



## **City Council Weekly Information Packet**

Friday, July 21, 2023

Includes the following documents/information:

- 1) City Council Events Schedule
- 2) State and Federal Updates & Grant Opportunities
- 3) 2023 Comparative Cost of Service Report
- 4) Community Services Department Update



# City Council Events Schedule

July 21, 2023 thru November 11, 2023

The Mayor and City Council have been invited to attend various community meetings and public and private events at which a quorum of the City Council may be present. The Council will not be conducting city business, nor will any legal action be taken. This is an event only and not a public meeting. A list of the community meetings and public and private events along with the schedules, dates, times, and locations is attached. Organizers may require a rsvp or fee.

Mon	July 24	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Park Ranger’s Public Meeting  Location: Tempe Public Library 3500 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Tues	Aug 1	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	2023 Career Ready Tempe Celebration Event  Location: Rio Salado College Conference Center 2323 W. 14 <sup>th</sup> Street Tempe, AZ
Sat	Aug 5	10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Breakfast with Berdetta  Location: Tempe History Museum Community Room 809 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ
Mon	Aug 7	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Mill Avenue - University Drive to Rio Salado Parkway Streetscape Public Meeting  Location: Transportation Center 200 E. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street Tempe, AZ
Tues	Aug 8	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Neighborhood Meeting: Orbit Saturn  Location: Kiwanis Recreation Center 6111 S. All America Way Tempe, AZ
Wed	Aug 9	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Mill Avenue – University Drive to Rio Salado Parkway Streetscape Virtual Public Meeting  Location: Zoom Link <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEufuqtrzMih9SXAvN1Sp2hNoYwcGt6ka8z">https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEufuqtrzMih9SXAvN1Sp2hNoYwcGt6ka8z</a>
Wed	Aug 9	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Mill Avenue – University Drive to Rio Salado Parkway Streetscape Public Meeting  Location: Tempe Public Library 3500 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ

Sat	Sept 9	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Breakfast with Berdetta; Berdetta’s Birthday Bash  Location: Tempe History Museum 809 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ
Tues	Sept 12	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	MYAC Kick-Off Retreat  Location: Tempe History Museum 2500 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Sat	Sept 16	2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	City of Tempe Football Night  Location: Arizona State University 500 E. Veteran’s Way Tempe, AZ
Fri	Sept 22	4:00 p.m. – 11:59 p.m.	Boots in the Park  Location: Tempe Beach Park 80 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ
Wed	Sept 27	5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	40 <sup>th</sup> Annual Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards  Location: SRP Pera Club 1 E. Continental Drive Tempe, AZ
Sat	Nov 11	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Diwali and Veterans Day Assembly  Location: Kyrene Del Norte Dual Language Academy 1331 E. Redfield Drive Tempe, AZ

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# MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor and City Council  
THROUGH: Rosa Inchausti, City Manager  
FROM: Marge Zylla, Government Relations Officer  
DATE: July 21, 2023  
SUBJECT: State and Federal Update & Grant Opportunities

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Below are summaries of recent actions and announcements at the state and federal level:

- NLC 2023 State of the Cities Report
- White House Announcement, Rental Housing Fees
- League Resolutions for the 2024 Session

Please let me know if there are follow-up questions for Tempe's federal lobbyist. Also, please let me know if Tempe staff members are pursuing federal grants so we can arrange for letters of support from our Congressional delegation.

## **NLC 2023 State of the Cities Report**

*Via National League of Cities, 7/21/23*

NLC released its [2023 State of the Cities report](#) today. The [2023 report](#) shows that, overall, mayors maintain a positive outlook on the near-term future of their communities.

The annual report identifies and contextualizes how U.S. municipalities identify and address the most urgent challenges in their communities. For the second year, Infrastructure tops the list of priorities for mayors followed by:

- Budget & Management
- Public Safety
- Economic Development
- Housing

Learn more how mayors are increasingly making connections between their top priorities to build thriving communities that are safe, affordable and accessible for all their residents.

## **White House Announcement, Rental Housing Fees**

This week, the White House Competition Council announced new actions to [address rental housing fees](#). Tweet from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development at [this link](#), which links to a fact sheet and additional research.

