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City Seeks Proposals for Cultural Public Art Grants

The City of Alameda has released a new Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Cultural Arts and Arts Programming Grants. This includes grants for the performing arts, literary arts, film & video, screenings and installations, arts education, art lectures and presentations, special events, and artist-in-residence programs in the arts. There is a total of \$60,000 available, to be distributed across four (4) grants by the Public Art Commission.

The RFP is available for download from www.alamedaca.gov/culturalartfrp. The City will also host a virtual RFP Orientation on **Wednesday, February 11, 2026**, at 5:00 pm. To register to attend the RFP Orientation, please click here: https://alamedaca.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9-EG9xZTo6-dzHQ60XHQw

Proposals are due on Thursday, March 19, 2026 by 5:00 pm and must be submitted through cityofalameda.submittable.com. All cultural arts programming must be free, open to the public and located in the City of Alameda.

Previous cultural arts awardees include:

Rhythmix in the Parks: Unity Fest

A family-friendly festival featuring music and dance performances highlighting the vibrant artistic cultural traditions of Africa and the African Diaspora in Alameda parks.

Grantee: Rhythmix Cultural Works

Date(s): June, 2026

Circus Bella at Radium Runway

Circus Bella's enchanting one-ring circus at Alameda Point offers a vibrant celebration of circus arts that bridges generations and cultures.

Grantee: Radium Presents Inc.

Date(s): July 26, 2025

DeepDIVE: Under the Waves

DeepDIVE is a two-part multimedia performance piece exploring the mystery of the ocean, using video, music, dance, and large projections onto the Posey Tube building.

Grantee: West End Arts District

Date(s): November 8, 2025

Alameda Haunts Contest & Fete de Rattlin' Bones 20th Anniversary Celebrations

Alameda Haunts is a safe, family-friendly, city-wide Halloween house decorating contest that historically takes place on the days leading up to October 31.

Grantee: FunAmeda Productions

Date(s): October 24-31, 2025

Radio Day by the Bay

Radio Day by the Bay celebrates the artistic and cultural legacy of radio through live performances, historical exhibits, and community engagement.

Grantee: California Historical Radio Society

Date(s): July 19, 2025

Whispers of the Sanctuary

Whispers of the Sanctuary is a new original ballet conceived by Alameda Civic Ballet, inspired by the quiet beauty and ecological richness of the Elsie Roemer Bird Sanctuary in Alameda.

Grantee: Alameda Civic Ballet

Date(s): Spring 2026

Alameda Native History Project's ACORNS!

ACORNS! combines interactive experiences, art education, functional public art installations, and land-based cultural arts events to preserve Native American heritage, educate the public about local Native History, and foster appreciation and representation of Native American Culture in Alameda.

Grantee: Alameda Native History Project

Date(s): July 2025 - May 2026

Hana Hou Hō'ike

Hana Hou Hō'ike is a family-friendly celebration featuring vibrant performances from the rich traditions of Polynesian dance, singing, and drumming. This Hō'ike provides a dynamic platform to share the beauty and depth of Hawaiian, Tahitian, and Māori cultures with the broader community, promoting cross-cultural understanding and appreciation.

Grantee: Hālau Makana Polynesian Cultural Arts Center

Date(s): October 19, 2025

Plein Air Paintout 2025

The Frank Bette Plein Air Paintout hosts up to 40 juried artists for a week of painting tree-lined streets, stately Victorian homes and shops, picturesque marinas, historic naval ships and naval air station, as well as beaches, lagoons, parks, and San Francisco and Oakland skylines in Alameda.

Grantee: Frank Bette Center for the Arts

Date(s): July 28, 2025 - August 2, 2025

The Foodbank Players

The Foodbank Players will use the cultural art grant to cover the operating expenses for the 2025 season and beyond. The 2025 season includes Hamlet (September 2025), A Christmas Carol (December 2025), A Raisin in the Sun (March 2026) and A Midsummer Night's Dream (June 2026).

Grantee: The Foodbank Players

Date(s): September 2025 - June 2026

For more information visit www.alamedaca.gov/culturalartfp or contact Jackie Keliiaa, Development Manager, at 510-747-6857 or jkeliiaa@alamedaca.gov.

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