

## ATTACHMENT A

### County of Santa Barbara Arts Making Impact 2024-25 Grant Award Disbursement Recommendations

The County of Santa Barbara Arts Making Impact (AMI) Grants program is intended to support cultural practitioners and organizations by funding projects that provide greater and more diverse participation in the arts, and integrate the arts into learning environments for children and young adults. Grant proposals that help to eliminate current barriers to cultural activities— such as access to transportation, materials, artists, music and art instruction to youth and underserved communities— are encouraged.

Organizations with annual budgets less than \$500,000 were eligible to apply. Artists or arts organizations applying must be based in Santa Barbara County and provide services to Santa Barbara County residents. Applicants were asked to demonstrate evidence of community need for arts programs or services to be provided through the grant.

Applications were scored according to the following criteria:

- Impact on the community served
- Number of people served
- Fiscal responsibility: overall cost-effectiveness of project and other financial and community support

Consideration was given to projects that demonstrate:

- Partnerships, collaboration, innovation, and expansion
- Inclusion of diverse communities and artists in all aspects of program planning and implementation
- Use of professional artists in programs
- Commitment to payment for any artistic service

The maximum amount of an Arts Making Impact Grant is \$5,000. Grants selected for funding will be awarded the full amount of the grant request.

#### **COUNTY ARTS MAKING IMPACT 2024-25 GRANT CYCLE APPLICATION OVERVIEW**

<b>Total AMI Grant Funding Requested:</b>	<b>\$189,764</b>
<b>Total AMI Grant Funding Available:</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>Total Number of Applicants:</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Number of Applicants Receiving Funding:</b>	<b>11</b>

**GRANT APPLICANTS, DESCRIPTIONS, LOCATIONS, AMOUNT REQUESTED AND AWARD AMOUNT**  
**RECOMMENDATIONS**

*(Please note: the grant descriptions provided below are submitted by the applicants as part of their grant application.)*

***GRANT APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING***

**Be Momentum**

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**Project Description:** "Be Momentum is partnering with other after-school program facilities to offer a regular weekly dance class for free to create accessible dance education for the youth of Santa Barbara County. These classes are not merit-based and are open to all students in Santa Barbara County ages 6-12. The class will be weekly and run the duration of the 2024-2025 SBUSD academic calendar August 2024-June 2025."

**Location:** Santa Barbara

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$5000

**Boxtales Theatre Company**

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**Project Description:** "Boxtales will provide 3-5 full subsidies to Title I schools in North County for our live standards-based, world mythology assemblies for the 2024-25 school year. If live performances are not permitted. Our programming will focus on social-emotional learning, helping 2,500 students from low-income backgrounds cope with the continued mental health challenges facing our youth."

**Location:** Santa Barbara

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$5000

**Goleta Education Foundation**

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**Project Description:** "With support from the Santa Barbara County Office of Arts and Culture, Goleta Education Foundation (GEF) will foster equity, access and opportunity in Goleta Union School District communities by providing artists in residence from Santa Barbara County's Children's Creative Project for performing arts to approximately 3,500 students in the Goleta Union School District"

**Location:** Goleta

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$5000

**Grace Fisher Foundation**

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**Project Description:** "The Grace Fisher Foundation offers a "Free Family Drum Circle Program at the Inclusive Arts Clubhouse". It is intended to support musicians, promote arts and cultural activities while enriching the lives of disabled

residents and their families living in communities of Santa Barbara County. This interactive program is offered every Sunday in collaboration with two professional musicians alternating each week, both with music therapy backgrounds. The class takes place in an accessible space.”

**Location:** Santa Barbara

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$5000

## **Lompoc Theatre Project**

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**Project Description:** “We are producing our 5th annual Lompoc Chalks Festival. It has become an event the town looks forward to every year. Besides the beautiful art itself, the community enjoys the free chalk art classes for children, the musicians, and the kids from our schools and dance studios who perform throughout the weekend. We are seeking funding for stipends for the local chalk artists, stipends for local musicians, chalk for the artists and kids, site rental, and City fees.”

