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Partnership for the Arts and Humanities

2023-2025 Funded Projects or Programs

<p>ACLU of Wisconsin</p>	<p>The ACLU of Wisconsin will execute three cornerstone youth programs and two new youth events. Student Alliance, Youth Social Justice Forum, and Summer Justice Institute are three cornerstone programs run by the ACLU of Wisconsin for the youth of Milwaukee. Two new programs include a day of programming in conjunction with the Lakeland Social Justice Camp and a Film and Conversation evening in partnership with Nō Studios. Each of these ACLU-WI youth programs work to engage students using the arts and humanities to build leadership skills while learning about their civil rights and liberties.</p>
<p>All Hands Boatworks, Inc.</p>	<p>All Hands Boatworks (AHB) engages Milwaukee youth, ages 10-18, in structured, hands-on, manual arts and humanities programming that provides extended learning opportunities, career readiness, and well-being. AHB utilizes the art, science, and craft of building wooden boats and other projects as a teaching tool and holistic youth development strategy. Our integrated programs are offered year-round: after-school artisan craft Builders Clubs; Saturdays-in-the-Shop program; an after-school teen program (ages 13-18) at AHB's shop; a six-week, summer paid internship for teens; and multiple weeklong boatbuilding and maritime skills day camps (ages 10-15) on the Menomonee River. AHB follows a holistic approach to youth development that nurtures the talents and potential of resilient young people.</p>
<p>America SCORES Milwaukee</p>	<p>America SCORES Milwaukee supports school communities with high quality, high-impact arts and humanities programming for K5-5th grade children that promote holistic development. Using poetry, service-learning, and civic engagement, paired with soccer on alternate days, SCORES strives to improve arts engagement and appreciation, academic achievement, health, and social-emotional competence of Milwaukee youth. Through city-wide and year-round afterschool and summer programs, SCORES authenticates youth voice, empowers them to affect change in their community, and fosters supportive relationships among peers and with caring adults who become long-term mentors who will support their academic, physical, and social success.</p>
<p>Art Start, Inc.</p>	<p>Creative Connections (CCX) is a year-round continuum of pathways for Milwaukee youth ages 14-24 to build artistic expertise, personal development and career readiness. CCX meets participants where they are at various stages of their lives by offering diverse access points, program activities, and levels of commitment, including: -Monthly Creative Sessions where participants network, eat dinner, and explore various artistic mediums including music, visual and performing arts, poetry, and more.; -Wellness Resources including counseling, case management and service plans supported by Art Start's licensed social worker; -Paid Summer Internships where youth gain creative industry experience; -Art Start Portrait Project (ASPP), where youth collaborate with professional artists on an a large-scale portrait that reflects their self-identity and visions for their future; -Emerging Artist Residency (EAR), including portfolio development, coursework, one-on-one artist mentoring, weekly workshops, industry projects and networking, and travel to creative capitals such as New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago.</p>

Artists Working in Education	AWE serves a targeted population that represents the diversity of Milwaukee and emphasizes AWE's mission to cultivate community and activate imaginations with creativity in traditionally underserved neighborhoods. The AWE Artist-in-Residence (AIR) and Truck Studio (TS) programs offer free high quality art opportunities for youth ages 4-18. These youth will get the opportunity to ignite their imaginations by engaging in creative, hands-on art-making that will expose them to a wide range of art techniques, art history, media/design, creative concepts, service learning and civic engagement. As part of our goal to eliminate barriers to entry for all Milwaukee youth, the AIR and TS programs will take place during after school hours in community spaces such as parks, school, and other public places.
Arts @ Large	Arts@Large provides out-of-school arts activities and a Summer Arts Camp at a pay what you can cost to students and families living in Milwaukee County. We have an AIR Academy with a series of weekend workshops (grades 3-8) facilitated by a local artist-in-residence and a Summer Arts Camp for 5 weeks (grades 3-8). We also host field trips (all ages) for students to attend art exhibits and performances at our center and in the community. All activities will be hosted at the Arts@Large Community Center located in Walker's Point.
