funds will be used to upgrade artistic and technical equipment that is due for replacement. This equipment includes stage lighting, audiovisual, and stage engineering systems that will improve artistic capabilities.

FY18 Capital Improvement Grants

\$192,283 awarded for July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019

Capital Improvement Grants provide supplemental funding for special purposes and assist arts and humanities organizations in attaining stability and long-term viability. Two organizations received FY18 Capital Improvement Grants.

- **Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$98,161) - Grant funds will be used to preserve and maintain Glen Echo Park's 1921 Dentzel carousel and 1926 Wurlitzer band organ. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the carousel is a popular attraction for 57,000 visitors annually.
- **Montgomery Community Media**, Rockville, Maryland (\$94,122) – Grant funds will be used to do construction, renovation and updating of the facilities used by volunteers and students: 7 edit booths, studio B, Studio A, corridors, the video Library conversion to production office and collaboration space, as well as build the instructional space for the Alexander House (new downtown Silver Spring satellite instructional facility and content creator's location in renovated Montgomery County HOC building, opening Winter FY18).

FY18 General Operating Support Grants for Mid-Size Arts and Humanities Organizations

\$580,658 awarded for July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

General Operating Support Grants for Mid-Size Arts and Humanities Organizations provide general operating support to arts and humanities organizations with annual cash operating expenses of at least \$50,000 and not more than \$150,000, and to organizations that have annual expenses of more than \$150,000 if the organization is not applying for *General Operating Support Grants for Large Arts and Humanities Organizations*. Thirty-one organizations received FY18 *General Operating Support Grants for Mid-Size Arts and Humanities Organizations*.

- **Akhmedova Ballet Academy**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$5,000) - The Akhmedova Ballet Academy (ABA) is dedicated to providing the finest quality ballet training utilizing the Vaganova Method, with personal and artistic mentoring that prepares young talented dancers to become strong, fully developed 21st century artists, who are accepted to major dance companies around the world.
- **Artpreneurs, Inc. dba Arts on the Block**, Kensington, Maryland (\$24,454) - Artpreneurs, Inc., dba Arts on the Block (AOB), empowers creative youth to imagine and shape fulfilling futures, and contribute to the quality of life in their communities. AOB achieves its mission by providing real-world experiences in the arts, entrepreneurial training, and educational experience to youth that support and expand each individual's unique capabilities.
- **Arts for the Aging, Inc. (AFTA)**, Rockville, Maryland (\$22,708) - "Arts for the Aging, Inc. (AFTA) engages older adults in health improvement and life enhancement through the arts. Research demonstrates that regular engagement in participatory arts programs can minimize age-related physical and cognitive impairments, contributing to better physical, intellectual, and emotional health. With a 30th Anniversary in 2018, AFTA is a pioneer in best practices for delivering frequent, participatory arts programs that are community-based, multidisciplinary, and artist-led.
- **ArtStream, Inc.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$22,708) - ArtStream's mission is based on the belief that when people are engaged, stimulated, challenged and inspired, they surpass perceived limitations and undertake challenges they might never have considered. The vision of ArtStream is to use the arts as a means for social change, by empowering individuals with disabilities to participate and engage in inclusive communities, to develop the leading models for self-advocacy, and for creating original inclusive theatre.
- **Bel Cantanti Opera Company**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$16,208) - Bel Cantanti Opera's mission is to support the development of young opera singers by providing performance opportunities, and by bringing those performances to the community in Montgomery County, Maryland at an affordable cost.
- **Cantate Chamber Singers**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$12,108) - Cantate Chamber Singers seeks to raise community awareness and appreciation of the art of choral music through innovative programming of new and rarely-heard music alongside the well-loved established choral repertoire, the

commissioning, fostering and promotion of new music, young composing talent, and unique, collaborative, cross-disciplinary performances with other area artists and ensembles.