**Location:** Lompoc

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$5000

## **Orcutt Area Seniors in Service, Inc.**

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**Project Description:** “This grant seeks to enrich the lives of northern Santa Barbara County's senior residents by acquiring two potter's wheels, two ceramics tables and glazes for the OASIS Center's ceramics program, broadening our art curriculum to include wheel-throwing skills alongside hand-building techniques. This expansion will enhance creative expression, skill development, and community engagement among seniors, fostering a vibrant, inclusive arts environment.”

**Location:** Orcutt

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$3664

**Grant Award:** \$1600

*(The full amount requested by this grantee was not eligible under the grant guidelines. The panel decided to fund a portion of the eligible expenses under the grant guidelines.)*

## **Santa Barbara Black Culture House**

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**Project Description:** “The Santa Barbara Black Culture House is a pop-up arts space showcasing a dynamic range of events in celebration of the art, culture, and history of the Black Diaspora. It was co-founded in 2020 by producers Darrell M. McNeill and Sally A. Foxen-McNeill to present the full spectrum of creative disciplines and ideas, expressed through the provocative and foundational lens of the Black experience.”

**Location:** Santa Barbara

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$5000

## Santa Barbara Transgender Advocacy Network

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**Project Description:** “The Santa Barbara Transgender Advocacy Network asks for a grant to help fund two art shows for transgender artists in Santa Barbara to foster support for the transgender community. The first art show is in the Fall of 2024 for transgender and neurodiverse artists. The other will be in March of 2025 for Transgender Day of Visibility. Transgender people are disproportionately marginalized due to their gender identities, so these art shows will provide them with the opportunity to sell their art.”

**Location:** Santa Barbara

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$3900

**Grant Award:** \$3900

## Santa Maria Philharmonic Society

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**Project Description:** “The Santa Maria Philharmonic Youth Outreach Program opens the world of classical music to local young people who have limited to no exposure to music education. The program includes a Music Van that visits third-graders and allows them the opportunity to hear, handle, and play orchestral instruments, a series of Children's Concerts, Youth Showcase, Library Series, After School String Program, and Family Concert. All programming is provided free of charge.”

**Location:** Santa Maria

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$5000

## Viva Brazil

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**Project Description:** “Our organization will use the funds to hire artists to teach a 16 week long program to Elementary schools grades 4th to 6th in Santa Barbara county. The program involves a performing show at the end of the cycle where the kids will have the chance to be on stage and showcase their talent to families and friends. Kids will learn dance movements, how to play instruments, history and how to perform in a stage”

**Location:** Santa Barbara

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$4500

**Grant Award:** \$4500

## Youth Arts Alive - program of SBCAN

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**Project Description:** “The mission of Youth ARTS Alive is to provide free, culturally responsive classes in the performing and visual arts for children 8-18 in underserved communities of Santa Maria. Our goal is to bring working artists into economically challenged neighborhoods to share their skills and passion for the arts with children who cannot afford arts instruction. A grant of \$5,000 will help us provide 440 hours of classes in Music, Theatre, Dance and the Visual Arts for over 400 children this summer”

**Location:** Santa Maria

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award: \$5000**

***GRANT APPLICATIONS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING***

**Alcazar Theatre**

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**Project Description:** “The performing arts students at Carpinteria Schools, typically put on performances in their cafeteria or their playgrounds. They lack dedicated areas to put on musical or theater performances. This limits their ability to build their skills and also prevents the wider community from enjoying and nurturing their incredible talent. This grant application helps fund showcasing students for a once a month performance at the Alcazar Theatre to build their skills as well as showcase their talents.”

