



WEST CONTRA COSTA PUBLIC EDUCATION FUND

2023-2024 Black History Month Arts Grant Awardees

For 40 years, since the inception of the West Contra Costa Public Education Fund in 1983, providing resources to our teachers and students in the classroom has remained a central focus of our organization. That is why we are pleased to announce that the Ed Fund has awarded \$17,900 this year in Arts grants, with support from our donors, for 18 classroom and school-wide projects, as well as community events across the district to support and commemorate Black History Month. Grants range from \$500 to \$1,500.

These projects empower teachers, students, and community members with programming that centers their voice, focuses on the needs of African-American/ Black students, and utilizes the Arts as a tool to disrupt the historical inequalities within our public education system. The list of awardees is as follows:

Project Name	School/ Community	Grant Type
Jazz Festival	Pinole Valley High School	Classroom
The Flying Invention Of Our Time	Cesar Chavez Elementary School	Classroom
Lonnie Johnson- The Inventor of the Super Soaker	Washington Elementary School	Classroom
Celebrating Black History Month Through Dance	Hercules High School	Community Event
One Story, Our Story	Mira Vista K-8	Community Event
West County Music and Arts	West County Mandarin School	School-wide
Celebrating Black History through the Arts	Nystrom Elementary School	Community Event



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Washington Elementary Black History Month Celebration	Washington Elementary	School-wide
2024 Pinole Valley Black History Commemorative Jubilee	Pinole Valley High School	School-wide
Art to Action	Sylvester Greenwood Academy	Community Event
West County Mandarin School Black History Month Cultural Celebration & Assembly	West County Mandarin School	Community Event
Black History Speech Competition	WCCUSD and other East Bay Schools	School-wide
Trip to Museum of African American Diaspora	El Cerrito High	Classroom
Concert: Music of the African Diaspora	Middle College High School	School-wide
Black History Month Celebration at Helms Middle School	Helms Middle School	School-wide
Black History Assembly	Middle College High School	School-wide
Celebrating Diversity: Nurturing Abilities in Our Preschoolers with Autism through Black History Stories	Valley View Elementary School	Classroom
Art According to Our Culture	All WCCUSD schools	Community Event