- **Chevy Chase Historical Society**, Chevy Chase, Maryland (\$8,058) - The mission of the Chevy Chase Historical Society (CCHS) is to collect, record, interpret and share materials relating to the history of Chevy Chase, Maryland, one of America's first 'streetcar suburbs'. The organization provides resources for historical research, sponsors a variety of programs and activities to foster knowledge and appreciation of the community's history.
- **ClancyWorks Dance Company**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$22,708) - Our mission has guided the company for 16 years under the leadership of Dr. Adrienne Clancy, Founder and Artistic Director. ClancyWorks enhances the quality of life for people in many communities, using the arts as a way to develop mutual understanding, and to advance positive social action. ClancyWorks does this in four focus areas making our services distinctive: Performance, Arts Education (AiE), Community Engagement and Professional Development (PD).
- **CREATE Arts Center**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$22,708) - CREATE Arts Center is a nonprofit visual arts organization that has been serving Montgomery County and the greater Washington DC area for 30 years. Our mission is to inspire creativity, develop art skills, improve self-confidence, and enhance enjoyment of the arts through art education for the general public and art therapy for those with a variety of needs.
- **Docs In Progress, Inc.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$22,708) - Docs In Progress is a non-profit documentary arts organization which supports and empowers documentary filmmakers to develop and enhance their works in progress. Through community, individualized, and online programs, we help independent filmmakers from Montgomery County and the vicinity tell stories about the human condition through the creation of successful documentary projects.
- **Flying V Theatre**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$16,208) - Flying V offers premier Indie Theatre. Focused on creating pop infused original work, both scripted and devised, Flying V inspires you to go out and have an adventure of your own, and live life more, combating loneliness with experiences.
- **Forum Enterprises**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$22,708) - Forum Theatre (FT) produces accessible, affordable, and ambitious productions from a diversity of voices that provoke and inspire open discussions in an effort to build community. Forum Theatre is the home for stories that not only provoke and insight discussions. Our shows are a conversation with the audience, with stories that focus on who we are as a local, national, and global community.
- **Gandhi Brigade Youth Media**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$20,208) - Gandhi Brigade Youth Media offers young people the opportunity to use the media arts as a developmental path for personal and community growth. First, we teach students how to create effective media messages. Second, we invite them to investigate the world around them. Third, we create opportunities for them to apply these new skills and abilities toward practical projects that foster dialogue and understanding.
- **Glen Echo Pottery**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$20,208) - Glen Echo Pottery's mission is to teach the ceramic arts in a relaxed but creatively serious environment that is accessible and inspirational to everyone from the tentative novice to the very experienced clay student. Since 1975, Glen Echo Pottery (GEP) has nurtured the artistic spirit of thousands of students.
- **Glorystar Music Education and Cultural Foundation**, Potomac, Maryland (\$20,208) - Glorystar Children's Chorus (GCC), provides excellent music education to children and youth in the joy of choral art. Through a rich repertoire of Eastern and Western music, GCC promotes music appreciation and builds bridges in our diverse community.

- **The Highwood Theatre**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$22,708) - The Highwood Theatre's mission is to provide members of the community, of all ages and experience levels, opportunities to create theatre collaboratively in a professional environment. We believe that anyone can do theatre – there is a place and a role for everyone. Through our three divisions, we strive to build community through participant-produced theatre, and bring the powerful benefits and excitement of theatre to students, adults, and the community at large.
- **Inscape Chamber Orchestra**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$8,478) - Founded in 2004, the Inscape Chamber Orchestra performs concerts that engage audiences by providing a compelling way to explore both standard and non-standard works of classical music. Inscape is also dedicated to premiering and recording new works by American composers.
- **InterAct Story Theatre Education Association, Inc.**, Wheaton, Maryland (\$22,708) - InterAct Story Theatre is a multidisciplinary arts-in-education organization and touring theatre for young audiences. Since their founding in 1981, they have been dedicated to providing quality performances, arts-infused workshops, and artist-in-residency programs for students, teachers and families throughout our region and across the country.
- **International Conservatory of Music**, Chevy Chase, Maryland (\$16,208) - The mission of the International Conservatory of Music (ICM) is to create community through music, drawing people together for entertainment, education, and inspiration.
- **interPLAYcompany Band**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$20,208) - interPLAY Orchestra is a community orchestra comprised of adults with cognitive and physical disabilities who learn to make music in collaboration with high school seniors, college students, and professional musicians. The interPLAY mission is based on the belief that music is not just about the written notes, and that cognitive disabilities should not limit a person's access to enjoy and perform music.
- **Kalanidhi Dance**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$20,208) - Kalanidhi Dance is committed to the preservation, promotion, and the teaching of Kuchipudi, one of India's eight classical dance forms. Kuchipudi's origins trace back to the 2nd century B.C. Kalanidhi Dance's mission is to inspire appreciation for Kuchipudi through artistic excellence, creative performances, high quality educational programs, and innovative collaborations.
- **Lumina Studio Theatre**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$20,208) - Lumina Studio Theatre's mission is to provide unique opportunities for young and adult actors of all levels of experience to perform classic theatre in a professional setting.
- **National Capital Historical Museum of Transportation**, Colesville, Maryland (\$20,208) - The National Capital Historical Museum of Transportation, Inc. trades as the National Capital Trolley Museum which preserves and interprets the heritage of electric street and interurban railways of Washington, D.C. and environs for the benefit of present and future generations, while supplementing its collections with significant national and international objects to enhance its interpretative programs.
- **New Orchestra of Washington**, Rockville, Maryland (\$22,708) - New Orchestra of Washington (NOW) is a one-of-a-kind ensemble. As a small chamber orchestra with flexible instrumentation, NOW elevates every member to his or her highest potential as an individual virtuoso, and an ensemble player, creating a unique and engaging live performance experience for its audience.
- **Project Change**, Olney, Maryland (\$20,208) - Project Change, Inc. (PC), the parent organization for Team of Stars (TOS), is a youth/adult partnership organization dedicated to promoting positive youth development through leadership experiences, meaningful community service opportunities,

the performing arts, and safe social activities. PC enables youth to tap into their potential, and influence their community, with peer mentoring being an integral part of its programs.