**Location:** Carpinteria

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$0

**Artist Advocacy Foundation**

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**Project Description:** “We plan to produce, film and record six community concerts, along with interviews with each performer, and edit the material together to create a film that tells a story of what it's like to be an independent artist and traveling troubadour in the 21st Century. The film will entertain viewers with original songs and storytelling by musical artists who make their living on the road, and explore themes of image-vs-essence, intention, inspiration, the role of the audience and the power of community”

**Location:** Santa Ynez

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$0

**Arts Mentorship Program**

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**Project Description:** “The NO LIMITS program provides a 5-week program that introduces a diverse group of students (ages 4-18) to movement, culture, dance, play and history. NO LIMITS is a culturally responsive and equitable program that supports students who are underserved, low-income, and disabled. It incorporates leadership development, physical growth, healing, creative guidance, mental wellness and advocacy through dance. No Limits narrows the equity gap of access to dance education in SB in an inclusive manner”

**Location:** Santa Barbara

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$0

**ARTSPACE INC DBA Center Stage Theater**

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**Project Description:** “Center Stage will produce a series of ten jazz performances from May 2024 through April 2025 in collaboration with Miriam Dance and The Santino Tafarella Quartet and featuring a special guest artist at each event.”

**Location:** Santa Barbara

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$0

#### **C4 - Collective Cultures Creating Change**

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**Project Description:** “The Project will curate and present photos, memorabilia and stories of African Americans who served in the military and made North County Santa Barbara their home as well as present the ongoing collection of other African Americans stories curated by The Unsung Heroes Living History Project who have served around the country. The exhibit will take place in Lompoc at the Veterans Memorial Building and will open Veterans Day Weekend 2024. It will remain open for the public viewing long term.”

**Location:** Lompoc

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$0

#### **Ceylon International Film Festival Foundation**

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**Project Description:** “Securing funds from Santa Barbara County will enable us to compensate the skilled artists who enhance our festival's closing event. This grant empowers us to celebrate and showcase the rich tapestry of arts in our community, making the fesival a truly memorable experience. To educate the general public about the rich culture history and arts of Sir Lanka (Ceylon) and support the arts of the Sri Lankan community to bring awareness to the resilience of communities across cultural lines.”

**Location:** Santa Barbara

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$0

#### **Cultural and Creative Arts Center of the Santa Maria Valley**

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**Project Description:** “We aim to foster the understanding of healing, cultural connection, and Art with historically disadvantaged communities, particularly within the indigenous, immigrant, and undocumented communities. Initiatives of engaging activism, we aspire to empower our community members to navigate their healing journey by providing a space with the resources and the necessary equipment for creative expression and reconnecting with their cultural roots.”

**Location:** Santa Maria

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$0

#### **Deepwater Diving Monument/Santa Barbara Masritime Museum (Fiscal Sponsor)**

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**Project Description:** “The all-volunteer Deepwater Diving Monument Committee is raising funds to complete the Deepwater Diving Monument project which has been approved by the City of Santa Barbara as a gift to the City. The ten foot tall bronze sculpture of a local working fishery diver will be located in the Santa Barbara Harbor. This public art project has received unanimous support from the community. We are 65% complete toward the total funding requirement of 485,000.00. SBMM is our fiscal sponsor.”

**Location:** Santa Barbara

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$0

## **FUTURE for Lompoc Youth**

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**Project Description:** “FUTURE for Lompoc Youth Mural Project in collaboration with local artist Phrankie Gurerro and location provided by PCH Street would engage 20 Lompoc youth with the opportunity to participate in local Arts & Culture.”

**Location:** Lompoc

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$0

## **Karen Peabody/The Quiltist**

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**Project Description:** “I will be teaching quilting and sewing to members of the community at classes to be held at the Community Arts Workshop in Santa Barbara. The purpose of the classes is to create community through crafting/art that is accessible to community members who do not necessarily think of themselves as artists. I will be teaching people to use sewing machines and use fabric that is no longer needed, either donated or repurposed, to create heirloom quilts.”

**Location:** Santa Barbara

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$0

## **Lompoc Valley Art Association**

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**Project Description:** “The Pot Mamas Social Club Festival of Arts will offer a day-long immersion into the vibrant culture of art in the Lompoc Community. This event will host a variety of local Lompoc and Santa Barbara artists and performers.”

