



# *COVID - 19* *RESPONSE*



Updated July 15, 2021

ORANGE COUNTY

# Arts Orange County's COVID-19 Response and Relief Funding Results

175+

Artists received  
financial assistance

\$7,752,123

Total relief funds  
to OC arts community

138+

Arts organizations and  
arts businesses in 27 cities  
received grants

## RELIEF FUND ACTIVITIES

### Research

Conducted survey of  
COVID-19 impact upon OC arts  
community. Released results  
April, 2020. Updated  
survey April 2021

### Research

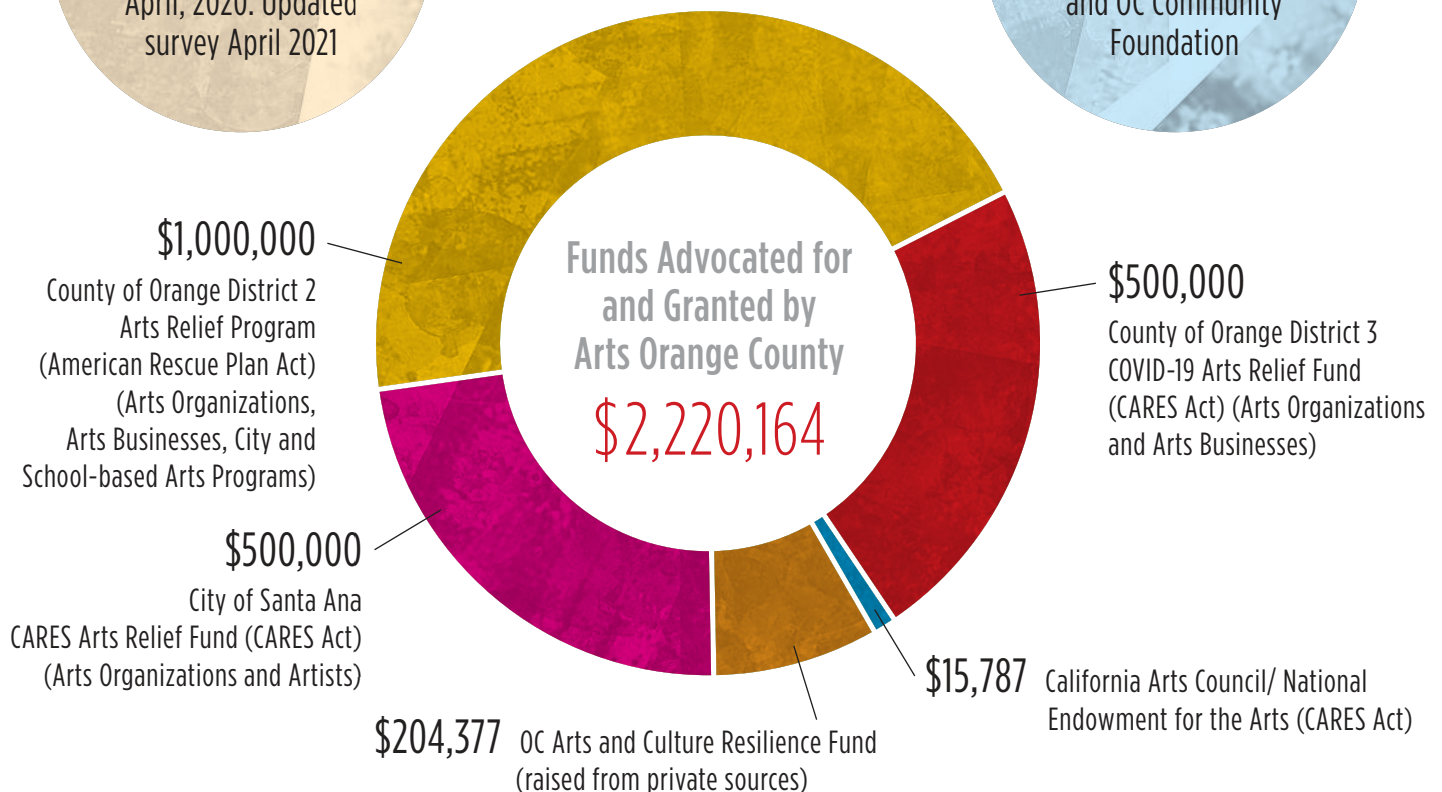
Collected data on use  
of CARES Act, American  
Resource Plan Act, and  
private arts relief funds  
in other communities