## **League Resolutions for the 2024 Session**

Annually, the Resolutions Committee at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns conference features a number of resolutions to be considered as part of the upcoming League Municipal Policy Statement, which will be focus areas during the upcoming legislative session. The League invites each of Arizona's 91 cities and towns to have an elected official as a representative on the Resolutions Committee, which is held during the League Annual Conference. Mayor Woods will serve as the City of Tempe representative on the Resolutions Committee. The Resolutions Committee will meet on August 29, 2023 and the actions of the full Resolutions Committee will be formally adopted at the League's Annual Business Meeting on August 31, 2023.

As background, the League facilitates policy committees that review and develop the resolutions to be voted on at the League annual conference. Only the resolutions that are recommended by the individual policy committees will be voted on at the conference. Tempe elected officials and staff serve on the policy committees and provide research and direction for the policy ideas that come to their committees. The Tempe representation on the Policy Committees for 2023 is as follows:

- Budget, Finance and Economic Development - Councilmember Arlene Chin
- Neighborhoods, Sustainability and Quality of Life - Councilmember Doreen Garlid (primary), Councilmember Berdetta Hodge (alternate)
- Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Works - Vice Mayor Jennifer Adams
- Public Safety, Military Affairs and the Courts - Councilmember Randy Keating (primary), Councilmember Joel Navarro (alternate)

Attachment A contains the Resolutions process calendar as well as the 8 proposed resolutions. There are also standing topics that will become part of the League's Municipal Policy Statement, such as resolutions in previous years that have not yet been resolved, and overarching concepts of preserving local decision-making and local resources.

Once approved and ratified at the League annual conference, the resolutions are included in the League's annual Municipal Policy Statement. When finalized, the Municipal Policy Statement will be included in a future City Council Weekly Information Packet memo. This policy statement is the foundation of the League's lobbying effort at the State Legislature on behalf of its member cities and towns.

# 2023 Resolutions Committee Calendar

**May-June:** Policy Committees meet

**June 28:** League sends email requesting mayors or council designees register to represent their city/town on Resolutions Committee

**July 21:** League sends out resolutions packet to membership

**August 29:** Resolutions Committee Meeting

**August 31:** Resolutions ratified at the Annual Business Meeting

# Policy Committee Reports

The following policy committee reports, and resolutions are arranged in alphabetical order. The recommended resolutions are categorized by their respective committee initials and numbered according to the order in which they were considered.

## Budget, Finance and Economic Development – BFED

## General Administration, Human Resources and Elections – GAHRE

## Neighborhoods, Sustainability and Quality of Life – NSQL

## Public Safety, Military Affairs, and the Courts – PSMAC

## Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Works – TIPW

NUMBER	RESOLUTION	SPONSOR	NOTES
BFED 2	Pursue legislation to allow cities and towns to authorize a temporary property reclassification for redevelopment projects that create new housing units.	Chandler	
BFED 3	Amend statute to remove the petition requirement necessary to form municipal improvement districts.	Camp Verde	
GAHRE 3	Amend statute to allow for the collection of 10% more than the minimum signature threshold for local candidates.	Scottsdale	
NSQL 1	Enable the League to support legislative resolutions to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment.	Tempe	
NSQL 3	Allow municipalities to set caps on the total number of short-term rentals in their community.	Scottsdale	
NSQL 4	Allow municipalities to limit the density of short-term rentals in specified areas.	Scottsdale	
NSQL 5	Allow municipalities to establish separation requirements and enforce distance between short-term rentals.	Scottsdale	
PSMAC 2	Amend statute to allow cities and towns to use body scanning machines in jails and holding facilities.	Mesa	

**These are the only items that will be voted on. The other submissions that did not move forward as resolutions will be explained at the Resolutions Committee.**



# MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor and Council  
FROM: Scott Gruber, Municipal Budget & Financial Analyst  
THROUGH: Mark Day, Municipal Budget Director  
DATE: July 21, 2023  
SUBJECT: 2023 Comparative Cost of Services Report