ArtWorks for Milwaukee	ArtWorks provides paid art and skill-building internships for high school students, the majority of whom are students of color. We contribute to a more inclusive Milwaukee by bringing together teens of different races and ethnicities, income, neighborhoods, schools, gender identity, etc., to collaborate on projects, expand their horizons, and build a greater understanding of our city's multicultural landscape. Students choose between two yearlong internships: Environmental Arts or Graphic Design and Mental Health Advocacy. All students receive 315 hours of paid training, which includes creative expression and artistic development as well as 10 hours of professional development workshops covering resume writing, interview skills, financial literacy, and social media presence. Our internships enrich our communities by creating publicly accessible works of art, enhancing access to mental health resources, leaving a positive environmental impact, and contributing to the development of a skilled workforce.
Bembé Drum and Dance	Founded in 2015, Bembé Drum and Dance is a cultural performing arts program in the City of Milwaukee that inspires music and dance performance skills, intergenerational connection, and cultural identity exploration with Milwaukee youth and their families through percussion-based Afro-Latino musical culture. Year-round workshops take place after school and on weekends in accessible locations for youth ages 6-18 and adults. Free, public performances take place throughout the city year-round, in partnership with local youth-serving organizations and youth performance groups. Performances and events position youth to express, entertain, and educate the community on the history, music and dance of the Afro-Latino Diaspora.
Black Arts MKE, Inc.	Black Arts MKE's mission is to increase the availability and quality of African American arts and culture. At-risk youth are most vulnerable to negative influences after school. We collaborate with local professional artists of color to provide culturally relevant programming that nurtures social emotional skills, lift hearts and creativity through the performing arts. Programming includes chorus/music and dance for elementary age children and summer camp for high school youth which includes experiencing hands on, all aspects of musical theater, as well as filmmaking. Students display their skills, engage family and community at culminating school showcases and performances at our home in the Marcus Center and throughout the city (during Youth Night at Milwaukee Black Theater Festival, Black Arts Fest Youth Stage, etc.)for our Camp youth participants.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee	<p>Movement Matters is a collaboration between the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee and local dance organizations to provide accessible, high-quality dance education to Milwaukee youth. Experienced professionals teach diverse dance styles, promoting physical activity, self-confidence, and cultural appreciation. The program will run across seven Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee locations, enabling youth to acquire new skills, foster connections, and experience various cultures. Committed to enhancing health, wellness, and cultural enrichment for Milwaukee's youth, Movement Matters will make a lasting impact on participants' lives.</p>
CAPITA Productions, Inc.	<p>CAPITA aims to provide consistency and diligence in meeting the organization's mission of fostering multicultural awareness and racial harmony through the production of outstanding theatre performances. In addition to producing, our CAPITA directors will oversee/coordinate the CAPITA volunteers and theater professionals to strengthen and bring more depth to our ongoing after school program and schedule weekend family sessions to increase family participation. While using the arts to learn about historic events that have happened in Milwaukee and throughout the country, families will have the opportunity to compare stories from history to their own life stories to gain inspiration and direction. Our "We Are the Drum" production is held during Black History Month and allows students to share through music, song, narration, and dance what they have learned about the arts, Black History and how applies in current life..</p>
Casa Romero Renewal Center	<p>"Journeys: Exploring Identity and Voice through the Arts," is an overarching program at Casa Romero (CR) that is carried out in the form of after-school workshops, overnight retreats, and summer day camps. Our priority is to give low-income, urban youth opportunities to work with professional artists as they explore various forms of artistic expression: visual arts, poetry, creative writing, and music. These mediums are used as vehicles for youth to build self-esteem, develop critical thinking skills, and voice their message, with the end goal of empowering participants to use the arts to communicate their unique voices and as a tool they can use to make a positive impact in their community.</p>
Ex Fabula	<p>Youth Affinity Storytelling (YAS) uplifts youth by holding space for them to develop and practice self-advocacy skills through the power of personal storytelling. Ex Fabula will partner with organizations that serve young people – especially those of marginalized and disenfranchised identities – and place Ex Fabula teaching artists in residency at those organizations. Teaching artists will engage young people at a series of interactive storytelling workshops and lead full group story-sharing. Ex Fabula will also bring together youth from multiple organizations at annual, youth-designed StorySlams and work with young people to further extend the reach of those stories via media pieces. As young people vulnerably share their stories publicly, they will build and deepen relationships and gain confidence in their voices; they will also gain skills that can be leveraged in the workplace, on civic projects, and to support their own mental health.</p>