### Advocacy

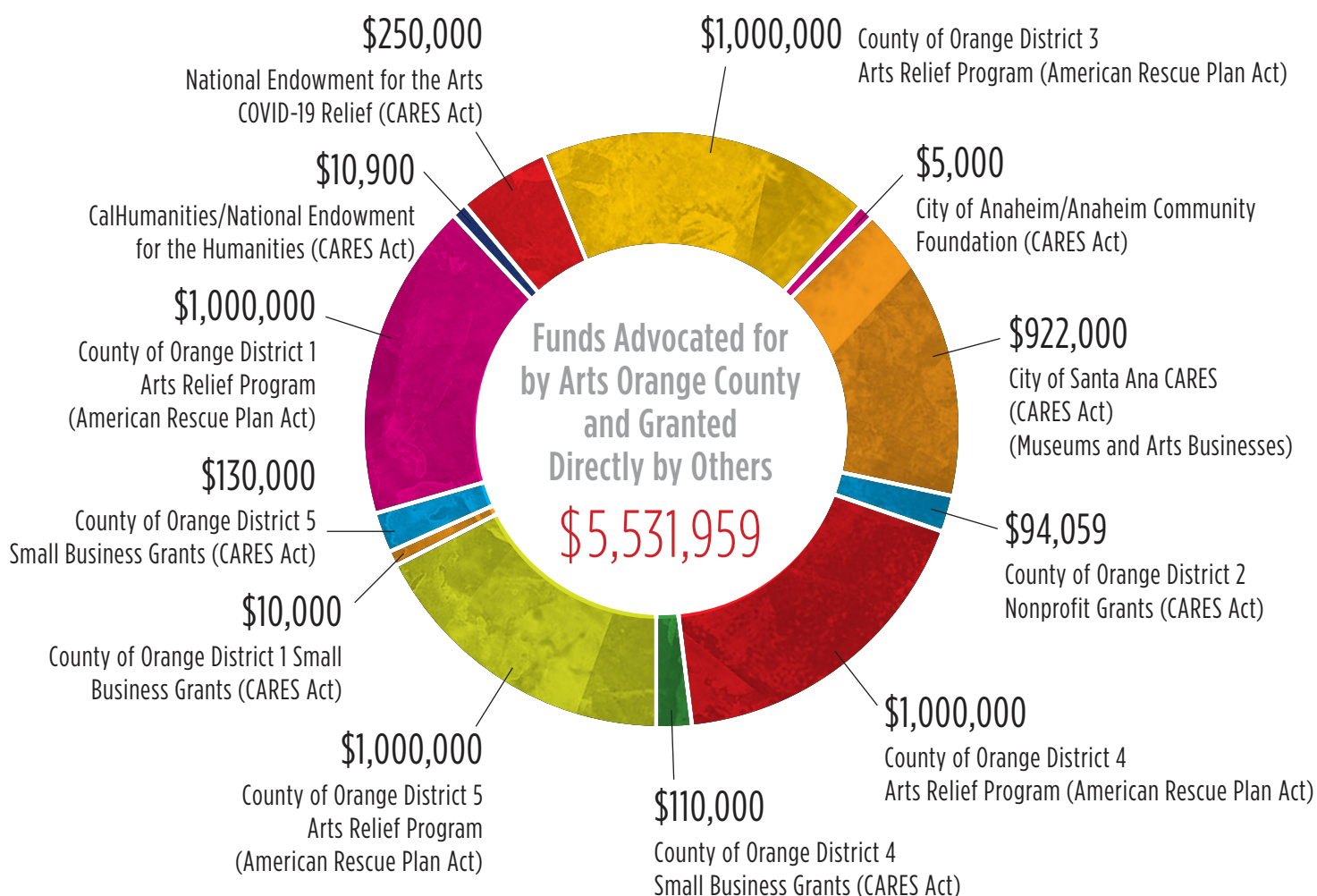
Conducted  
meetings and other  
communications with  
County and cities  
elected officials