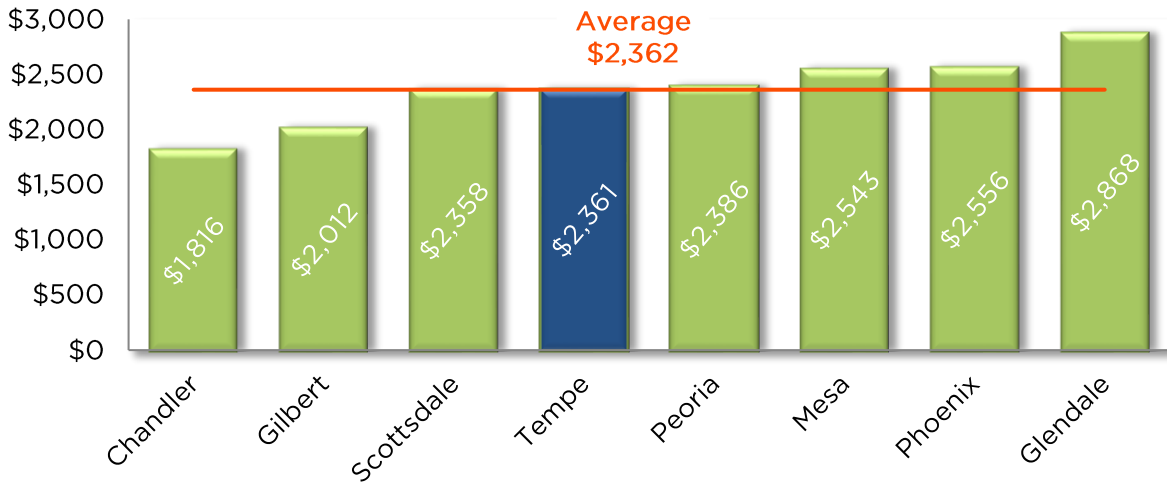
Each year the Municipal Budget Office performs an analysis of the estimated annual amounts paid by the typical residential Tempe household for direct services provided by the City of Tempe as well as the estimated total annual amount paid in City of Tempe property and transaction privilege (sales) taxes. These amounts are then compared to the estimated annual amounts paid by the same typical residential household in seven comparison cities in the Phoenix metropolitan area.

For purposes of this comparison, we utilized the property tax, sales tax, and utility service rates as of July 2023. The analysis assumed the same household consumption amounts for all cities for both water and wastewater services. However, for property tax purposes, we utilized the median single-family home value in each respective city in the analysis. The sales tax amounts are based on the Phoenix metropolitan area median household income. As such, this analysis is intended to reflect what the typical residential household would pay for each of the services or pay in taxes in their respective city.

## Overview

*Average annual household cost for property tax, sales tax, water, wastewater, and solid waste services*

