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City of El Paso Museums & Cultural Affairs Department to Host ‘Opportunities Open House’ for Local Artists

EL PASO, Texas—Working artists and creative professionals from all disciplines are invited to attend a free Opportunities Open House hosted by the Museums & Cultural Affairs Department (MCAD) from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16, at the El Paso Museum of Art.

Each spring, the Opportunities Open House gives local artists and creatives an opportunity to learn about grant funding, commissions, and other professional opportunities available through the department, which paid more than \$913,000 to artists and creatives in Fiscal Year 2025.

“We welcome artists of all levels and disciplines to meet our staff, learn about MCAD’s programs, and consider applying for grant funding or other opportunities,” said City of El Paso Quality of Life Managing Director Ben Fyffe. “A thriving arts and cultural landscape is a critical component in the wellbeing of a community, and we are proud to provide a broad range of paid opportunities for local artists, performers, and more.”

The event will follow an exhibitor hall format, allowing attendees to connect with staff from the department’s sites and programs including: the El Paso Museum of Art, El Paso Museum of Archaeology, the El Paso Museum of History, the El Paso Mexican American Cultural Center, the Cultural Funding Program, the Public Art Program, The Market, and MCAD’s Signature Festivals (Chalk the Block and Día de los Muertos). Visitors are encouraged to bring business cards to network with staff and fellow artists.

The Museums & Cultural Affairs Department provides a variety of grant programs, paid artist and performer opportunities, vendor opportunities, and teaching artist positions.

For more information about the City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department, visit www.epmcd.org.

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