First Stage	<p>First Stage's Theater Academy is a theater training program for youth of all ages and experiences that fosters life skills through stage skills. Taught by professional teaching artists, classes emphasize Creative Drama, Stage Movement, Voice, Scene Study, and more—providing students with a foundation in theater, as well as a deep understanding of how to relate with each other in a positive and supportive manner. To ensure access, First Stage provides Theater Academy classes and experiences afterschool free of charge to Milwaukee youth through two outlets: targeted recruitment at MPS schools and ongoing access at the Milwaukee Youth Arts Center.</p>

<p>Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast</p>	<p>Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast (GSWISE) partners with Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) and other organizations to provide the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) to approximately 50 girls. Girls in grades K-5 participate in extracurricular staff-led troop programs where they will be a part of the longest and most successful girl leadership program in the world. Girls attend weekly activities (for up to six weeks) that align with the GSLE curriculum which focuses on four pillars: STEM, the outdoors, life skills, and entrepreneurship, while exploring leadership traditions and connecting them to their values and cultural conditions.</p>
<p>Hmong American Friendship Association</p>	<p>Our project, Exploring Southeast Asian Arts and Culture, builds on the Hmong American Friendship Association's previous Arts & Humanities grants to combine the teaching of traditional dance with additional areas of Hmong arts and culture. Youth will be exploring both traditional and contemporary Hmong music, traditional Hmong games, and the patterns and symbols of Southeast Asian textiles, including story cloths and clothing. Our goal is to strengthen the identity of Southeast Asian youth both as Americans and as Southeast Asians who have a rich cultural heritage. In addition, the program will be open to all youth, especially African American and Burmese youth in our neighborhood who are interested in learning more about Hmong culture.</p>
<p>Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful</p>	<p>Eco-Heroes is a multi-session program that engages Milwaukee youth to explore the world around them and become empowered to make positive changes to improve their community. This program weaves literacy and the social sciences to support the learning of environmental concepts and issues while simultaneously providing innovative eco-art lessons. Youth participants discover and explore environmental topics such as urban forestry, wellness and gardening, water pollution, recycling and waste reduction, and energy conservation in a variety of outdoor and indoor activities throughout the school year and during the summer months.</p>
<p>Kids From Wisconsin Ltd.</p>	<p>The Kids from Wisconsin's RYD (Realize Your Dream) music programs are interactive music-based curriculum offering after-school and summer programming to all youth throughout in Milwaukee. The RYD programs consist of various multi-grade, child-centered learning taught by skilled teachers and follow the state's core music standards. Students learn notation, composing, and performing through movement, vocals, dance, rhythm, and songs, culminating in a final performance piece. Regular evaluations ensure comprehension and the ability to work together on creating. The program aims to provide a platform for students to learn about music comprehension, enjoyment, and how it interacts with daily life. It will build ability, showcase talents and connect youth to their community in a mini performance, and increase musical opportunities for youth. The objective is to break down the barriers of music education by making accessible programming in various Milwaukee communities through, workshops, residencies and performances available to all students of Milwaukee.</p>
<p>Lead2Change</p>	<p>Lead2Change respectfully requests support of Dream.Explore.Build. (D.E.B.), our signature career-readiness program. When high school juniors and seniors experience D.E.B., they embark on a fruitful journey of cultivating their dreams, exploring their strengths, and building their futures that measurably increases their confidence in several life and career skills such as problem solving, professionalism, networking, decision making, elevator speeches, and more. D.E.B. includes 300 hours of instruction, reflection, sharing, professional development workshops, social emotional learning, one-on-one professional coaching, peer-to-peer feedback, and a 7-week paid professional internship. The result is an increase in self confidence in the 27 soft skills we measure. Our program also increases the chances that our young people will achieve success in life and the workforce by securing family-sustaining jobs. We are leveling the playing field for people of color and providing on-ramps to the workforce through meaningful exploration and skill-building that will serve them throughout their lives.</p>