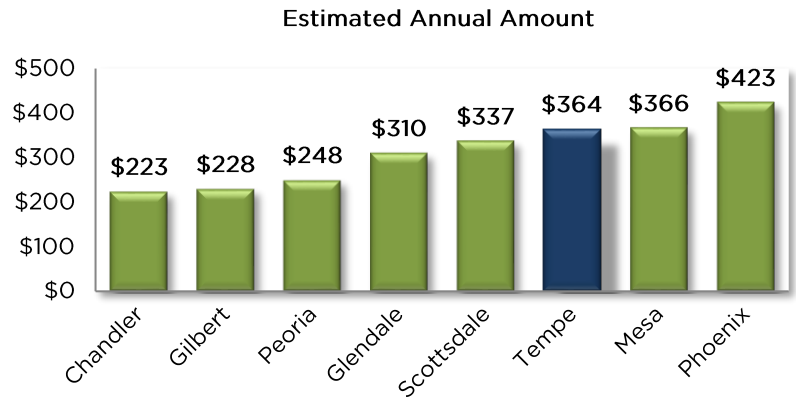
Estimated Annual Cost





### Solid Waste

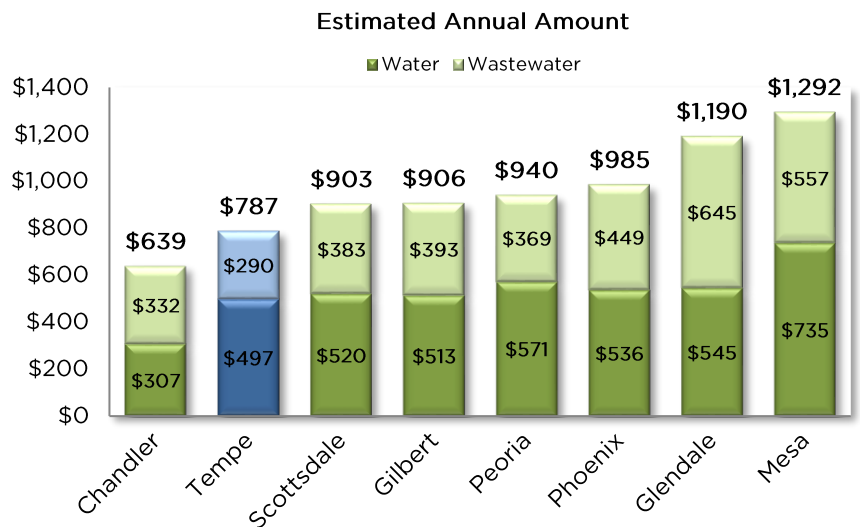
The annual amount for single family residential solid waste services is estimated at \$364 for the City of Tempe. The amounts noted are based on a residential customer with a once per week collection, based on the rates as of July 2023.



### Water and Wastewater

The annual total amount for water and wastewater services for a single-family residential customer in the City of Tempe is estimated at \$787. The annual water charge is based on a typical single family residential monthly water consumption of 10,000 gallons, consistent with the most recent water rate study. It is assumed that this water consumption amount is applicable to the other cities in the comparison. As such, this consumption amount was applied to each respective city's water rates as of July 2023 to derive the annual water costs.

The billable gallons of wastewater are derived from a typical residential three-month winter average water consumption of 10,000 gallons (January - March billing statements), and then multiplied by a rate of return. For example, Tempe's rate of return is 70%. When multiplied by 10,000 gallons, the result is 7,000 billable wastewater gallons per month. It is assumed that the typical water consumption is applicable to the other cities. As such, this consumption was applied to each respective city's rate of return as of July 2023 to derive the annual wastewater costs.

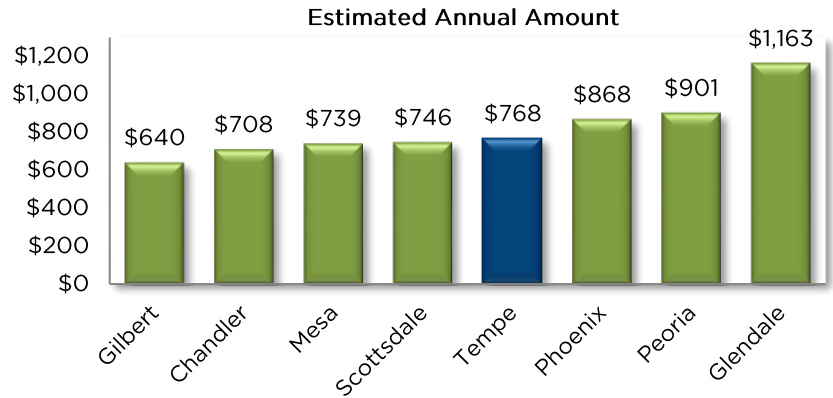


### City Sales Tax

The annual amount that the typical Tempe residential household will pay in City of Tempe sales tax is estimated to be \$768 for 2023.

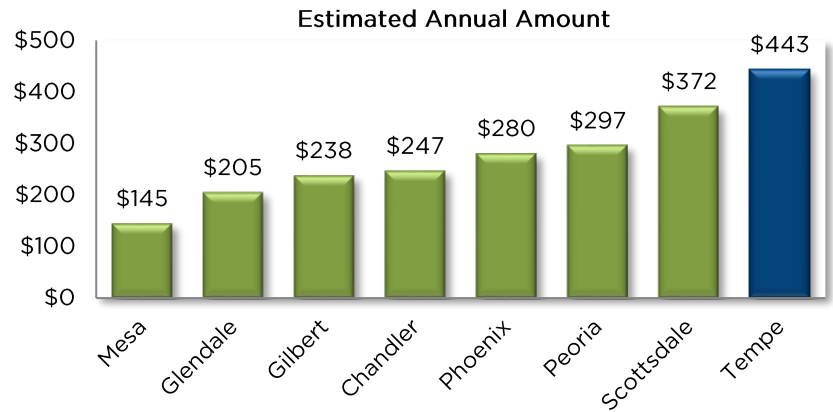
For this analysis, we utilized the Phoenix metropolitan area median household income of \$72,211 per the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey. As median incomes can vary between the cities, the Phoenix metropolitan area median household income was utilized so that a direct comparison could be made between cities. The portion of this income that was spent on taxable purchases is estimated at 59% (\$42,655), as noted in the latest Consumer Expenditure Survey published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (April 2022). We assumed that the portion of the median income spent on taxable purchases was spent within the household's city of residence and applied to each city's applicable sales tax rate.

