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18 nonprofits awarded with grant funds

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The Broomfield Community Foundation distributed almost $50,000 in funds to arts and civics organizations during its spring grant cycle.

The community foundation, one of Broomfield's premier philanthropic organizations, works with local nonprofits and distributes donated funds through grants. This season, 12 organizations in the civics and arts sectors received $47,500. Additionally, Six organizations serving youth in the area were also awarded a combined $17,000.

"Through these grants, we empower local organizations to create programs that uplift and inspire, ensuring that Broomfield continues to be a place where art and civic responsibility flourish," Dion West, the executive director of the Broomfield Community Foundation, said.

"These organizations don't just serve the community — they shape it," West said. "Their work is critical in creating a Broomfield where everyone has a voice and the chance to participate fully."

One of the grant recipients, the Parlando School of Musical Arts, has a special program that the money will help fund. The program brings music and theater opportunities to people who are living with intellectual disabilities. The nonprofit staff said it's important to make sure this underrepresented group has access to the arts.



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A student practices playing flute at Parlando School of Musical Arts on May 11, 2021, in Boulder. Parlando was a grant recipient from Broomfield Community Foundation.

"It's called Julie's Program, it's named after my sister who's an adult living with intellectual disabilities," Travis LaBerge, executive director and founder, said. "Throughout growing up together and her adult life she has always said that music is her favorite thing in the world."

In addition to Julie's Program, Parlando brings musical education to students all across the Front Range, including Broomfield.

Another grant recipient was the Broomfield Veterans Museum, a staple of the veteran community in the area that dedicates itself to providing a welcom-

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ing space for veterans and and educational experience for visitors.

"Some of the money will be going towards a new sign, one that's much more visible," said Gary Francis, who works with the museum. "We're also gearing up for our Vietnam War symposium next year."

The museum is a place where veterans and non-veterans convene to build community while learning about the past through a "soldier-first" approach, centering on the humanity of veterans. Instead of focusing on the broad strokes of war and conflict, the museum zooms in on the individual service members.

The museum operates on grant money from places like the community foundation, which prides itself on supporting a myriad of organizations in the city and county.

"The foundation is committed to supporting impactful and trustworthy organizations and fostering a more vital and vibrant community," West said. "We couldn't do this without the support of our community."



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Dave Barrett, left, and Flint Whitlock hang informational posters for an exhibit at the Broomfield Veterans Museum on May 14, 2024. The museum was a recipient of a grant from the Broomfield Community Foundation.