<p>LocoMotion Dance Company</p>	<p>LocoMotion Dance Company is an arts-based organization with a mission to help black and brown youth see a world of endless possibilities through different experiences within the arts. LDC helps Milwaukee youth access high-quality arts education while offering mentorship, boosting self-esteem, and building confidence. MKE Inner-City Arts is a two-phased project. Phase one, the Fall semester, will focus on developing the foundation of arts education. Students will learn dance techniques and elements of performance productions and then participate in a showcase. Phase two, the Spring semester, will focus on artistic expression with our professional artists serving as advisors to the students in creating student-led performance pieces that will be showcased at the end of the semester. We will use the National Core Arts Standard as an outline for goals and evaluations for each grade level.</p>
<p>Marcus Center for the Performing Arts</p>	<p>The Marcus Performing Arts Center's FrontRow program connects young people in Milwaukee to the performing arts industry through year-round workshops and engagements with professional artists. Through FrontRow, participants gain hands-on experiences in the performing arts and are encouraged to explore, play, and discover their abilities. This free program provides opportunities for youth to engage with performing artists across multiple disciplines in workshops, discussions, and masterclasses that inform, inspire, and provide creative skills development.</p>
<p>Milwaukee Art Museum</p>	<p>The Teen Internship Program at the Milwaukee Art Museum (MAM) is an art museum-based training and career exploration program that has been preparing City of Milwaukee teenagers for careers in the arts since 1977. It offers teens from neighborhoods and schools across the city opportunities to immerse themselves in intensive, out-of-school visual arts experiences through two kinds of paid internships: Satellite and ArtXpress. The Satellite internship takes place during the school year (October-December for the fall semester and March-May for the spring semester) and focuses on art history, education, and interpretation. ArtXpress is a summer studio internship that takes place in July and focuses on creating public art. Local high school teens in grades 11-12 are eligible to apply for Satellite, ArtXpress, or both. Through their involvement, interns gain experience in (1) career exploration, (2) art interpretation, presentation, and education, and (3) public program development.</p>
<p>Milwaukee Ballet</p>	<p>Milwaukee Ballet is committed to creating accessible opportunities for students of Milwaukee County to receive in-studio dance training after school, during school breaks, and in the summer. Throughout the year, we provide ballet training through our Milwaukee Ballet School & Academy, where we offer up to 100% tuition scholarships for students interested from first grade through high school graduation. Our Discover Dance Program provides third through fifth grade students free, full-day programming : 1. in summer with a weeklong dance camp and 2. for the first time, a Spring Break weeklong camp starting in 2023-2024, and 3. MPS "Days off" Day Camps in 2024-2025. These opportunities include a diverse range of dance styles to help develop well-rounded students who are able to reflect on their performance and improve their ability to make corrections.</p>
<p>Milwaukee Film</p>	<p>Milwaukee Film's Teen Programs, including 1) Teen Screen and 2) Take 1: Teen Filmmaking Lab (Take 1), help develop leaders and collaborators through opportunities for youth to express themselves using film as the conduit. Teen Screen is a Milwaukee Film Festival-centered program where young people work together to serve as programmers for the festival's Teen Screen category. Teen Screen builds the next generation of film programmers, curators, and filmgoers, supporting youth voices to program a slate of films that we screen in the Milwaukee Film Festival each year. Take 1 is a 16-20 week course offered in Fall and Spring where young people learn about the filmmaking process from idea to premiere. Instructors guide students to produce their own live action narrative or documentary short films, giving them hands-on experience with the filmmaking process, from start to finish.</p>

Milwaukee Muslim Women's Coalition	Milwaukee Muslim Women's Coalition provides multi-faceted and culturally-appropriate empowerment programming and public art projects for immigrant and refugee students in Milwaukee. Specifically, we will: 1) Empower immigrant and refugee students through leadership exercises, team-building activities, and discussions about cultural identity; 2) Work with therapists and social workers to address the unique trauma experienced by immigrant and refugee students in a culturally-sensitive way; 3) Utilize art and music therapies to facilitate healing and help students cope physically and psychologically; 4) Create public art to share with the community; and 5) Cultivate and expand a community garden.
Milwaukee Repertory Theater	The Next Narrative Monologue Competition (NNMC) is a free arts education program that celebrates contemporary Black playwrights and inspires high school students to build confidence through self-expression. Fall and Winter NNMC programming includes in- and after-school residencies at schools and youth-serving agencies, drop-in residencies, and workshops throughout Milwaukee to build performance skills and prepare students to audition and participate in a regional competition. Two winners from regionals will advance to the national competition in New York City. The program will also include professional theater experiences and youth employment opportunities. During the spring, all program participants will be invited to attend playwriting and devising workshops to learn how to create their own narratives to perform over the summer.
Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra	Community Partnership Programs (CPP) deliver direct participatory music education and its developmental benefits to Milwaukee students who would have no access to them otherwise because of barriers including financial need. Students receive financial aid to ensure their participation in ensemble, enrichment, and outreach options in classical, jazz, steel-pan, and Latin music. The programs promote cognitive, social, and emotional skills that youths will need to succeed in any walk of life – such as teamwork, empathy, leadership, discipline, and critical thinking -- in addition to musical skills. Research shows that 73% of CPP students display gains in character skills, 87% in cognitive skills, and 91% in musical skills. All students show gains in skills including time management, focus, and leadership. Also, the programs advance access, equity, diversity, and inclusion in music. Of CPP students, about 65% live in Milwaukee, 65% are youths of color, and 75% come from low- to moderate-income families.
Neighborhood House of Milwaukee	Family Adventures (FA) will provide a series of educational and cultural experiences for school-age children and their families under the theme “The Magic of Milwaukee.” FA sessions, offered on weeknights and Saturdays from September to May, will focus on humanities and arts topics that explore traditions, expressions and histories of the diverse cultures that form the fabric of Milwaukee. Each FA event will also include interactive projects for families to complete together. These projects are designed to extend and enhance learning, deepen cultural understanding and connection about cultural groups and strengthen family bonds. FA events will be open to all city of Milwaukee residents at no or very low cost to ensure accessibility and will take place at various cultural and arts venues around the city, as well as at Neighborhood House. We anticipate that FA will serve 200 children and families annually.
Neu-Life Community Development	Neu-Life Community Development is a near north-side nonprofit providing year-round educational and recreational programs for youth, ages 5-18, as part of afterschool and summer programming. Under this contract, Neu-Life will execute our annual youth-led Art Show and expose youth to new genres and mediums of art through artist residencies.

<p>Quasimondo Physical Theatre</p>	<p>“Bee the Change” is a multi-faceted arts/environmental project that will engage 50-65 culturally diverse mostly low-income children in the Brady Street Lower East Side neighborhood in creative theatre/arts activities designed to increase their ability to work together as a team to help our pollinators, and us, to survive. The projects four facets include: 1) creating a Pollination Parade with puppets, costumes, musical instruments; 2) a pageant illustrating how and why we can support our pollinators; 3) a Documentary photo/video of the process; 4) Resource Guides with activities/information to raise awareness, knowledge and commitment to help our pollinators.</p>
<p>Radio Milwaukee</p>	<p>Grace Weber’s Music Lab (GWML) is a free monthly music and arts education program and talent accelerator for Milwaukee area high schoolers to connect with and be inspired by music industry professionals and each other. GWML provides opportunities to build performance skills; make connections between engaged and talented young people from different neighborhoods; expose participants to the multiple career opportunities available in creative industries; and to experience performances and talks by professional musicians and entertainment industry professionals.</p>
<p>Reflo</p>	<p>The Reflo Environmental Internship program offers paid experiential learning and personal growth opportunities related to the environment, climate education and justice, and sustainability for Milwaukee-area high school students. In the School Year session, small teams will work collaboratively from October – April to organize their own green initiative or project at their schools. Youth will investigate the role community voice and engagement plays in advancing sustainability goals, and create a presentation of impact sharing their work with the broader community. In the Summer session (May - August), interns will support community-based projects throughout the city and assist with green infrastructure maintenance and land stewardship projects. Both intern sessions emphasize building capacity to support projects while gaining knowledge and career awareness related to green infrastructure and climate justice with the opportunity to collaborate with other environmental youth groups and partner organizations throughout the program as they develop personal and professional skills.</p>
<p>Riveredge Nature Center</p>	<p>In fall 2023, Riveredge Nature Center will be launching the Riveredge Environmental Club (REC) to increase middle school youths’ interest in – and access to – nature and environmental education. Limited access to natural spaces often inhibit Milwaukee youth from learning about the environment in the real world. People of color are underrepresented in environmental fields highlighting one of the generational impacts of environmental inequity in our community. REC youth will learn to question the world around them and explore local issues of environmental injustice in their community while analyzing paths to a better environmental future. Our REC educators will increase students’ access to both urban and wild natural spaces. Through this program, we provide place-based conservation and environmental education tools to foster a new generation committed to environmental stewardship and empowered to pursue a career in the environmental field.</p>
<p>Running Rebels Community Organization</p>	<p>Through the Running Rebels UNITY Arts Program, youth ages 12-21 engage in a wide range of creative pursuits within the visual, performing, media, and culinary arts fields. The program encompasses weekly workshops that provide education & instruction, practice time, and creative project development, as well as a set of regular showcases and performance opportunities. External partnerships with Milwaukee businesses and organizations provide additional opportunities for the creative development of UNITY youth. This program is open to all skill levels, but is especially transformative for the artistic novice, who will be invited to step out of their comfort zone, try new things, and evolve their creative capacity.</p>

SHARP Literacy	SHARP's Summer Arts Program is a partnership with Community Learning Centers (CLCs), designed to prevent summer learning regression, which has become more critical since the pandemic. SHARP workshops provide opportunities for students to learn in a creative, supportive environment through individual and collaborative art projects, movement activities and read alouds. Having conversations and voicing their ideas and opinions in a non-judgmental space where there are no right and wrong answers helps students establish and maintain positive relationships and practice social skills. Sites select from curriculum options for kindergarten through 6th graders including Aloha Wisconsin, Summer Journeys and STEAM Dream Team.