- **Sandy Spring Museum**, Sandy Spring, Maryland (\$22,708) - The Sandy Spring Museum is a place where people can make meaningful connections by exploring community history through the cultural arts - visual, literary, and performing. We believe that all people have a story to tell and that the museum can serve as a place where people of diverse backgrounds come together to explore differences and commonalities through personal histories. The above mission differs significantly from the mission of traditional history museums that "collect, preserve, and share." We believe that visitor experience is at the core of our institution and that history is simultaneously participatory and collective. The Sandy Spring Museum prides itself on its non-traditional approach to interpreting history.
- **Silver Spring Town Center, Inc.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$20,208) - The mission of Silver Spring Town Center, Inc. (SSTCi) is to provide a vibrant, inclusive and engaging community gathering place that enriches the lives of residents of the Greater Silver Spring area. Embracing the racial and cultural diversity of the region, the organization seeks to educate, entertain, inspire and involve people while encouraging and supporting the building of a creative, compassionate and caring community.
- **Story Tapestries**, Germantown, Maryland (\$16,208) - Story Tapestries' (ST) network of teaching artists, educators, and community leaders utilize the arts as a bridge that connects literacy strategies and STEM with social development. The accessible programs create effective learning environments that are the foundation for a multi-literate society.
- **Symphony of the Potomac**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$12,360) - The mission: 1) Manage an orchestra that fosters the enjoyment of classical music by offering affordable concerts; 2) Bring classical music to audiences that would not otherwise have access to live performances; 3) Provide small group and large orchestral performance experiences for both youth and adults 4) Increase awareness of different musical genres, bring world class solo performers to local audiences, and provide music education 5) Provide a venue for amateur and semi-professional musicians of all ages.
- **Young Artists of America at Strathmore**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$20,208) - Young Artists of America at Strathmore (YAA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization offering world-class training to gifted and committed young performing artists in a professional and nurturing environment. Through mentorship and individualized instruction from renowned artists, students work collaboratively to perform fully orchestrated works of music-theatre in state-of-the-art venues such as the Music Center at Strathmore, where YAA resides as the arts center's first Affiliate.
- **Youth Art for Healing**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$16,208) - Youth Art For Healing is a non-profit organization whose mission is to bring works of art created by youth into healthcare environments to provide a sense of comfort, inspiration and healing for patients, their loved ones, and healthcare professionals.

FY18-1 Project Grants for Small Arts and Humanities Organizations and Groups

\$69,580 awarded for July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

Project Grants for Small Arts and Humanities Organizations and Groups fund arts and humanities organizations with annual cash operating expenses up to \$50,000, and support the presentation of high-quality programs for the public. Eighteen organizations received FY18-1 *Project Grants for Small Arts and Humanities Organizations and Groups*.

- **Cambodian Buddhist Society**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,000) - Grant funds will be used to acquire new costumes and dance props such as dance shirts, dance skirts, dance jewelry sets, hair buns, baskets and stars for students to showcase for the Cambodian New Year Cultural Show.
- **F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference**, Rockville, Maryland (\$5,000) - Grant funds will be used to pay expenses for the conference, including supplies, printing, facility rental fees, workshop and panelist fees.
- **FocusMusic**, Rockville, Maryland (\$3,600) - Grant funds will be used to: 1. Coordinate production of Focus Beallsville & Focus Rockville shows; 2. Develop joint projects with other nonprofit organizations that produce folk and acoustic concerts in Montgomery County; and 3. Focus Beallsville and Rockville sound tech costs.
- **Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre**, Poolesville, Maryland (\$5,000) - Grant funds will be used to defray theater rental costs for the production of "A Christmas Carol," to be performed at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater in Rockville, Maryland.
- **Jazz Encounters**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,000) - Grant funds will be used to compensate artists performing with the Bethesda Blues and Jazz Youth Orchestra.
- **Montgomery Philharmonic**, Montgomery Village, Maryland (\$4,000) - Grant funds will be used for program costs for FY18 orchestral performance and educational programming, Summer Reading Sessions, Youth Chamber Music Festival, "Celebrate Youth" Concert, adult education master classes, and senior outreach.
- **National String Symphonia**, Rockville, Maryland (\$4,000) - Grant funds will be used for a professional concert of string orchestral music performed in Montgomery County.
- **Neighborhood Concerts**, Chevy Chase, Maryland (\$2,400) - Grant funds will be used for costs associated with producing three admission-free concerts at the Lawton Community Recreation Center in Chevy Chase, MD, including artist fees and space rental fees, during the 2017-2018 concert season.
- **NIH Philharmonia**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$5,000) - Grant funds will be used for direct operating costs including orchestra sheet music rental, percussion instrument rental, program printing, soloist honorarium, and the Music Director and Conductor's stipend.
- **Orfeia Vocal Ensemble**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$2,520) - Grant funds will be used to provide a musical residency that will give children of all ages and backgrounds the opportunity to learn and

perform songs from a unique culture through three rehearsals, a public concert, and participation in two or more Orfeia concerts.

