



City Sponsorship Program, Spring 2024-2025 Mission Statement Summaries for Applicant Organizations

Arlington Business Partnership provides business partnership, promotional activities, and physical improvements within the Arlington Business Improvement District to promote the welfare, innovation, and sense of partnership for all businesses within the district.

The Black Collective commemorates Juneteenth, marking June 19, 1865, when enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, were informed of their freedom, two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation. The organization and event/cultural activities celebrate African-American culture and achievements, providing educational resources and historical exhibits that include storytelling, lectures, and exhibits.

California Association for Community Engagement and Wellness is a mental health alliances/advocate, helping African American and Latina pregnant women and mothers within Riverside County, offering doula support, one-to-one therapy, parenting skills education, career planning, and basic needs assistance.

California Citrus State Historic Park (Friends of) supports and operates the maintenance of the park's groves, production, the Sunkist Center, amphitheater, and group picnic event areas to preserve the region's citrus history.

Central Community Counseling Services focuses on creating a safe, confidential environment where clients can leave behind pain, reduce anxiety, shame, and

guilt, and work towards a brighter future. CCS' commitment to client well-being goes beyond standard therapy to help rebuild and grow lives.

Division 9 Gallery is a welcoming and safe space for a diverse community of artists and is the driving force behind a long list of projects in the Riverside and the region, including: the annual Day of the Dead Festival, monthly Riverside ARTS Walk, ARTNIVAL, Bailarte, The Inland Empire Strikes Back, and Artisans' Collective, partnering with the City, Riverside Arts Council, Riverside Art Museum, the Cheech Marin Center for Chicano Art and Culture, and many others.

Downtown Riverside Farmers Market is a place for area farmers to sell their seasonal crops directly to customers, providing a unique opportunity for residents and visitors to shop for fresh fruits and vegetables, flowers, hummus, cheese, bread, and other specialty food items.

Empower You Edutainment was founded by a team of educators with performing arts backgrounds to provide theatre, dance, and music to increase resilience, empowerment and wellness for youth and young adults. The group provides the Inland Empire with community theatre focused on social issues, breaking down social and economic barriers.

Full Circle Players is committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion as it works to create world class theatre in Riverside and beyond. The group holds itself to high artistic and personal standards, to create exceptional art, guided by thoughtful resources, stewardship, and a deep commitment to education and audience engagement.

Glocal Outreach is a faith-based non-profit that participates in community outreach projects, including production of the historic Easter Sunrise Service on Mt. Rubidoux, in partnership with the city and the Rivers and Lands Conservancy.

Healthy Heritage Movement was created to target and address health disparities within the African American community. Healthy Heritage Movement focuses on the wellbeing of African Americans through health education, policy change, and community outreach, with the goal of decreasing the prevalence of six chronic diseases: heart disease, cancer, mental illness, diabetes, hypertension, and obesity.

Janet Goeske Foundation is committed to enriching the quality of life of those fifty years and older in the community it serves, while maintaining the highest level of advocacy, providing health and wellness programs and striving to be the trusted voice and advocate for those it serves.

Inland Chinese American Alliance actively promotes Chinese culture and exchange with other ethnic cultures for mutual understanding and collaboration. ICAA has organized many community events, including festivals, feeding programs and other service programs, and cultural events and exhibits.

Inlandia Institute works to recognize, support, and expand literary activity in all its forms in the Inland Empire by publishing books and sponsorship programs that deepen people's awareness, understanding, and appreciation of this unique, complex, and creatively vibrant region.

Junior League of Riverside is a group of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers, and is dedicated to the enhancing the quality of life for children and their families.

The Living Museum of First Peoples Cultural Heritage Foundation promotes awareness of, and fosters respect for, the authentic cultural heritage of California's sovereign nations through outreach, education, exhibitions and events. TLM serves thousands of students (kindergarten – college) by collaborating with tribal nations, historical societies, and other cultural organizations.

Love Riverside is a movement focusing on loving Riverside in practical and transformative ways and building friendships along the way. The mission manifests through programs and service projects in collaboration with City leaders, businesses, nonprofits, and faith communities.

Martin Luther King High School Band Boosters provide supplemental funding to support the Music and Marching program at the primary and secondary grade school levels, moving from leadership skills to individual music and visual performance skills.

Mission Inn Foundation preserves, interprets, and promotes the cultural heritage of the Mission Inn, Riverside, and the surrounding southern California communities through its museum services, educational programs, and outreach activities.

My Learning Studio provides private tutoring for adult learners, ESL students, students with special needs, and homeschoolers, offering test-taking and study skills. The nonprofit component, **My Learning Studio Outreach**, provides free or discount tutoring for low-income, at-risk, disadvantaged children and children with court-appointed living situations.

NAACP Youth Council (Riverside County) advances the economic, educational, social, and political status of African Americans and other racial and ethnic minorities and their harmonious cooperation with other peoples, to stimulate an appreciation of the African Diaspora and other people of color's contributions to civilization, and to develop an intelligent, effective youth leadership.

Old Riverside Foundation is dedicated to the recognition, appreciation, and preservation of the built environment (buildings, engineering feats, parks, avenues, landscape features, and archeological remains throughout Riverside and the Inland Empire.

