



## **City Sponsorship Program, Fall 2024-2025 Mission Synopses for Applicant Organizations**

**Aquamotion Ability** is dedicated to helping transform the health and well-being of senior citizens and disabled individuals within the Inland Empire through a high quality water aerobics program that provides guidance and training for being fit and healthy.

**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.

**Black Arts Museum (formerly The Bibbs)** works to nurture, proliferate, and exhibit the artistic expressions of African Americans, past, present, and future.

**Central Community Church Fellowship** is responsive to the needs, hurts and interests of the residents of the Inland Empire. For the past 36 years, the church has provided a free, complete, traditional Thanksgiving Dinner for the entire community.

**Community Health Systems** focuses on providing high-quality, compassionate, and comprehensive medical, dental, women's health, behavioral health, chiropractic care, and vision care services to those who are under-served, uninsured, or under-insured.

**Deaf Community of Riverside** helps increase understanding in the community about deafness, communications, safety, and awareness of barriers, to maximize life for the deaf community and the community at large.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Inland Empire Contemporary Ballet** exists solely for the purpose of providing educational and performance opportunities in professional classical and contemporary ballet to underserved communities. IECB produces quality

productions and superb technique, aiming to help dancers reach their full potential in the art of ballet.

**Inland Empire Latino Lawyers** Association provides free legal assistance on civil matters to hundreds of residents in the City of Riverside and the surrounding communities. When they have nowhere else to turn, elders, families and individuals living in poverty and people with disabilities look to IELLA to help secure the necessities of life.

**Kiwanis of Uptown Riverside** is dedicated to changing the world through a global mission of “one child and one community at a time”. Our fundraising efforts and community service hours help to provide nourishment, educational enrichment opportunities, healthcare and more for the most underserved and in-need populations.

**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 home-schoolers, 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.

**Pink Ribbon Place** is a branch of Riverside Community Health Foundation, working to improve the health and well-being of the community. The organization focuses heavily on enhancing the quality of life for individuals and families impacted by cancer.

**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 County Philharmonic** entertains Riverside with excellent performance of great music, enriches the young and young at heart with the beauty and relevance of the symphony and engages a diverse and dynamic community in appreciation of the performing arts in Inland Southern California.

**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 Downtown Partnership** fosters a vibrant, safe, and successful business and cultural community in Downtown Riverside by celebrating the past and defining the future. RDP serves as liaison between downtown businesses and local government.

**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 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 National Cemetery Support Committee** provides upkeep and support for the Riverside National Cemetery. The organization partners with the Riverside County Philharmonic to present the annual Concert for Heroes on the eve of the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

**Riverside Unified School District Foundation** supports student success by securing resources to enhance Riverside Unified School District's mission of providing engaging, innovative and equitable learning experiences through community engagement and partnerships.

**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.

**A Salute to Veterans Parade** honors veterans of all ages and from all branches of the military in conjunction with the national celebration of Veterans Day.

**Science and Technology Education Partnership** was established to bridge the skills gap between K-12 students and high-technology industry needs. STEP produces its flagship science and technology education, the STEP Conference, annually.

**Southern California Golf Foundation** is devoted to providing all Southland golfers with the best experience possible, providing accessible and affordable opportunities for anyone looking to be involved with the game.

#### **Southern California Tri-Counties Branch of the International Dyslexia**

**Association** brings researchers and relevant literacy topics to the public to share information regarding literacy, including dyslexia, via media, personal contact, and events focused on literacy. The group envisions building a community that facilitates literacy success through appropriate recognition, understanding, and strategy implementation appropriate to dyslexia and other language-based learning differences.

**Southwest Resource Management Association** is dedicated to promoting, managing, and preserving natural resources through collaborate partnerships for the economic and ecological benefit of the community.

**Vivian Stancil Olympian Foundation** is dedicated to teach children proper swimming techniques and water safety, working with local pools to present “Drown Proof” Clinics.

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

**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,