Signature Dance Company	Signature Dance Company is a non-profit organization that serves girls ages 3-adult. Our programming consists of weekly classes, rehearsals, yearly performances, a summer camp, a retreat, and multiple mentorship activities. All of our classes are taught by professional artists, many of whom are working professionally in the arts, as well as mentors and staff who believe in empowering and building leadership skills in young women. We are seeking funding to provide between 4 scholarships to girls who reside in the City of Milwaukee as well as funding that will support students for our summer camp only. The girls will participate in our Pre Academy (ages 3-5) or our Academy (ages 6-17) and be able to take advantage of the entire scope of our programming. Additionally, we will serve approximately 75 additional girls in our six week summer camp.
Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers	"Healthy Communities, Big and Small" enhances our existing programming, "The Scientist and Artist in You" by including more topic areas within the arts and humanities. It emphasizes the interconnectedness of our systems to guide children to develop a better understanding of the role they play in their own communities and explore the reciprocal impact, big and small, they have on other communities. The program combines art and humanities activities using nature as a classroom and utilizes existing program elements, such as emotional health components, and community partnerships. By widening their perspective of the world, our hope is that the program will allow children to grow as individuals, becoming healthier and more active citizens.
Sojourner Family Peace Center	Children who live with family violence can recover and heal from their experiences. Sojourner's Children's Program offers creative outlets for youth to cope and discover a path forward from violence. Youth Art Space is offered to shelter residents and community members who are current or former clients. Children ages five and older participate in creative workshops led by the Arts Program Coordinator, including open studio, cultural projects, and celebrations. Camp HOPE focuses on breaking the generational cycle of family violence. Children take part in a week-long overnight camp and monthly reunions building lasting relationships with counselors and fellow campers to better navigate their healing journeys. Generating resiliency, competency, and turning point opportunities can help children overcome the trauma of family violence.
TBEY Arts Center	TBEY ArtReach Program & Summer Arts Camp is designed to serve Milwaukee students grades K4-12. Programming is open to all Milwaukee students/residents and students who attend the partnering schools. Our programs are designed to reach undeserved students. ArtReach Program - Teaching artists will provide arts instruction, develop specialized arts-related activities and organize a showcase at the completion of each semester. TBEY works with school partners based on the needs/goals of each school. Teaching artists develop lessons and activities that allows students to explore and learn different aspects of performance and/or visual arts at the partnering school. Summer Arts Camps - Participants undergo rigorous training with professional artists learning new techniques in a variety of mediums, styles, and themes. The camps are designed to prepare members for performance and/or producing (art) work. Participants gain professional experience and appreciation for the creative works and productions that help shape the world around them.