- **Six Degree Singers**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,000) - Grant funds will be used to create a new lesson plan concert series that combines music education with history and civics. These programs will be supported by free shows, online articles, guest performers and lecture.
- **Tagore Music Group of Greater Washington DC, Inc.**, North Potomac, Maryland (\$3,200) - Grant funds will be used for the major staging costs of Tagore Music Group's FY18 production "Drama Duo," a back-to-back presentation of two Tagore dramas, one a pure comedy and the other a tragicomedy, to be staged twice, once on September 10, 2017 and again on April 29, 2018.
- **Tayitu Cultural & Educational Center**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,500) - Grant funds will be used to host the Cultural Festival in downtown Silver Spring near the Civic Center to present African and Caribbean culture in April 2018 from four countries (China, El Salvador, India and Ethiopia).
- **Rockville Bach Academy**, Rockville, Maryland (\$4,000) - Grant funds will be used to partially support costs for soloists, chorus, orchestra, venue and instrument (organ) rental, insurance, publicity, and other logistic and technical costs of their "Conversation Concert" in June 2018.
- **Trinity Chamber Orchestra**, Germantown, Maryland (\$3,360) - Grant funds will be used for the concerto competition for young artists in the autumn of 2017, school and special theme concerts, and a concert opera. Funding will also support payment for a part-time staff member.
- **Unexpected Stage Company**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$4,000) - Grant funds will be used for production costs for Unexpected Stage's summer production, a 16-24 performance run of Carly Mensch's "Oblivion."
- **Wildwood Summer Theatre**, Rockville, Maryland (\$4,000) - Grant funds will be used to help finance this year's main-stage production of "Seussical", which will be performed in July. Funds will be used to partially finance production costs (including set construction, costumes, props) and the fee for show rights.
- **Zemer Chai**, Kensington, Maryland (\$4,000) - Grant funds will be used present an evening choral concert of diverse Chanukah-themed repertoire in December of 2017, before an audience of 400-500 people in Montgomery County, MD.

FY18-2 Project Grants for Small Arts and Humanities Organizations and Groups

\$39,856 awarded for January 1, 2018 – June 30, 2018

Project Grants for Small Arts and Humanities Organizations and Groups fund arts and humanities organizations with annual cash operating expenses up to \$50,000, and support the presentation of high-quality programs for the public. Eleven organizations received FY18-2 *Project Grants for Small Arts and Humanities Organizations and Groups*.

- **Art Without Borders**, Sandy Spring, Maryland (\$3,850) - Grant funds will be used to cover the expenses related to a collaborative work of art with the thematic message of freedom, equality, and justice.
- **Heralds of Hope Theater**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,850) - Grant funds will be used to pay for rental and rehearsal fees for the production of the play, "Harriet Tubman: Fight for Freedom."
- **Jazz Encounters**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,350) - Season four will concentrated on youth ensembles. Jazz Encounters: Jazz Live Studio Sessions will be promoted within the communities of Montgomery County and Washington, DC a competition to perform on the TV show.
- **Kolot HaLev** Kensington, Maryland (\$4,508) - Grant funds are proposed to be used for the annual KHL concert and associated expenses, including a video commemorating our 10 years of serving the MoCo community.
- **Mayur Dance Company**, Potomac, Maryland (\$4,600) - Grant funds will be used for the 25th year celebration performance on June 23, 2018 at the Parilla Performing Arts Center in Rockville.
- **Montgomery Symphony Orchestra**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,880) - Grant funds will be used to produce a youth concerto concert in June 2018, featuring middle and/or high school students playing one movement of a concerto of their choice accompanied by the Montgomery Symphony Orchestra.
- **National Institutes of Health Community Orchestra**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$2,610) - Grant funds will be used to provide partial funding for the costs of two classical music concerts to be performed by NIHCO.
- **Rockville Brass Band**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$2,366) - Grant funds will be used to defray costs associated with an end-of-season community performance, including marketing fees, as well as venue and equipment rental.
- **The Rockville Bach Academy Inc. (The Advent Project)**, Rockville, Maryland (\$1,000) - Grant funds will be used to partially support costs for soloists, chorus, orchestra, venue and instrument (organ) rental, insurance, publicity, and other logistic and technical costs of our "Conversation Concert" in Spring 2018.
- **The Washington Metropolitan Gamer Symphony Orchestra, Inc.** Rockville, Maryland (\$3,491) - Grant funds will be used for our venue rental, promotional costs, and equipment rental for our spring 2018 greatest hits concert in Montgomery County.
- **UpRooted Dance**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$4,350) - Grant funds will be used for the premiere of "The Legacy Project - Our Lives of Consumption" at Montgomery County's GreenFest on May 5, 2018.