### Fundraising

Established OC Arts and  
Culture Resilience Fund  
with Charitable Ventures  
and OC Community  
Foundation







## OTHER ACTIVITIES



**Notes:** Data is as of July 15, 2021. Reflects funds awarded and committed. Some programs have not yet completed their grant making. OC Arts and Culture Resilience Fund, County District 3 Arts Relief Fund and City of Santa Ana Arts CARES Arts Relief Fund managed by Arts Orange County in collaboration with Orange County Community Foundation and Charitable Ventures. California Arts Council/National Endowment for the Arts Fund and County District 2 Arts Relief Fund (American Rescue Plan Act) managed by Arts Orange County.

# Contributors to OC ARTS and CULTURE Resilience Fund

Powered by Arts Orange County, Charitable Ventures  
and Orange County Community Foundation

## Public Funding

Arts Orange County joins with the Orange County arts community in expressing our deepest gratitude to our Federal, State, County and City elected officials for their support of the CARES Act and making available CARES Act funding to provide relief to our artists, arts organizations, arts businesses and museums.

### \$5,000,000

County of Orange  
American Rescue Plan Act  
Arts Relief Funds  
(\$1,000,000 per District)

### \$500,000

City of Santa Ana  
CARES Arts Relief Fund  
(CARES Act)

County of Orange District 3  
COVID-19 Arts Relief Fund  
(CARES Act)

### \$15,787

California Arts Council/  
National Endowment for the Arts  
(CARES Act)

## Private Funding

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to the following contributors who supported this fund. 100% of these funds were awarded in assistance to individual artists and grants to arts organizations.

### \$20,000+

Larry and Helen Hoag Foundation  
Valerie and Hans Imhof  
Orange County Community Foundation — Arts Endowment Fund  
Orange County Community Foundation — Richard and Elizabeth Steele Endowment  
Orange County Community Foundation — Tod and Linda White

### \$10,000+

Faubel Public Affairs  
Orange County Community Foundation — Michael and Etta Cannon Fund  
Orange County Community Foundation — Keith Swayne  
Charlie and Ling Zhang

### \$5,000+

Phil and Mary Lyons  
Orange County Community Foundation — Crevier Family Foundation Fund  
Orange County Community Foundation — Miracle Fund

### \$2,500+

The William Gillespie Foundation  
Orange County Community Foundation — Doreen D. Marshall Fund for Youth

### \$1,000+

Ellen Breitman  
Margaret Gates

Susan K. Hori  
Sheila and Jim Peterson

Richard and Alison Stein  
Vina Williams

### \$250+

John Forsyte  
Mark and Jan Hilbert  
Todd Hanson  
Giulio Ongaro  
Rick Smetanka  
Paula Tomei

### \$100+

Dr. Stephen Barker  
Cynthia Corley  
Sara Guerrero  
Scott Fitzpatrick  
Gary Good  
Kara Jacobs Harvey  
Marion Jack

Brian Ross  
Tim Shaw  
Alan Terricciano  
Christopher Trela  
Nancy Warzer-Brady  
James White

### Other Gifts

Dennis Cole  
Cindy Davis  
Kathy Kahn  
Tammy Noreyko  
Todd Smith  
Debora Wondercheck