Please note that many of the comparison cities in the analysis utilize different tax rates for various taxable activities. For example, the City of Glendale has an overall sales tax rate of 2.9%; however, sales at restaurants and bars are taxed at 3.9%. These variances were considered when calculating the annual amount of sales taxes paid.



**City Property Taxes**

The annual estimated City of Tempe property tax amount is \$443. The property tax amounts shown are based on each city's FY 2023-24 primary and secondary rates and each city's 2022 Limited Property Value (LPV) for the median single-family home.



The 2023 median single family LPV for each city, per the Maricopa County Assessor, is as follows:

Glendale	\$131,057	Peoria	\$205,970
Phoenix	\$133,446	Chandler	\$225,720
Mesa	\$168,801	Gilbert	\$242,345
Tempe	\$184,088	Scottsdale	\$378,679

It should be noted that the City of Mesa and the Town of Gilbert only levy a Secondary Property Tax.

# COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

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## PARKS CIP UPDATE

The City of Tempe Parks and Recreation Capital Improvements Program provides updates of existing amenities and infrastructure across the park system. The CIP planning process aims to fine tune the base level of standards and amenities for all parks on an equitable level; prioritizing safety, accessibility, and positive experiences for all park visitors. Outcomes are achieved on a variety of levels ranging from comprehensive large-scale renovations to focused infrastructure upgrades. Priority improvements for Tempe Parks is integrating accessibility via sidewalks, parking, lighting, and overall site design. Current CIP projects implement sustainable irrigation, tree plantings, increased shade, LED lighting, and more efficient drainage infrastructure to support sustainability and resilience within Tempe.

### COMPLETED PROJECTS



Above: Moeur Park Ramada Restoration & Renovation



Above: Mitchell Park Playground Completion



Above : Calsense Irrigation

The 2022-2023 fiscal year has seen full playground renovations and park upgrade projects at **Meyer, Mitchell, Michelle Brooks-Totress and Clark Parks**. These projects feature artist-designed rubberized surfacing for the new accessible playgrounds, new shade structures, ADA improvements, new lighting, court resurfacing, and additional trees. The final large scale park project completed in 2022-2023 was **Moeur Park** ramada restoration. This project upgraded site lighting, accessibility, and park amenity structures alongside the priority work of restoring and renovating the park ramadas' historical and structural integrity. The project success was aided by close monitoring and collaboration with the Historic Preservation Office and consultants. **Rio Salado North** has completed a Calsense smart controller conversion for all five controllers to improve water management for the Rio Salado irrigation system.

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## PARKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

### A Year in Review: Fiscal Year 2022-23



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## PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

**Dwight Park** is currently under construction for a new ramada, site lighting, irrigation, shade trees and landscape improvements. **Rio Salado** has completed or is in progress on several upgrade and repair projects including light pole replacement, sidewalk repairs, seat wall repairs in the north, turf conversion to artificial turf at the marina, stabilized decomposed granite path restoration, river rock wall repairs and lawn renovation with new sod. After years of being unlit, the **Papago Park** Curry tunnel underpass has new LED lighting installed. The next project breaking ground this summer is **Creamery Park**, including an accessible playground expansion and renovation, accessible parking, new sidewalks, improved lighting, shade elements and landscape.