FY18 Artists and Scholars Project Grants

\$120,030 awarded for July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

Artists and Scholars Project Grants support the work of individual artists and scholars who reside in Montgomery County. Projects focus on the creation of artistic or scholarly work, or the development of professional skills by an artist or scholar. Thirty-five artists received FY18 *Artists and Scholars Project Grants*.

- **Alexander Bondarev**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,700) - Grant funds will be used to support the production of new work for Big Band and voice.
- **Althea Grey-McKenzie**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,700) - Grant funds will be used to: (1) create new authentic dance choreography for a dance-theatre production of "Ananse the Trickster Spider" of folklore, (2) employ dance instructors and drummers for rehearsals from July 2017 to June 2018 and performance in June 2018, and (3) rent studio and rehearsal space, as well as the performance venue and accompanying technical labor for the culminating public dance production in June 2018, as a part of the County Caribbean-American Heritage month celebrations.
- **Alyscia Cunningham**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,229) - Grant funds will be used for post-production costs (film editor, colorist and sound technician) and distribution of 250 copies of Cunningham's DVD documentary 'I Am More Than My Hair: Bald and Beautiful Me,' a social-change film that tells the stories and celebrates the beauty of bald girls and women who have lost their hair due to medical conditions, as well as those who have cut their hair in support of a loved one.
- **Art Hondros**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$3,394) - Grant funds will be used for adapting and illustrating a graphic novel based on a lost silent film from 1928, titled "The Legion of the Condemned."
- **Ashley Thorndike-Youssef**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,700) - Grant funds will be used to work on *Dance in Community*, a scholarly visual guidebook for emerging dance educators. The work seeks to elucidate best practices in community-based dance education, creatively document a diverse array of community-based dance projects around the world, inspire innovation and effectiveness in the field.
- **Beverly Ress**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,200) - Grant funds will be used to create a 4-color litho print, in an edition of 25, to be a part of a larger folio project.
- **Brian Frankel**, Wheaton, Maryland (\$3,700) - Grant funds will be used to produce "My Montgomery," a collaborative documentary film that celebrates the diversity of people and places in Montgomery County.
- **Caroline Bock**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$1,998) - Grant funds will be used to complete the first draft and revisions to Bock's speculative, literary novel "Touch Me."
- **Charles Barnett**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$3,700) - Grant funds will be used for a musical composition that brings attention to the cultural diversity of Montgomery County.
- **Christopher K. Morgan**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$4,787) - Grant funds will be used to assist with expenses associated with a residency by The National Center for Choreography in Akron.

- **Cintia Cabib**, Chevy Chase, Maryland (\$4,229) - Travel to interviews and conduct and videotape interviews, acquire photo licensing and reproduction rights, and acquire music licensing rights for a half-hour independent documentary on the life, work, and special relationship of two accomplished African-American women artists and educators who lived and worked in Washington, D.C.: Hilda Wilkinson Brown and her niece, Lilian Burwell.
- **Cristina Camacho**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,200) - Grant funds will be used to enhance Camacho's business, managerial and artistic skills as a means to further Camacho's aspirations in choreography, performance, and instruction. These skills will support the creation and presentation of a dance work, performed by a Montgomery County based hip-hop company. The dance work will highlight the importance of the fusion of hip-hop and other dance styles.
- **Cynthia Word**, Chevy Chase, Maryland (\$1,047) - Grant funds will be used to attend the 2017 Isadora Duncan International Symposium, the theme of which is "Resurgence: Bridging Time and Techniques."
- **Daniel Stuart**, Damascus, Maryland (\$2,238) - Grant funds will be used to create a cross-discipline project where Stuart's literary skills and the skills of a budding illustrator come together to create a book that is both visually interesting, as well as deeply compelling.
- **Elyse Harrison**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$3,700) - Grant funds will be used to design and execute an exterior mural on a designated wall in the Arts and Entertainment District of downtown Bethesda, Maryland.
- **Gwydion Suilebhan**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,229) - Grant funds will be used to research, write, and develop a new multidisciplinary performance piece in partnership with Forum Theatre.
- **Jay Schlossberg**, North Potomac, Maryland (\$4,229) - Grant funds will be used to help finish the editorial process and/or music rights and clearances for Schlossberg's feature documentary film about the legendary and beloved radio station, WHFS 102.3 FM that was located in Bethesda, MD from Nov. 1961 through July 1983, and whose cultural, social, political and musical impact are still felt today.
- **Joanne Miller**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$2,442) - Grant funds will be used to create an edition of five hand-made artist books of photographs from Miller's twenty-three-year series "Living on the Edge."
- **Joshua Fishbein**, Rockville, Maryland (\$3,700) - Grant funds will be used to compose a new choral composition for The Esoterics.
- **Krista Caballero**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$4,211) - Grant funds will be used to create a large-scale interactive installation while Caballero is a Bresler Resident Artist at VisArts in Rockville.
- **Liliane Blom**, Rockville, Maryland (\$3,700) - Grant funds will be used to create a new installation entitled "Moonlight Fantasy."
- **Lindsay McCulloch**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$1,192) - Grant funds will be used to fund a series of artworks that McCulloch will complete during her approved sabbatical from teaching at Anne Arundel Community College in the spring of 2018.
- **Lynn Sures**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,229) - Grant funds will be used for creating a body of 10 large-scale embossed handmade paper artworks based on Sures' research into the development of early humans in east Africa.
- **Marcy Marxer**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,200) - Grant funds will be used to create a new performance piece that straddles the line between storytelling and theater.

