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City's Museums and Cultural Affairs Department Announces Cultural Funding Recipients for FY2025

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department (MCAD) has announced the recipients of its FY2025 Cultural Funding Program.

This year, \$202,500 in funding will support 25 nonprofit cultural organizations and individual artists across El Paso, fostering creativity and enhancing access to arts and culture throughout the community.

“Investing in our local artists and cultural organizations is essential to building a vibrant, world-class arts community in El Paso,” said Ben Fyffe, Managing Director of the City of El Paso’s Quality of Life Division. “Through this funding, MCAD continues its commitment to making the arts more accessible and enriching our city with performances, exhibitions, workshops, and more.”

The Cultural Funding Program uses a competitive grant-making process that includes a thorough application review by a panel of community members. Grants are awarded in three key categories:

- **Operating Support:** Enhances the stability and sustainability of established arts organizations.
- **Project Support:** Funds specific initiatives that expand cultural programming and engagement.
- **Incubator Program:** Encourages innovation and supports the development of new work by local artists.

Since its inception in 2007, MCAD’s Cultural Funding Program has invested more than \$5.6 million in El Paso’s artistic community. Recognized by the Texas Commission on the Arts as a model of transparency, the program has played a pivotal role in the city’s cultural and economic growth. According to a study by Americans for the Arts, arts and culture programming contributes \$103.4 million annually to El Paso’s economy, supports over 4,000 full-time jobs, and generates \$1.8 million in local hotel revenues.

For more details about the Cultural Funding Program and the full list of FY2025 awardees, visit epmcad.org/find-opportunities/arts-funding.

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