## Orange County Arts Organizations that Received Relief Funding\*

\* Partial list

AHRI Center, Garden Grove  
Active Learning Believe & Inspire, Santa Ana  
All the Arts for All the Kids, Fullerton  
American Pacific Ballet Company, Santa Ana  
Anaheim Ballet, Anaheim  
Anifie, Inc., Irvine  
Arts & Learning Conservatory, Costa Mesa  
Attic Community Theatre (JD Theatricals),  
Santa Ana  
Backhausdance, Orange  
Bowers Museum, Santa Ana  
Breath of Fire Latina Theatre Ensemble,  
Santa Ana

Broadway on Tour Children's Theatre, Santa Ana  
Cabrillo Playhouse, San Clemente  
Camino Real Playhouse, San Juan Capistrano  
Campsite Media House, Irvine  
Casa Romantica Cultural Center & Gardens,  
San Clemente  
Chamber Music OC, Irvine  
Chance Theater, Anaheim  
Chemers Gallery, Inc., Tustin  
Child Creativity Lab, Santa Ana  
Choral Arts Initiative, Irvine  
Chrissie Vocal Studio, Tustin  
Creative Identity, Anaheim

# Community Leaders Praise Arts Orange County

“In these uncertain times, some arts organizations stay in place, while others move ahead and demonstrate their importance. Arts Orange County has truly risen to the challenges presented by COVID-19, by equipping local organizations with funding and educational resources.”

— Jerry Mandel, Ph.D., President,  
Irvine Barclay Theatre

“Arts Orange County plays a crucial role as OC’s nonprofit arts council, acting as the center of gravity for our local arts community. During the pandemic, Arts Orange County has served as a powerful champion and advocate for local artists and nonprofit arts organizations hit hardest by the pandemic, garnering resources from both the public sector and private philanthropy to provide lifelines of support when they are needed most. The Orange County Community Foundation is proud and honored to support the critical mission of Arts OC.”

— Shelley Hoss, President & CEO,  
Orange County Community Foundation



Above: Photo courtesy of Orange County Museum of Art (photo by Lauren Hillary).

Left: Día del Niño, Arts Orange County.



“I am so appreciative of Arts Orange County which played a big role in securing relief funds during the COVID-19 for our arts community. The dedication and endless effort truly touches me. They are the champion!”

— Charles Zhang, Arts Patron

“a key player in the future of the arts”

“The Orange County arts ecosystem could not survive without it”

“the cornerstone of the county’s arts community”

Creative Kids Playhouse, Mission Viejo  
Dana Point Symphony, Dana Point  
Dance Discovery Foundation, Laguna Niguel  
Dance Precisions, Anaheim  
Dance Star Academy of Performing Arts,  
Yorba Linda  
Discovery Cube, Santa Ana  
EKTA Center, Irvine  
El Centro Cultural de Mexico, Santa Ana  
Festival Ballet Theatre, Fountain Valley  
Festival of Arts and Pageant of the Masters,  
Laguna Beach  
Focus Dance Center, Irvine

Friends of La Habra Children’s Museum,  
La Habra  
Fullerton Museum Center Association, Fullerton  
Galaxy Arts Center, Tustin  
Golden Sunshine Academy, Irvine  
Green Arts & Crafts, LLC, Irvine  
Heritage Future, Orange  
Heritage Museum of Orange County, Santa Ana  
Hidden Truths Project, Newport Beach  
Hirschl School of Dance Arts, Anaheim  
Hope Center for the Arts, Irvine  
Irvine Academies of Music LLC, Irvine  
Irvine Barclay Theatre, Irvine

KidSingers, Anaheim  
Kontrapunktus/A Neo-Baroque Orchestra,  
Seal Beach  
LOCA (Laguna Outreach for Community Arts),  
Laguna Beach  
Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach  
Laguna Beach Live!, Laguna Beach  
Laguna Dance Festival, Laguna Beach  
Laguna Playhouse  
Laguna Plein Air Painters Association,  
Laguna Beach  
Le Cheng Inc., Irvine  
*continued*





“Two years ago, Orange County Business Council highlighted this county’s competitive advantage in ‘The Art of Business and the Business of Art’ as its annual theme in recognition of the outsized role that creativity plays in the innovation economy on which this community depends. And as OCBC does for the business community, Arts Orange County serves as the leading voice for the arts community. Arts Orange County’s vigorous advocacy during the

Left: Bei Bei, OC Music and Dance.