- **Muneer Nasser**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$4,229) - Grant funds will be used to finance the recording and production of a musical tribute to the life and legacy of Jamil Nasser.
- **Nataliya Mirnaya**, Rockville, Maryland (\$3,072) - Grant funds will be used to create a show based on Sophocles' "Antigone." The story will be told through the language of physical theater, object theater, dance, clowning and traffic cones.
- **Nicole Salimbene**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$3,700) - Grant funds will be used to create sculptures for an interactive installation that will bring attention to mindfulness practice and water protection issues.
- **Nicole Saphos**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$3,700) - Grant funds will be used for Saphos' upcoming recording project, "Buzz&Bloom." This will be a 6-track EP (extended play) comprised of original compositions and arrangements.
- **Rachel Schmidt**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,221) - Grant funds will be used to make a series of site-specific video installations to be exhibited at VisArts Center in Rockville, Maryland.
- **Rima Faber**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,700) - Grant funds will be used to write, publish, and promote a book to explain the theory, practice, and curriculum of The Primary Movers, a unique modern dance program that is a balance between creative expression that enhances individual growth, and disciplined concentration that develops technically proficient artists.
- **Rob Guttenberg**, North Potomac, Maryland (\$1,680) - Grant funds will be used to produce a concert to be held at St. Mark Presbyterian Church, in Bethesda, Maryland featuring Guttenberg and internationally renowned singer/songwriter David Roth, focusing on the theme "My Voice Matters," which celebrates diversity and inclusion for persons with disabilities.
- **Robin Payes**, Rockville, Maryland (\$4,229) - Grant funds will be used to research and begin writing a middle grade fiction book, third in a series about a science-smart girl who builds Leonardo da Vinci's plans for a time machine for the middle school science fair. The girl manages to bend time to meet one of her superheroes of history, Marquise Emilie du Chatelet, an 18th century French physicist, mathematician, actor, philosopher, mother of four children, and a duelist in the Court of Louis XV, consort of Voltaire. Marquise Emilie du Chatelet was the first to translate Newton's Principia into French and she laid out the mathematical foundation for Einstein's Theory of Special Relativity.
- **Solomon Teklai**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$3,200) - Grant funds will be used to produce a book that will be a collection of original works from amateur poets covering social issues such as political freedom, connections to their homeland, and the cultural richness of Africa, as expressed by individuals of African Descent.
- **Suneeta Misra**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$4,229) - Grant funds will be used to make the short film "Looking for Mr. Right," which focuses on the trials and tribulations of young South Asian Americans trying to date, and find life partners in the United States.
- **Ting Wang**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$2,416) - Grant funds will be used to attend a Centrum residency based in Port Townsend of Washington State, and to complete Wang's translation of a collection of literary nonfiction by acclaimed Taiwanese writer Chen Li titled "Selected Prose of Chen Li: A Lyric Journey."

FY18-1 Arts Integration Residencies in the Schools Grants

\$14,904 awarded for September 1, 2017- December 31, 2017

Arts Integration Residencies in the Schools Grants (AIRSG) support individual teaching artists and scholars trained in curriculum-based arts integration techniques who collaborate with a teacher to develop an arts-integrated program for students during the school day. The program must benefit underserved students during the school year, during the school day, in a public or non-public elementary, middle or high school located in Montgomery County.