**Location:** Lompoc

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$0

## **Mestizo Arts Scholarship Cultural And Recreation Association**

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**Project Description:** “Our organization will provide support for 3 artists, a dance performance artist, and costs of materials that will provide activities at a cultural arts community day event in Santa Maria. The request for funds is also

to assist with costs for a charter bus to transport families in Cuyama. The Family Arts and Culture Community Day is planned in conjunction with a Chicano art exhibition scheduled for Fall 2024.”

**Location:** Santa Maria

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$0

## **Nomad Tango**

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**Project Description:** “Six Professional Artists- The project will support two musicians and four tango teachers in Santa Barbara. Tango dance/music is a difficult discipline that requires years to master due to the complexity of its stylistic repertoire. The unique sound of tango is due to the bandoneon a difficult instrument to learn. One of the musicians in our project is an expert bandoneon player, the other a bass player is currently specializing in tango composition. The four tango dancers teach locally”

**Location:** Santa Barbara

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$3700

**Grant Award:** \$0

## **Old Town Orcutt Revitalization Association (OTORA)**

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**Project Description:** “In 2017, large, painted, cow-shaped cut-outs began popping up "Bansky-style" in Old Orcutt – and the community was thrilled. Since, many deteriorated and have been removed. This project memorializes these organically-grown cows—by employing ten+ professional artists (& others) to design/install life-size, creatively painted cows in a pasture-like setting. They will be accessible for photo opportunities and observation/appreciation. The project is a collaboration and will be enjoyed for years.”

**Location:** Orcutt

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$0

## **One Thread**

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**Project Description:** “Seeking artist travel and labor compensation for a multimedia (print and radio) project documenting artisans of Colombia’s Wayúu tribe and the Santa Barbara nonprofit, One Thread Collective, which provides the Wayúu women with educational workshops, microloans, community-led project funding, and income earning opportunities. The topical scope of the proposed photo essay and serialized radio programming would revolve around indigenous arts and One Thread Collective’s business model.”

**Location:** Goleta

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$0

## **Performing and Visual Arts Camp (PVAC)**

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**Project Description:** “The Performing and Visual Arts Camp (PVAC) is a transformative 4-week summer arts camp that aims to provide underprivileged youth, aged 7 to 18, from Santa Barbara and surrounding areas, with a unique opportunity to experience the creative process of musical production. Our campers have the chance to work closely with professional artists and educators in various disciplines, including dance, theater, music, and visual arts. Through daily workshops, rehearsals, and performances, they not only develop their artistic skills but also gain valuable life skills such as teamwork, discipline, and self-expression.”

**Location:** Santa Barbara

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$0

## **Pianos on State Masq(p)arade!**

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**Project Description:** “Masq(p)arade! is a whimsical, progressive-style performance parade, showcasing a series of dynamic piano-based acts at the Pianos on State (PoS) painted pianos. We enlist regional artists to create 15-minute works, incorporating playful masks and the fancifully-painted pianos, to be performed in succession in the heart of Santa Barbara's historic cultural arts district. Participants are encouraged to don their own artful masks to add to the festive atmosphere and become part of the performance.”

**Location:** Santa Barbara

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$0

## **Pinaysphere**

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**Project Description:** “Diwa Dreamscape is a 3-day retreat inspired by the Filipino term "Diwa," which translates to "Spirit" or "Thought." This project aims to develop Filipina young women's (18-24) mental health, confidence, and community network by making pre-colonial arts and cultural wisdom more accessible. This is the first phase of learning focused on smaller group exchange and needs assessment and will be developed further to serve a greater geographic and participant reach in 2025.”

**Location:** Camarillo

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$0

## **proximity theatre**

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**Project Description:** “I am writing this grant as a company member of Proximity Theatre; a non-profit, experimental theater company based in Santa Barbara, California. This grant will support the production of an original performance work. We will produce an adaptation of the Jonathan Lynn comedy, “Clue.” This adaptation of Clue will emphasize comedy through physical theater. The production will be presented in July, 2024. Funding is needed for rehearsal/performance space, individual artist stipends, and design needs.”