Above: Dwight Park Construction



Above Left: Curry Tunnel Lighting Install



Above: Rio Salado Hardscape Repairs



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## PROJECTS IN PROCESS

**Goodwin Park** has been permitted for new soccer field lighting, landscape, and new picnic ramadas with an anticipated construction start in September. Several parks CIP projects are in the final design and bidding phase. **Selleh Park** lake edge improvements are about to enter the permit review phase as is the ramada, shade, and landscape improvements for **Alegre, Escalante, Scudder, and Svob, Parks**. **Papago Park** is wrapping up design for new athletic field and court lighting on both north and south portions of the park. And lastly, **Kiwanis Park North** - completed three rounds of public outreach and collaboration with community stakeholders and has well-developed concept plans for the new dog park, fully adaptive and accessible playground, restroom, concessionaire, and public art. The Kiwanis Dog Park Design is projected to start in the Fall of 2023 with construction in Summer of 2024.



Above: Kiwanis Dog Park Concept

## UPCOMING PROJECTS

The design phase has begun for **Campbell and Optimist Parks** - for full new playgrounds with accessible rubber surfacing, ramadas and lighting improvements. **Benedict Sports Complex** has also entered design for a full replacement and upgrade for its irrigation system including smart controller and water efficient components. Athletic field lighting at **Celaya, McKemy and Connolly** fields have been evaluated for the replacement of the structural poles as well as upgraded LED field lighting systems.

Below: Celaya Park



Below: Benedict Sports Complex



# COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

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## COMMUNITY ARTS GRANTS AWARDEES

This week, the City of Tempe awarded 35 arts grants to non-profit organizations and artist collectives that will support the presentation of inclusive arts and culture programs in Tempe. Community Arts grant funding fills the objective of the Arts and Culture Plan to invest \$300,000 per year. This funding is significant to artists and organizations and will advance goals to ignite creative vibrancy, support capacity building, and grow community connections.

In this first round, a total of 38 grant applications were received and 35 grants were awarded for funding that totals \$224,460. There are \$75,540 remaining grant funds for two categories with deadlines this fall: Arts in Schools and cycle 2 of the Vibrant City Art Grant.

The funding allocation process involved five independent community review panels, comprised of representatives from the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission, African American Advisory Committee, Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee, Tempe Tourism, Tempe residents, arts educators, students, and practicing artists. Panels include diversity of ethnicity, gender, artistry, and age.

Projects will be presented in theaters, Danelle plaza, community centers, parking lots as well as animating other surprising spaces across the City.



ABOVE: VIBRANT CITY NEW STYLE HUSTLE PHX

LEFT: WAVEMAKER METHODS OF MADNESS DANCE THEATRE

**SEE NEXT PAGE FOR THIS YEAR'S  
GRANT RECIPIENTS**

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## GRANT RECIPIENTS

### Wavemaker Arts Grants: Non-Profit Organizations

Arizona Theatre Company	\$7,500
Arizona Wind Symphony	\$6,850
B3 Theater Inc.	\$7,000
Black Theatre Troupe	\$7,500
CAFÉ Flutes	\$7,920
Childsplay	\$6,500
CONDER/Dance	\$8,500
Cultural Coalition	\$8,500
Desert Overture	\$2,380
Downtown Tempe Foundation	\$8,500
FABRIC Tempe	\$7,860
Furious Styles Crew	\$6,500
Grey Box Collective	\$6,500
Heartsy	\$9,000
International Jazz Day Foundation	\$6,500
Lights Camera Discover	\$8,000
Methods of Madness Dance	\$10,000
Musician Enrichment Foundation	\$8,000
Phoenix Boys Choir	\$7,000
Phoenix Gay Men's Chorus	\$8,500
Phoenix Screenwriters Association	\$7,000
Rising Youth Theatre	\$8,000
Stray Cat Theatre	\$9,000
Tempe Winds	\$9,000
Tetra String Quartet	\$8,550
The Bridge Initiative	\$8,000
The Ladies (Yes And Productions)	\$7,000

### Vibrant City Arts Grants: Cultural Groups, Non-Profits, Arts Collectives

ARCS Arizona	\$2,400
Little Something Press	\$2,500
MAC & Co	\$2,000
Mix Mix Tayo Collective	\$2,500
New Style Hustle Phx	\$2,500
Pocket Change Crew	\$2,000
The Sacred G's	\$2,500
Tranze Danza Contemporanea	\$2,500

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