Teens Grow Greens	<p>Teens Grow Greens is a series of paid internships where Teens develop life-skills through hands-on experience. The program includes physical labor and mental improvement, and is designed to achieve personal growth as well as a positive impact upon the community. In the spring, Teens develop their soft skills and develop an understanding of the benefits of healthy eating and physical activity through goal setting. In the summer, Teens will learn about food justice through growing food and creating leadership projects to aid their communities. In the fall, Teens will develop their own "product with a purpose" and gain entrepreneurial skills at farmer's markets.</p>
Unity in Motion, Inc. (DBA Project Kindred)	<p>PROJECT KINDRED is a youth development and leadership organization dedicated to disrupting the cycle of segregation through transformative learning experiences. We provide countless opportunities to unite the city's young people and lead them to common ground, foster positive peer relationships, and develop the skills and values necessary to become empowered and culturally reverent future leaders — building diverse, equitable, loving communities for the next generation. Our program unlocks the transformational power that occurs when youth connect across differences, not only inspiring action but unleashing authentic leadership. Participants demonstrate a measurable increase in both their leadership and their social and emotional capacities. The model includes programs that help build meaningful connections across lines of racial and economic difference; Opportunities to strengthen those relationships over time; An experiential curriculum that empowers students to internalize lessons in diversity, respect, empathy, communication and conflict resolution; Long-term mentoring and support for student-led projects advancing justice.</p>
UWM PSOA Youth Arts Programs	<p>UWM Youth Arts Programs provide year-round out of school time arts instruction to Milwaukee youth through three innovative programs: ArtsECO PreCollege, Milwaukee Visionaries Project and UWM String Academy. Focused on specialized media and arts through advanced instruction, participating students are ready for college-level, industry-relevant opportunities. ArtsECO Pre-College provides a high school summer art and design program; Milwaukee Visionaries Project (MVP) is an academic year middle and high school media literacy, animation and video program; UWM String Academy (UWMSA) provides musical instruction. These programs support 6-12th grade students with conceptual and technical development in art, design, media and technology, engaging youth to use professional-level tools across a range of media to create work addressing issues central to their lives. UWM String Academy (UWMSA) provides children aged 4-18 private and group lessons on violin, viola and cello, music theory instruction, and opportunities for recitals and concerts on campus and in our community.</p>
Victory Garden Initiative	<p>VGI's Youth Education Program (YEP!) highlights growing food and environmental stewardship while positively impacting food security for Milwaukee youth. YEP! utilizes our 1.5 acre urban farm in the Harambee neighborhood and a network of school gardens as an outdoor laboratory for teaching practical garden skills, composting, and nutrition. YEP! is an invitation for Milwaukee youth to come together, make new friends, learn outdoors, achieve food security, and positively impact their physical, mental, and developmental health. Our program includes an After School Chef-in-Training Club and Summer AgriCorp camp for a year-round immersive experience in all things food!</p>
Wisconsin Conservatory of Music	<p>The Wisconsin Conservatory of Music offers music education and performance opportunities for people of all ages and skill levels. Our summer camps provide a fun and engaging way for students to immerse themselves in music and make new friends. Our Music Exploration Camps are designed for children entering grades 2-6, with no prior experience required. Campers will learn to sing, drum, and play ukulele, and perform in a final showcase on the last day of camp. At the Conservatory, we believe that everyone can benefit from music education, and we're committed to helping people of all backgrounds discover the joy of making music.</p>

<p>Woodland Pattern Book Center</p>	<p>Woodland Pattern's Youth Literary Arts Program (YLAP) provides year-round interdisciplinary arts programming with a focus on creative writing. YLAP consists of four main avenues of student engagement and serves students in grades 3–12. The YLAP's Community Learning Center (CLC) programs serve students at MPS school sites through after-school and summer creative writing sessions. The YLAP also offers two one-week inter-arts Poetry Camps each summer, which include meals, workshops, field trips, and a student-led reading that is open to the public. YLAP's Milwaukee Queer Writing Project's (MQWP) programming partners with high-school Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) clubs to offer LGBTQ-led writing workshops to MPS students throughout the city. Finally, YLAP supports activities and events connected to the new Milwaukee Youth Poet Laureate (MYPL) program, which is aimed at providing widespread opportunities that prepare Milwaukee youth to become expressive thought leaders.</p>
<p>Xalaat Africa Drum and Dance for Life</p>	<p>Xalaat Africa Drum and Dance for Life will implement our Cultural Arts Programming at Milwaukee High School of the Arts for high school students. Programming will consist of traditional and contemporary African dance, drumming, vocals, and performance etiquette. Instruction will take place weekly afterschool at the high school, and The Pink House Studio, with performances for K-12 students from throughout the MPS district.</p>