- **A. Mario Loiederman Middle School, Adrienne Clancy**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$2,400) - Grant funds will be used for a dance integration residency focused on history and world cultural themes and will be conducted with a core group of 7th and 8th grade students. Students will create work using improvisation, choreographic devices and structures, and the elements of dance to highlight historical and cultural themes.
- **Stedwick Elementary School, Arianna Ross**, Montgomery Village, Maryland (\$2,004) - Grant funds will be used to hire Arianna Ross to lead two 45-minute kick-off performances for the entire school followed by a 5-day residency for 3rd grade students.
- **Strathmore Elementary School, Leila Cabib**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$2,100) - Grant funds will be used to provide a series of workshops during which 45 fourth and fifth-grade ESOL students will apply their understanding of geometric measurement to the creation of a collaborative animated film.
- **South Lake Elementary School, Ali Oliver-Krueger**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$3,000) - Grant funds will be used for a literature-based creative drama residency designed by Ali Oliver-Krueger to promote reading comprehension, oral fluency, and vocabulary acquisition among first graders at South Lake Elementary School.
- **Westbrook Elementary School, Carien Quiroga**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$2,700) - SPED students in the Emotional Disability program will create a large scale fused glass mosaic mural inspired by the history and culture of South Africa and their own personal journeys of overcoming challenges in life. The collaborative artistic process will provide students with an empowering and positive mechanism for self-expression and communication.
- **Wheaton High School, Joanne Miller**, Wheaton, Maryland (\$2,700) - Grant funds will be used for a "Photography, Art and Nature in the Community Residency" and exhibit for 130 Wheaton H.S. ESOL students.

FY18-2 Arts Integration Residencies in the Schools Grants

\$13,900 awarded for January 1, 2018- June 15, 2018

Arts Integration Residencies in the Schools Grants (AIRSG) support individual teaching artists and scholars trained in curriculum-based arts integration techniques who collaborate with a teacher to develop an arts-integrated program for students during the school day. The program must benefit underserved students during the school year, during the school day, in a public or non-public elementary, middle or high school located in Montgomery County.

- **A. Mario Loiederman Middle School, Leila Cabib**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$2,550) - Grant funds will be used to provide a cartooning residency with Leila Cabib during which sixth grade students will create a written and visual narrative in the form of graphic novel pages that explore the concept of belonging and its effect upon an individual's identity and sense of self.
- **Albert Einstein High School, Adrienne Clancy**, Kensington, Maryland (\$2,700) - Grant funds will be used for a dance integration residency focused on history and world cultural themes and will be conducted with a core group of 9th -12th grade students. Students will create work using improvisation, choreographic devices and structures, and the elements of dance to highlight historical and cultural themes.
- **Flora Singer Elementary School, Carien Quiroga**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,000) - Grant funds will be used for South African Artist, Carien Quiroga to work with all the 4th grade students create a glass and metal mosaic mural that integrates science, symbolism and the writing process to develop an understanding of the interconnectedness, interdependence, and diversity of all life and recognize environmental concerns and issues.
- **Fox Chapel Elementary School, Sue Fierston**, Germantown, Maryland (\$2,650) - Grant funds will be used for 5th grade students to interpret historical research by painting an acrylic 12x14 inch symbolic portrait of a U.S. Colonial-era figure. These paintings are an outgrowth of students' in-depth historical research, and they will learn to paint their symbolic portrait over seven 120 minute sessions using the symbolism inherent in color, line and shape.
- **White Oak Middle School, Ali Oliver-Krueger**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,000) - Grant funds will be used to conduct a residency integrating creative drama with the 8th grade social studies curriculum on the Civil War to benefit all eighth graders at White Oak Middle School.

FY18 Artists and Scholars in the Community Grants

\$6,000 awarded for October 1, 2017- September 30, 2018

Artists and Scholars in the Community Grants (ASCG) support a variety of arts and humanities programs that bring high quality artists and scholars to community-based audiences in the County. It is also intended that these grants will bring the arts and/or humanities to underserved populations that have fewer opportunities to participate in programs available to the general community.

- **Montgomery County Correctional Facility, Carien Quiroga**, Boyds, Maryland (\$1,500) - The grant funds will be used for a series of Visual Art workshops working with inmates suffering from severe mental illness in the Crisis Intervention Unit (CIU) at Montgomery County Correctional Facility. The art classes will provide a beneficial educational, artistic and therapeutic experience during their incarceration.
- **Montgomery County Public Libraries, Leila Cabib**, Montgomery County, Maryland (\$1,500) - Grant funds will be used to provide seven free, one-hour, hands-on animation workshops for children aged 10-14 at six Montgomery County public libraries: Silver Spring, Long Branch, Gaithersburg, Twinbrook, Aspen Hill and Germantown.
- **Springvale Terrace, Inc. (Seabury at Springvale Terrace), Adrienne Clancy**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$1,500) - Grant funds will be used for a ClancyWorks Dance Company performance and 5 subsequent dance workshops for residents of Springvale Terrace Retirement community that will engage the participants in movement, storytelling, and overall, a safe and enjoyable experience.
- **Springvale Terrace, Inc. (Seabury at Springvale Terrace), Cecilia Esquivel**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$1,500) - Grant funds will be used to facilitate two series of 4 weekly ukulele workshops – beginner and advanced beginner -- for the residents at Springvale Terrace. The workshops will also be open to the local community and to residents' family members as a way of expanding the seniors' base of support and connection, while also providing a springboard for a new lease on life through learning to play an instrument.

