

**Emeryville Community Grants Selection
Committee Members**



Parks and Rec Committee Member Nicholas Robert
Public Art Committee Member David Ridlehuber
Commission on Aging Member Calvin Dillahunty
Budget Advisory Committee Member Sam Feldman
Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Member Jeffrey Banks

Community Promotions Grant Selection Committee Minutes

Annual Meeting
Civic Center - Chambers
1333 Park Avenue, Emeryville, 94608
Wednesday, March 11, 2026

1. Call to Order:
2. Roll Call:
3. Public Comment:
4. Approval of February 2025 - April 2025, Annual Meeting Action Minutes:
5. Action Items -
 - 5.1. Applicant: Kala Art Institute: Artists In Schools Program
 - 5.1.1. Recommended Funding: \$6,500
 - 5.1.2. Requested Funding: \$10,000
 - 5.1.3. Comments:
 - 5.1.3.1. Calvin: \$5,000
 - 5.1.3.2. David: \$7,500
 - 5.1.3.3. Jeff: \$7,500
 - 5.1.3.4. Nick: \$7,500
 - 5.1.3.5. Sam: \$5,000
 - 5.2. Applicant: New Arts Foundation- Nancy Karp + Dancers
 - 5.2.1. Recommended Funding: \$10,000
 - 5.2.2. Requested Funding: \$10,000
 - 5.2.3. Comments
 - 5.2.3.1. Calvin: \$10,000
 - 5.2.3.2. David: \$10,000
 - 5.2.3.3. Jeff: \$10,000

5.2.3.4. Nick: \$10,000

5.2.3.5. Sam: \$10,000

5.3. Applicant: Scientific Adventures for Girls

5.3.1. Recommended Funding: \$9,000

5.3.2. Requested Funding: \$10,000

5.3.3. Comments

5.3.3.1. Calvin: \$5,000

5.3.3.2. David: \$10,000

5.3.3.3. Jeff: \$10,000

5.3.3.4. Nick: \$10,000

5.3.3.5. Sam: \$10,000

5.4. Applicant: Friend of Emeryville Child Development Center

5.4.1. Recommended Funding: \$9,000

5.4.2. Requested Funding: \$10,000

5.4.3. Comments

5.4.3.1. Calvin: \$9,000

5.4.3.2. David: \$9,000

5.4.3.3. Jeff: 9,000

5.4.3.4. Nick: \$9,000

5.4.3.5. Sam: \$9,000

5.5. Applicant: Friend of the Golden Gate Library

5.5.1. Recommended Funding: \$6,700

5.5.2. Requested Funding: \$10,000

5.5.3. Comments

5.5.3.1. Calvin: \$5,000

5.5.3.2. David: \$8,500

5.5.3.3. Jeff: \$10,000

5.5.3.4. Nick: \$5,000

5.5.3.5. Sam: \$5,000

5.6. Applicant: Teresa Kalnoskas DBA TEKA Painting

5.6.1. Recommended Funding: \$2,300

5.6.2. Requested Funding: \$10,000

5.6.3. Comments: Partial funding for supplies and insurance purposes, high cost for just one time event, city may also be willing to aid in funding, a lot of salary in addition to supplies

5.6.3.1. Calvin: \$3,000

5.6.3.2. David: \$2,000

5.6.3.3. Jeff: \$2,000

5.6.3.4. Nick: \$2,000

5.6.3.5. Sam: \$2,500

5.7. Applicant: The Emeryville Historical Society

5.7.1. Recommended Funding: \$3,440

5.7.2. Requested Funding: \$9872.47

5.7.3. Comments: Seems long term sustainable, great program, but funding other programs so would like to fund permit fees

5.7.3.1. Calvin: \$2,000

5.7.3.2. David: \$3,800

5.7.3.3. Jeff: 3,800

5.7.3.4. Nick: \$3,800

5.7.3.5. Sam: \$3,800

5.8. Applicant: Fishnets & Film Inc.

5.8.1. Recommended Funding: \$7,500

5.8.2. Requested Funding: \$10,000

5.8.3. Comments:

5.8.3.1. Calvin: \$7,500

5.8.3.2. David: \$7,500

5.8.3.3. Jeff: \$7,500

5.8.3.4. Nick: \$7,500

5.8.3.5. Sam: \$7,500

5.9. Applicant: Spoiled Boutique

5.9.1. Recommended Funding: \$7,500

5.9.2. Requested Funding: \$10,000

5.9.3. Comments: Commercial events and vendors are expected to buy things (generate revenue)

5.9.3.1. Calvin: \$10,000

5.9.3.2. David: \$7,500

5.9.3.3. Jeff: \$7,500

5.9.3.4. Nick: \$7,500

5.9.3.5. Sam: \$5,000

5.10. Applicant: Bay Street Emeryville

5.10.1. Recommended Funding: \$0

5.10.2. Requested Funding: \$10,000

5.10.2.1. Comments: Sounded like additional policing when they already have security and there is potential for business owners to contribute to any further necessary security. Clarification provided on goal being to provide safe space and exist as a youth program for teens and avoid policing environment, outside funding sources mentioned as well benefits of grant support to program, funding the teen center should have been mentioned.

