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City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department Awards \$260,000 to Local Artists and Organizations

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department (MCAD) is proud to announce the award of \$260,000 in cultural funding to 28 local nonprofit cultural organizations and artists for Fiscal Year 2026.

“As El Paso’s arts and cultural landscape continues to expand, we’re proud to provide critical support to local creative professionals,” said Quality of Life Managing Director Ben Fyffe. “Building on MCAD’s record of sustained, meaningful funding, these investments will bolster artists and organizations while enriching our broader community through workshops, performances, exhibitions, publications, and more.”

MCAD’s competitive grant-making process includes an application review by a panel of qualified arts and cultural professionals in the community.

Grants are awarded in three categories:

- **Artist Incubator Program:** Supports the creation of new work by local artists.
- **Arts Activate Program:** Provides project-based support for work reflecting the region’s heritage.
- **Operating Support Program:** Invests in the stability and growth of local arts organizations.

Since 2005, the Cultural Funding Program has awarded more than \$6 million to El Paso’s artistic community. The program has also been cited as a model of transparency by the Texas Commission on the Arts. Funding for the program is made possible through the local allocation of the Hotel Occupancy Tax.

For more information about the Cultural Funding Program, including the complete list of awardees, visit EPMCAD.org/Find-Opportunities/Arts-Funding.

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