Passion to Love and Care helps equip individuals for community development programs. The group provides resources, food, and clothing for women, homeless families, special needs, low – income families, children, and anyone else in need in the local community.

Raincross Master Chorale exerts a positive influence on the cultural and social growth of the community through performance of choral masterworks, engages in community outreach by providing scholarships for Riverside students pursuing vocal arts education, and fosters and promoted enhanced musicianship among musicians.

Riverside African American Historical Society preserves the Inland Empire's African American culture and historical heritage. The group grew out of a Riverside Municipal Museum advisory committee established in 1996. Members advocate for and promote a strong visible presence in the community to educate and share information among cultural organizations and entities.

Riverside Art Museum strives to integrate art into the lives of people in a way that engages, inspires, and builds community by presenting thought-provoking exhibits and providing quality art classes that instill a lifelong love of the arts.

Riverside Arts Academy provides inspirational and creative arts education to Riverside's children and youth, offering more than 50 hours of weekly instruction in classes, including strings, band, mariachi, orchestra, percussion, and choral music. RAA partners with the City of Riverside, school districts, colleges, universities, and community organizations.

Riverside Arts Council provides, develops, supports, and sustains the arts. The Council is a local partner of the California Arts Council. It is the County's central source for arts-related services, information, education, and outreach. RAC encourages the advancement, participation, and integration of visual, literary, and performing arts into the communities it serves.

Riverside Children's Theatre is the leading children's theatre in Riverside County. Since 1957, RCT has introduced thousands of children to the magical world of theatre through participation in drama instruction and performance opportunities and strives to make live theatre a positive, fun, and fulfilling experience for all.

Riverside Cultural Consortium is a project that connects the community with local arts and culture within the City of Riverside through the collaboration of leaders of Riverside's arts and culture organizations.

Riverside Dickens Festival is Riverside's longest-running street festival. The event focuses on the wit and wisdom of Charles Dickens and celebrates Victorian England, the backdrop against which Dickens created his timeless and classic literary works.

Riverside East Rotary, in keeping with the Rotary International goal of "service above self," supports many local organizations, particularly related to you. The group sponsors Rotary Interact Clubs at three high schools, in addition to the support of other charitable efforts in the community.

Riverside Educational Enrichment Foundation benefits more than 43,000 students in Riverside Unified School District, raising funds through public and private grants, individuals, and corporate donors to fund special projects for teachers.

Riverside International Film Festival brings the best in contemporary international and independent film to the Inland Empire, seeking diverse and challenging films of social upheaval, human conflict, and the boldness of the human spirit, as

well comedy, mystery, science fiction, horror, subtitled films, student films and animation.

Riverside Latino Network provides a forum to address community issues affecting and impacting the Latino community. RLN focuses on the virtues of education and is committed to serving youth by instilling leadership for the community's future.

Riverside Medical Clinic Charitable Foundation is dedicated to improving health and the quality of life in Inland Southern CA through advocacy, education, and service, providing a long list of educational events focused on various health topics, including mental health.

Riverside LGBTQ+ Pride works to unite, educate, commemorate, and celebrate the diverse LGBTQIA+ community in Riverside and surrounding areas. The group aims to be the most visible LGBTQIA+ organization in the area, and be a beacon of hope, joy, and support for our community, through events, education, and other resources.

Riverside Roadrunners is a fitness-oriented walking/running club, pursuing improved health and fitness via a year-round walking, running, and training program for people in the greater Riverside area. The programs guide people of all ages and abilities to achieve their own personal fitness goals.

Riverside Sports Hall of Fame is dedicated to fostering an appreciation to the role sports play in Riverside's quality of life. The hall of Fame honors athletes, coaches, athletic administrators, and community leaders who have brought fame or honor to the City of Riverside through their athletic involvement.

Adrian Dell and Carmen Roberts Foundation is a collaboration of dedicated volunteers focused on empowering Riverside County citizens through the development of cultural activities, education, and economic development. The Foundation showcases the County's rich cultural diversity with colorful, inspiring, and authentic cultural activities throughout the year.

Mary S. Roberts Foundation is committed to helping homeless cats and find good, loving homes. MSRPAC is supported solely by private donations and fundraising projects. The Center takes in healthy, adoptable cats and dogs from owners who can no longer care for them and, as space allows, accepts healthy, adoptable cats and dogs from other local animal welfare agencies.

Spanish Town Heritage Foundation champions the Hispanic Legacy of the Inland Empire's first settlers by sharing their stories, creating cultural learning opportunities, and leading community efforts to restore and revitalize La Placita de los Trujillos, a place of history, learning, entertainment and the arts.

Villegas Park Advisory is a group of volunteers focused on providing kids with activities throughout Riverside, particularly at Villegas Park.

West Coast Thunder attracts more than 7,500 motorcyclists each Memorial Day for a ride of remembrance through the City streets, with thousands of residents lining the streets, and riders' entry fees support special projects at Riverside National Cemetery.

Women Strengthening Women provides support to women who have loved ones in prison, who have been impacted by domestic abuse, or who have been experiencing troubling times in general. Services include peer support and support groups for women of all ages, including teen girls, who have criminal justice history or who have experienced domestic violence.