**Location:** Santa Barbara

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$0

## Quail Springs

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**Project Description:** “During this 3 month residency, artists will join the rural, off-grid community of Quail Springs of the Cuyama Valley and explore the ecological systems and social life-ways of the piñon-juniper high desert landscape. Artists will develop a creative project to share at the end of their residency inspired by weekly 5 hour herding walks with the goat herd who forages their daily sustenance from the expansive and wandering canyons of the land.”

**Location:** New Cuyama

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$0

## Santa Barbara Chamber Players

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**Project Description:** “The Santa Barbara Chamber Players (SBCP) will present two more chamber orchestra concerts in the City of Santa Barbara in 2024. These concerts will feature local professional-quality musicians performing appealing and accessible music for members of the community who may be new to live classical music concerts, or who may not be able to afford to attend other higher priced concerts offered in our community.”

**Location:** Santa Barbara

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$0

## Santa Barbara Choral Society

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**Project Description:** “The Santa Barbara Choral Society, now in its 76th season, is committed to celebrating the joy of live choral music by performing exceptional classical masterpieces and diverse, modern works for the widest possible audience. On average, we serve 4,000 seniors, 500 families, and over 1,000 individuals annually in our community through the music we share, and provide free tickets for underserved populations to ensure access to the arts across demographic.”

**Location:** Santa Barbara

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$0

## Santa Barbara Gay Men's Chorus

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**Project Description:** “This grant would enable the Santa Barbara Gay Men's Chorus to increase the performance quality of its Spring concert, add two additional concerts during the Summer, and provide free access to three concerts to LGBTQI+ youth in Santa Barbara County.”

**Location:** Santa Barbara

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$0

## Santa Barbara Master Chorale

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**Project Description:** “The Santa Barbara Master Chorale is a long-standing and vital contributor to the performing arts scene in Santa Barbara County. With the mission of bringing the world's best choral music to the community, the Master Chorale is committed to making its concerts available to underserved communities, including youth and seniors. Funding from the Office of Arts and Culture will support our ongoing efforts to make chorale music accessible to all.”

**Location:** Santa Barbara

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$0

## SBHS Theatre Department

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**Project Description:** “To support our 2023/2024 season of play and musical productions as well as department workshops, field trips, materials and scholarship opportunities.”

**Location:** Santa Barbara

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$0

## Solstice

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**Project Description:** “Solstice brings smiles to 100,000 people each year in a Parade and three-day arts & music festival. A photographer and filmmaker, John Rupert, who is 82 years old and has tens of thousands of photos of people smiling in community events, and cannot collate the work himself in order to share with our community and online. The collections could be lost without help. Solstice media interns would be paid to digitize and organize for an Exhibition May, 2025 at the CAW Workshop Opening.”

**Location:** Santa Barbara

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$0

## Spotlight Kids Camp

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**Project Description:** “We hold 5 separate summer camps each year providing an introduction to Musical Theater for children ages 6-12. Each week, our full-day camps focus on producing a different musical play that involves singing, dancing, acting, and a variety of arts and crafts. Throughout the week, campers work with an accompanist, a dance coach, and a director helping them to learn and feel confident on stage. Our teen volunteers work with the children painting sets and doing crafts related to the play.”

**Location:** Santa Barbara

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$4000

**Grant Award:** \$0

## The Westmont Ridley-Tree Museum of Art

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**Project Description:** “The Museum will present an exhibition of works by Santa Barbara artist Ethan Turpin titled "Wildland," which addresses the unique environments of Coastal California, the interconnected natural forces of water and the moon, and the cycles of fire and regrowth in the landscape. This interdisciplinary exhibition features collaborations with local artists and scientists, interactive video installations, and a rich program of educational events that highlight our local ecology.”

**Location:** Santa Barbara

**Requested Grant Amount:** \$5000

**Grant Award:** \$