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New Community Improvement Grants Awarded by the Yerba Buena Community Benefit District

San Francisco, Calif. — The YBCBD Board of Directors approved eight grants to nonprofits to support family programming, cultural exhibits, community engagement, and public safety enhancements in Yerba Buena at its November meeting. Since 2008, the YBCBD has granted more than \$1.3 million.

“We’re excited to support such a wide variety of organizations that are doing great things to improve quality of life in Yerba Buena,” said YBCBD Executive Director Cathy Maupin.

The YBCBD’s Community Benefit Fund grants are awarded in spring and fall of each year. The 2018 fall grants totaled \$76,250 and went to:

- [California Historical Society](#) for public programs related to two new exhibitions: *Boomtowns: How Photography Shaped Los Angeles and San Francisco* and Mark Ruwedel’s *Westward the Course of Empire*.
- [Children’s Creativity Museum](#) for its 20th Anniversary Celebration and free family programs.
- [Contemporary Jewish Museum](#) for quarterly Family ArtBash Sundays, which include free admission and family programming, including art-making, music, dancing, and interactive exploration of exhibits.
- [The Museum of the African Diaspora \(MoAD\)](#) to support public programming for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and for Black History Month, including the exhibit *Black Refractions: Highlights from the Studio Museum in Harlem*.
- The [Northern California Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Foundation](#) to support Martin Luther King, Jr. Day events, including a march and celebration from the CalTrain station to Yerba Buena Gardens, a Black Comix Arts festival, a health and wellness fair, children’s activities, and more.
- [San Francisco Bicycle Coalition](#) for the Fifth Street Campaign where the community will share ideas and build support for a full transformation of Fifth Street into a safe and accessible street.
- [San Francisco Museum of Modern Art](#) to support three free Family Days to promote accessibility to its collection.
- [Walk San Francisco](#) to obtain feedback from more than 1,000 seniors in Yerba Buena about ways to improve the pedestrian experience along the Fifth Street corridor.

About the YBCBD

The Yerba Buena Community Benefit District is a community-based nonprofit organization working to improve the quality of life in the Yerba Buena neighborhood, encompassing Second to Fifth and Market to Harrison streets. Yerba Buena is a dynamic district that features world-class museums, convention space, hotels, educational institutions, and more than 400 shopping, dining and entertainment venues. The YBCBD began implementing programs in 2009, such as a Community Guides program, SFPD bike patrol officer program, graffiti removal, street and sidewalk cleaning, neighborhood marketing, public art projects and other improvement efforts. Learn more at www.YBCBD.org and on [Facebook](#).

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