



National Endowment for the Arts Awards Grants for Arts Projects Spotlighting the Spirit of Sports

City of Los Angeles (Los Angeles, CA)

To support performing arts programming and arts education workshops. Through a Chair's extraordinary action award, the city will present multidisciplinary performances and arts instruction inspired by the cultures of FIFA World Cup 2026™ countries. Programming will be designed to foster family participation and community connection.

Silicon Valley Creates (San Jose, CA)

To support CityDance San Jose, a series of free outdoor arts events. Through a Chair's extraordinary action award, the events will feature live music, dance demonstrations and instruction, and participatory dances. In partnership with the City of San Jose Office of Cultural Affairs and held at a public park in the center of San José's arts district, the program themes will be inspired by countries participating in the FIFA World Cup 2026™.

Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs (Miami, FL)

To support Arts at Play, a series of multidisciplinary arts and culture programming for the public. Through a Chair's extraordinary action award, the city will present multidisciplinary performances and arts instruction inspired by the cultures of FIFA World Cup 2026™ countries. Programming will be designed to foster family participation and community dialogue.

City of Atlanta (Atlanta, GA)

To support multidisciplinary arts programming in downtown Atlanta. Through a Chair's extraordinary action award, and in partnership with Atlanta-based Historically Black Colleges and Universities, the Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs will present music and dance performances, visual art exhibitions, and artist talks. All activities will take place in a public space opposite the official FIFA World Cup 2026™ Fan Zone in Atlanta.

City of Boston (Boston, MA)

To support arts-based community engagement programming at City Hall Plaza and technical assistance for neighborhood arts programming throughout Boston. Through a Chair's extraordinary action award and in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture (MOAC), the city will offer multidisciplinary arts programming that celebrates movement, community, and soccer culture at Boston City Hall Plaza in celebration of the FIFA World Cup 2026™. In conjunction with city hall

events, MOAC will also design an arts toolkit and provide technical assistance in support of neighborhood-based arts programming connected to the games.

Metropolitan Arts Council of Greater Kansas City (Kansas City, MO)

To support arts programming that showcases the local culture of Kansas City. Through a Chair's extraordinary action award, programming centered on the theme of "Culture Lives Here" will feature the creation of a large mural, community gallery exhibitions, and public performances. The activities will foster community connection and promote the value of the arts as the region welcomes global visitors during the FIFA World Cup 2026™.

New Jersey Transit (Newark, NJ)

To support artist fees for two murals at the Secaucus Junction Transfer Station. Through a Chair's extraordinary action award, two artists will be commissioned to create large-scale murals at the transit station, which is a major hub for traveling to and from the FIFA World Cup 2026™ stadium at the Meadowlands. Artists may include themes celebrating local communities and the cultural vibrancy of New Jersey and highlighting public transportation as a connector of people, places, events and opportunities.

City of Philadelphia (Philadelphia, PA)

To support the commission of a series of mosaic portraits celebrating famous Philadelphia sports icons by artist Jonathan Mandell. Through a Chair's extraordinary action award, the city will display the portraits panels in a temporary exhibit in City Hall during the FIFA World Cup 2026™. The portraits will honor sports leaders in football, baseball, basketball, tennis, and hockey whose vision and leadership helped shape Philadelphia's identity as one of the nation's great sports cities. Each mosaic panel will include narrative imagery that reflects the arc of the person's life and legacy, translating sports history into visual art that celebrates innovation, leadership, and civic impact.

City of Dallas (Dallas, TX)

To support "The World is Ours" by artist Risk Rock, a large-scale public art installation. Through a Chair's Extraordinary Action award, the city will install the sculpture featuring a bold bronze hand lifting an immense, gently rotating globe. The sculpture will be placed on the same platform used for the historic 'Big Tex' sculpture that welcomes visitors to the Texas State Fair at Fair Park Dallas, which will host one of the FIFA World Cup 2026™ team base camps as well as Fan Fest activities. The artwork will be surrounded by informational signage in the languages spoken by the countries represented in the Dallas matches.

Houston Arts Alliance (Houston, TX)

To support the development and production of a documentary film about soccer's impact on community life in Houston, Texas. Through a Chair's extraordinary action award, Houston Arts Alliance, in partnership with the Houston Cinema Arts Society, will produce a 20- to 30-minute documentary film exploring how soccer shapes local community life and how the sport serves as a gathering point within neighborhoods, connecting local storytelling and creative skill-building to the games of the FIFA World Cup 2026™. The project will also include hands-on workforce development training for emerging filmmakers and a free community screening of the completed film. The film will also be made available for online streaming.

City of Seattle (Seattle, WA)

To support a visual arts exhibition and live music performances. Through a Chair's extraordinary action award and in partnership with the Seattle Center, the city will present a folk and traditional arts exhibition focused on the greater Seattle and Pacific Northwest region as well as live music and curated DJ sessions at the International Fountain in celebration of the FIFA World Cup 2026™.