



Celebration Arts

Mission

Support the development and presentation of the performing arts, making art accessible to community residents through training and performance opportunities.

Who We Serve

By removing barriers that keep Sacramento-area youth of color, ages 13-17, from creative careers, we cultivate not only tomorrow's artists, but its audiences and cultural leaders.

Project: Performing Arts Conservatory

The program launches with a three-week intensive training camp, serving 25-40 students, and expands into a year-round conservatory with two cohorts serving 50-60 students annually. Participants will receive professional training in acting, voice, movement, and disciplines such as African dance, storytelling, and contemporary media, and culminates in a public performance.

The Conservatory emphasizes equity and access, offering scholarships and student-support services, and is an arts training pipeline, helping underserved youth build confidence, skills, and pathways into higher education and creative careers while preserving and advancing African American cultural expression.

How Grant Funds Will Be Used

The cost to launch the conservatory is estimated to be \$195,000. Grant funding will be used for staffing and material costs to launch the program through its first year. The remaining balance will be paid for by existing or fundraised funds.

How the Project is Transformational

- Individual Level: Builds confidence and academic success while providing a "diversion pathway" from negative influences like gang activity. Students will be supported by a student support advocate.
- Community Level: Addresses a gap in culturally relevant arts education for under-resourced communities.
- Institutional Level: Organization grows from a performance-only theater into a training institution.

Sustainability

Celebration Arts has sustained itself for 40 years as a nonprofit theatre with community support and patrons. Strategies include board members who give, sponsors, donors and grant support to keep the conservatory free or low-cost for its young students.

What is Unique About this Proposal

The Sacramento region does not have a performing arts conservatory for youth that specializes in Black theatre, dance and music.