Below: Photo courtesy of South Coast Repertory (photo by Jordan Kubat).



challenges posed by the COVID-19 crisis ensures that arts-related businesses, nonprofit arts organizations and artists are accorded equal consideration in the allocation of relief funds. Arts Orange County has shown that its impact far exceeds the sum of its parts, delivering great value and substance as Orange County’s nonprofit local arts agency.”

— Lucy Dunn, President & CEO,  
Orange County Business Council

“Arts Orange County is a steadfast ally for arts organizations and local artists here in Orange County. That support results in increased partnerships with school districts and expanded access to the arts for students and families. Arts Orange County collaborates with the Orange County Department of Education to raise awareness of the need for the arts in our schools. We are grateful to Arts Orange County for its leadership and partnership and look forward to expanding our work together.”

— Dr. Al Mijares,  
Orange County Superintendent of Schools

“Arts Orange County continues to play a significant role in galvanizing the community around support, participation and advocacy for the arts and arts education.”

— Paula Tomei, Managing Director,  
South Coast Repertory

“an indispensable partner”

“a unique and vital resource”

“its impact far exceeds the sum of its parts”

“the center of gravity for our local arts community”

LibroMobile Arts Co-op, Santa Ana  
MAGIC Academy of Arts, Santa Ana  
Makara Center, Santa Ana  
Maple Conservatory of Dance, DBA Momiji, Irvine  
McCoy Rigby Arts, Inc., Yorba Linda  
Media Arts Santa Ana/OC Film Fiesta,  
Santa Ana  
Meistersingers, Inc., Orange  
Men Alive! Chorus, Santa Ana  
Meritage Vocal Ensemble, Anaheim  
Momentum Dance and Performing Arts Center,  
Yorba Linda  
Mozart Camerata, Lake Forest

Museum of Teaching and Learning, Fullerton  
Music Preserves Foundation, Dana Point  
Musical Theater Village, Irvine  
Musical Theatre Orange County, Placentia  
Muzeo Museum & Cultural Center, Anaheim  
New Hope Presbyterian Church, Anaheim  
Oasis Center International, Santa Ana  
OC Center for Contemporary Art, Santa Ana  
OC Children’s Therapeutic Arts Center,  
Santa Ana  
Orange County Children’s Theatre,  
Huntington Beach  
Orange County Crazies, Santa Ana

Orange County Fine Arts, Inc., Santa Ana  
Orange County Museum of Art,  
Santa Ana/Costa Mesa  
Orange County Music and Dance, Irvine  
Orange County Women’s Chorus, Laguna Hills  
PACDA, Inc., Irvine  
Pacific Chorale, Costa Mesa  
Pacific Conservatory, Orange  
Pacific Symphony, Irvine  
Paul-Dean Martin, Anaheim  
Philharmonic Society of Orange County, Irvine  
Pianoforte Music Studio, Irvine  
R.W.B. Party Props, Inc., Orange

“Arts Orange County has long been an indispensable partner to Segerstrom Center for the Arts. Its leadership in the County has been particularly evident this year, as Arts OC has tirelessly advocated for arts & culture relief funding in the face of profound challenges due to COVID-19. The Center is immensely grateful for Arts OC’s real-time dissemination of vital information, guidance in navigating the varied and complex paths to funding resources, and thoughtful understanding of the unique challenges and needs of our sector. As a community devoted to the arts as a source of hope and humanity, Arts OC is a unifying voice, uplifting and amplifying our collective efforts.”

— Casey Reitz, President,  
Segerstrom Center for the Arts

“Arts Orange County has developed into the cornerstone of the county’s arts community. As a tool for connections and communication, ArtsOC is uniquely positioned to be both a support and an advocate for the arts, from the county’s largest venues to its smallest artist studio. There simply isn’t anything remotely like it in Orange County.”

— Dr. Stephen Barker, Dean,  
Claire Trevor School of the Arts,  
University of California, Irvine



Photo courtesy of The Silence is Broken.

“As a smaller nonprofit that has been promoting the arts in the Orange County community for over 25 years, VAALA has been grateful for the thought partnership and services that Arts OC has given us. Arts OC’s network and support of VAALA has been crucial to our capacity-building and growth efforts over the past few years.”

— Yvonne Tran, Board President,  
Vietnamese American Arts and Letters  
Association (VAALA)

“Arts OC is a valuable community asset which advocates to raise awareness of the importance of the sector’s impact in: building a high quality, vibrant and healthy arts community, fueling

the creative economy in California, focusing on arts education initiatives and ensuring human services needs are met through arts interventions for the most vulnerable in our region.”

— Dawn Reese, Chief Executive Officer,  
The Wooden Floor

“Orange County is home to a burgeoning movement of art that serves a diverse community. The value of these artists and organizations is clearly understood and supported by Arts Orange County.”

— Marlene Peña-Marin, Artistic Director,  
Relámpago del Cielo Grupo Folklórico

“they are the champion!”

“ensure the arts are front-and-center in the minds of the community”

“a steadfast ally”

Relámpago del Cielo Folkloric Dance Co.,  
Santa Ana  
RYTMO Reaching Youth Through Music, Anaheim  
Santa Ana Business Council, Santa Ana  
Sawdust Festival, Laguna Beach  
Second Baptist Church, Santa Ana  
Segerstrom Center for the Arts, Costa Mesa  
South Coast Chinese Cultural Association, Irvine  
South Coast Repertory, Costa Mesa  
South Coast Symphony, North Tustin  
Southern California Children’s Chorus, Irvine  
Stage Door Repertory Theatre, Anaheim  
STAGEstheatre, Fullerton

Surfing Heritage and Cultural Center,  
San Clemente  
The All-American Boys Chorus, Santa Ana  
The Festival Singers, Rancho Santa Margarita  
The Frida Cinema, Santa Ana  
The Muckenthaler Center, Fullerton  
The Rock, Anaheim  
The Silence is Broken, Monarch Beach  
The Wayward Artist Theatre Company,  
Santa Ana  
The Wooden Floor, Santa Ana  
Thistle Academy of Irish Dance, Orange  
Top Hat 8 Repertory, Tustin

Tustin Area Council for Fine Arts, Tustin  
Viet Cam Dance, Westminster  
Vietnamese American Arts & Letters Assoc.,  
Fountain Valley  
Vintage Suits by Mary, Orange  
Walk for Art, Anaheim  
Well Beings Studio, Santa Ana  
WePlay Music, Irvine  
Westminster Community Playhouse, Westminster  
Wyland Foundation, Rancho Santa Margarita  
Yorba Linda Spotlight Theater Company,  
Yorba Linda  
Young Rembrandts DBA of Syen LLC, Tustin



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— *Irvine Weekly*, July 6, 2020

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— *Orange County Register*, April 22, 2020

“The Orange County arts ecosystem could not survive without the committed support, dedication, and leadership of Arts Orange County.”

— Andrew Brown, President & CEO, Pacific Chorale

“Its major accomplishments include effective advocacy for CARES relief funding at a time when cultural institutions are extremely impacted. We are grateful for their presence and committed to supporting their fantastic work.”

— John Forsyte, President, Pacific Symphony

“Arts OC is a unique and vital resource for our community—every county should have such an organization to advocate for the arts which enhance our daily lives.”

— Craig Wells, President, Board of Trustees, Orange County Museum of Art

“Arts Orange County uniquely provides a much-needed role as Orange County’s only County-wide arts council.”

— Peter C. Keller, President, Bowers Museum



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