

2024-2025 Black History Month Grant Awardees

For over 40 years—since the inception of the West Contra Costa Public Education Fund in 1983—supporting teachers and students in the classroom has remained at the heart of our work. That's why we're proud to share that this year, the Ed Fund awarded over **\$20,900 in Arts grants** through our Brad Bradley Bequest, with generous support from our donors.

In honor of Black History Month, **24 classroom, schoolwide, and community-based projects** received funding, with grants ranging from \$500 to \$1,500. These included **17 schoolwide projects, 6 classroom initiatives, and 1 community event**, all celebrating Black culture, identity, and history through the arts.

These projects not only centered student and educator voices—they used the power of the arts to challenge historical inequities in our public education system. From performances and exhibits to workshops and creative showcases, each project created space for reflection, self-love, and cultural pride.

We can't wait to see the lasting impact these efforts will have across our district.

A list of awardees is as follows:

Project/ Event Name	School	Grant Type
West County Music	West County Mandarin School	School-wide grant
Leer nos abre la mente	Washington Elementary School	Classroom grant
Black History Month Event	Middle College High School	School-wide grant
Black History Month Art	Ellerhorst Elementary School	Community Event grant
African Drumming and Blues Guitar Workshops	Middle College High School	School-wide grant
Black Joy Celebration	Kennedy High School	Community Event grant
2025 Black History Commemorative Jubilee	Pinole Valley High School	School-wide grant



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BSU Black History Month Rally	Hercules High School	School-wide grant
Black History Family Night	King Elementary School	Community Event grant
Visiting Artist - Black History Month	Stege Elementary School	Classroom grant
Let it Shine	Korematsu Middle School	Community Event grant
Harlem Renaissance Student Project	Hercules High School	Classroom grant
Amazing STEAMNISTS	Harding Elementary School	Classroom grant
Black History Month	Murphy Elementary School	Community Event grant
Black History Month Student Art Festival	Nystrom Elementary School	Community Event grant
Embracing My Roots	WCCUSD Schools	Community Event grant
Bringing Black History to Life	Washington Elementary School	Community Event grant
Umoja Program Celebration	West County Mandarin School	Community Event grant
Quilt & Famous Inventors	Nystrom Elementary School	Classroom grant
Black History Month Speech Competition	WCCUSD Schools	Community Event grant
Motivation In Careers	Hercules High School	Community Event grant
Black History Month	Lincoln Elementary School	Community Event grant
2025 Black History Month Activities and Library	Lupine Hills Elementary School	Community Event grant
Helms Black History Lunchtime Event and Family Night	Helms Middle School	Community Event grant