5.10.2.2. Calvin:

5.10.2.3. David:

5.10.2.4. Jeff:

5.10.2.5. Nick:

5.10.2.6. Sam:

5.11. Applicant: Taiwo Koyejo

5.11.1. Recommended Funding: \$2,500

5.11.2. Requested Funding: \$10,000

5.11.3. Comments: Appreciate the teaching of skills, will see how it goes, making sure Emeryville is a focus, potential for more after seeing how it goes

5.11.3.1. Calvin: \$2,500

5.11.3.2. David: \$2,500

5.11.3.3. Jeff: \$2,500

5.11.3.4. Nick: \$2,500

5.11.3.5. Sam: \$2,500

5.12. Applicant: Us4Us Bay Area

5.12.1. Recommended Funding: \$0

5.12.2. Requested Funding: \$10,000

5.12.3. Comments: Disagreement with allocation of funds, a lot of money for a 2 day program and 6,000 for DJ, already funding a lot of schools, recommend to work with school to host

5.12.3.1. Calvin:

5.12.3.2. David:

5.12.3.3. Jeff:

5.12.3.4. Nick:

5.12.3.5. Sam:

5.13. Applicant: Micro-Merchant Community Connection

- 5.13.1. Recommended Funding: \$0
- 5.13.2. Requested Funding: \$10,000
- 5.13.3. Comments: Partner with the Emeryville Commerce Connection, unsure on direction and could this be aligned with ECC, interested in what is produced in the future, advocacy for what city is not doing, recommending to come back next year with results
 - 5.13.3.1. Calvin:
 - 5.13.3.2. David:
 - 5.13.3.3. Jeff:
 - 5.13.3.4. Nick:
 - 5.13.3.5. Sam:
- 5.14. Applicant: Entitled Futures
 - 5.14.1. Recommended Funding: \$5,000
 - 5.14.2. Requested Funding: \$10,000
 - 5.14.3. Comments: Great program, already receives state funding, maybe partial
 - 5.14.3.1. Calvin: \$5,000
 - 5.14.3.2. David: \$5,000
 - 5.14.3.3. Jeff: \$5,000
 - 5.14.3.4. Nick: \$5,000
 - 5.14.3.5. Sam: \$5,000
- 5.15. Applicant: Empress Kehinde Koyejo
 - 5.15.1. Recommended Funding: \$0
 - 5.15.2. Requested Funding: \$10,000
 - 5.15.3. Comments: Disagreement with budget and fund allocation, funding private business program, interested in where it goes and recommend coming back next year and apply for a program and not covering cost of rent.
 - 5.15.3.1. Calvin:
 - 5.15.3.2. David:
 - 5.15.3.3. Jeff:
 - 5.15.3.4. Nick:
 - 5.15.3.5. Sam:
- 5.16. Applicant: Misfit Combat
 - 5.16.1. Recommended Funding: \$3,700
 - 5.16.2. Requested Funding: \$10,000
 - 5.16.3. Comments: Do a good job, non-profit not a business
 - 5.16.3.1. Calvin: \$1,000

5.16.3.2. David: \$4,500

5.16.3.3. Jeff: \$5,000

5.16.3.4. Nick: \$3,000

5.16.3.5. Sam: \$5,000

5.17. Applicant: Head Over Heels Gymnastics

5.17.1. Recommended Funding: \$,800

5.17.2. Requested Funding: \$10,000

5.17.3. Comments: Great program, but short term program and only funds so many kids

5.17.3.1. Calvin: \$2,500

5.17.3.2. David: \$2,500

5.17.3.3. Jeff: \$2,000

5.17.3.4. Nick: \$5,000

5.17.3.5. Sam: \$2,000

5.18. Applicant: Emeryville Children & Nature

5.18.1. Recommended Funding: \$3,260

5.18.2. Requested Funding: \$10,000

5.18.3. Comments: Will do good with the funding they're given, follows through and does good work, any future funding will go towards something new, large turn out at park events, a lot of investment in similar things and hopes the city and other entities support. Just ran out of money to fund.

5.18.3.1. Calvin: \$2,000

5.18.3.2. David: \$2,500

5.18.3.3. Jeff: \$3,000

5.18.3.4. Nick: \$2,800

5.18.3.5. Sam: \$6,000

5.19. Applicant: Exotic Linx & Body Essentials

5.19.1. Recommended Funding: \$0

5.19.2. Requested Funding: \$10,000

5.19.3. Comments: Hard to receive grant and charge a fee, exclusive and hard. Cost was unclear (budget said \$1800 for ticket sales). Liked what was said in presentation though and hopes they apply next year with

5.19.3.1. Calvin:

5.19.3.2. David:

5.19.3.3. Jeff:

5.19.3.4. Nick:

5.19.3.5. Sam:

5.20. Applicant: Rudy's Can't Fail Cafe

5.20.1. Recommended Funding: \$800

5.20.2. Requested Funding: \$10,000

5.20.3. Comments: Funding for music licensing fee, commercial business

5.20.3.1. Calvin: \$1,000

5.20.3.2. David: \$1,000

5.20.3.3. Jeff: \$1,000

5.20.3.4. Nick: \$1,000

5.20.3.5. Sam: \$0

5.21. Applicant: Women of the World Fund

5.21.1. Recommended Funding: \$0

5.21.2. Requested Funding: \$10,000

5.21.3. Comments: Large amounts of AI usage in presentation created uncertainty on what results would be/what was being paid for, very much liked the energy and excited to see what the org does next

5.21.3.1. Calvin:

5.21.3.2. David:

5.21.3.3. Jeff:

5.21.3.4. Nick:

5.21.3.5. Sam:

6. Information Items

7. Future Agenda Items

8. Announcements / Member Comments:

9. Adjournment: