

City Sponsorship Program, Spring 2025-2026 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 Arts Museum exists as an ambitious dream, inspired by the strength of those who have gone before us, defining and re-defining culture around the globe. As art exists without bounds and borders, The Black Art Museum (The BAM) will be a gathering place and launchpad that encapsulates the aesthetics and spirit of a people.

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.

Foster Army Animal Rescue strives to rescue the most vulnerable of shelter animals. Our mission is to create a safe haven for homeless pets, focusing on treatable companion animals from local shelters, providing loving foster homes, medical care, and behavioral support until they can be adopted into quality forever homes.

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.

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.

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.

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 Life Church – Outreach provide free groceries and essential items to families and individuals facing food insecurity. There are no fees associated with any of our services. Our goal is to support those in need with compassion and dignity, offering hope and practical assistance during challenging times.

The Living Museum of First Peoples Cultural Heritage Foundation promotes awareness of, and fosters respect for, the authentic cultural heritage of Calfornia'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.

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.

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.

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.

MOMs of Military is a group of mothers and wives (open to ALL women related to anyone serving in the military) of loved ones currently serving in the United States military. We gather to pray and support our troops and military families around the country.

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.

Quilts of Valor makes and awards quilts to U.S. military service members and veterans who have been touched by war. Our quilts say "thank you for your service, sacrifice and valor" in serving our nation, and reflect the best possible workmanship and use of quality materials.

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.

The Relationship Warehouse is a Christian counseling organization committed to providing accessible, faith-based, and effective care. Recognizing the need for trusted, affordable support, we act as a "warehouse" for a network of mental health providers. By partnering with experienced counselors and therapists, we offer holistic, personalized care for individuals, couples, and families—serving Orange County, the Inland Empire, and beyond via Telehealth.

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 Community Concert Band is a volunteer, which provides its members a lifelong opportunity to play and perform jazz and concert band music for enjoyment and to develop their musical skills. These bands provide both cultural and historical enrichment in the community by inspiring and entertaining our audiences at free performances.

Riverside Community Flower Show Association is a volunteer organization formed in 1947 to put on a community flower show for the enjoyment of the residents of Riverside County.

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 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.

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.

UCR Society of Women Engineers provide a creative and hands-on space for students to work in teams, and design/ create STEM projects.

U.S. VETS Inland Empire work to prevent and end veteran homelessness. We empower veterans and families through housing, comprehensive services and advocacy.

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

Vitality Development Foundation provide boxing and fitness training, mentorship, life skills coaching, and a safe and supportive environment for youth development. Our focus is on building discipline, confidence, and healthy habits, especially among underserved and at-risk youth.

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.