FY18 Wheaton Cultural Project Grants

\$91,815 awarded for January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Wheaton Cultural Project Grants are flexible awards for projects that create impact in the Wheaton community, and provide cultural opportunities for artists and scholars to work in Wheaton. Eleven organizations and individuals received FY18 *Wheaton Cultural Project Grants*.

- **Carpe Diem Arts**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$8,600) - Provide culturally diverse and engaging after-school visual, literary and performing arts programs for middle school students at the Pembridge Community Center, in collaboration with Montgomery Housing Partnership.
- **ClancyWorks**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$9,100) - Continue and expand a multi-faceted program bridging together a diverse cultural and intergenerational population through a series of workshops in the Wheaton community; culminating in concerts with performances by various members of the Wheaton community (Middle school students, High School Students, and the ClancyWorks Dance Company.) Elders hailing from the Wheaton area Senior Citizen Homes will be invited to participate either through performances or as audience, depending on their comfort level and interest.
- **Dance Exchange**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$8,100) - A STEAM-based week of outdoor dancemaking and experiential environmental education led by Dance Exchange at the Brookside Nature Center with local elementary students from the Wheaton community during Spring Break 2017.
- **InterAct Story Theatre Education Association**, Wheaton, Maryland (\$9,615) - Grow the InterAct Story Theatre's Wheaton Family Theatre Series, providing monthly free events in the arts and humanities for children and families in Wheaton. The newly enlarged Wheaton Family Theatre Series will include an expanded KidStory Theatre Festival in May 2018; the addition of drama programming during the summer; increased efforts to recruit and showcase the work of artists from Wheaton and our surrounding communities; and an emphasis on inclusion of artists from a diversity of cultures and art forms.
- **Jazz Encounters**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$8,100) - Grant funds will be used for Artists performance fees 2. Curator fee 3. Artistic Director Fee 4. Other production costs
- **New Orchestra of Washington**, Rockville, Maryland (\$4,800) - Produce a three-concert chamber music series, tailored to new audiences. The performances will take place in the performance space at Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center, a long-established music retailer located in the heart of the Wheaton Arts and Entertainment District. Concerts will feature musicians from the New Orchestra of Washington. NOW will work with community groups, businesses and schools to promote the events and will involve the concert patrons in project feedback and evaluation, through surveys and post-concert interviews.
- **Six Degree Singers**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$9,100) - Fund the stipends of Six Degree Singers' artistic staff for leading music education to Wheaton residents and choral concerts in Wheaton and the cost of producing the concerts in Wheaton, including advertising, music, venue fees, etc.
- **The Highwood Theatre Inc.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$8,100) - Produce our second collaborative production with A. Mario Loiederman Middle School for the Creative and Performing Arts, to

provide free admission for Wheaton elementary school students, and to fund an associated interactive theatre exhibit for all performance attendees.

- **The Rockville Bach Academy, Inc.**, Rockville, Maryland (\$8,600) - Support for venue, publicity, artist fees, sheet music, and other associated costs for a "Conversation Concert" and a conducting masterclass. With special emphasis and outreach to ALAANA individuals, student conductors from across our region will receive instruction from our Artistic Director in a series of masterclass style workshops in our specialized repertoire. The event will culminate in a performance conducted by the participants, introduced in the "Conversation Concert" format by the Artistic Director and colleagues of The Advent Project.
- **Wheaton Film Festival**, Wheaton, Maryland (\$8,600) - Produce the 4th Annual Wheaton Film Festival (WFF) and produce the 3rd Annual Make a Movie in a Month Project (MMM). This is the follow up to the 2017 WFF, 2016 WFF, 2015 WFF, and 2017 MMM, 2016 MMM. We will offer educational panels, networking opportunities, film screenings, and a month long collaborative filmmaking project that takes place in Wheaton. The 2018 WFF is scheduled for Friday, November 9, 2018.
- **Wheaton Wonders Inc.**, Wheaton, Maryland (\$9,100) - Produce the second annual Wheaton Arts Parade. The parade & festival that follows will celebrate local artists, arts organizations, and cultural organization, Wheaton's cultural diversity, and help present Wheaton as an arts friendly community and as an art destination. The parade and festival will help the community appreciate its wealth of art and culture which has been difficult to realize due to Wheaton's lack of public performance space, studios, and galleries. Funds will be used for equipment rental, printing, insurance, marketing, art supplies, and workshop instructors.