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Investing in Dreams

# Community Grant Application

Since 1930, Soroptimist International of Chico's mission is to improve the lives of women and girls by providing them with resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams. We are a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve social and economic empowerment. To learn more, go to SoroptimistChico.org.

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Please tell us about your nonprofit organization

- Nonprofit Name: California Regional Theater Alliance
- Website Address: www.crtshows.com & www.crtkids.com
- Facebook Address: https://www.facebook.com/CRTShows & https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100049703125087
- Mailing Address: 3851 Morrow Lane, #7 Chico, CA 95928
- Contact Name & Title: Bob Maness, President of the Board
- Contact Email: bob@crtshows.com
- Preferred Phone: 530-518-4784

What is the mission of your nonprofit organization?

Our mission is to inspire and empower young minds through the transformative power of theater. We are committed to creating excellent shows that showcase the talents and creativity of our young performers while providing unforgettable experiences for both participants and audiences alike.

Above all else, we strive to help each child reach their fullest potential, not just as performers, but as confident, compassionate individuals and positive members of the community. Through collaboration, dedication, and the magic of storytelling, we aim to nurture a love of the arts, build self-esteem, and foster a sense of belonging and purpose in every child who walks through our doors.

How does your nonprofit organization benefit women and girls?

Our youth theater program empowers women and girls by providing a creative and supportive space to develop confidence, leadership skills, and artistic talents. Through acting, singing, and technical theater opportunities, girls learn to express themselves, collaborate with others, and step into leadership roles both on and off the stage.

In addition, we actively choose shows that celebrate strong female characters and challenge gender stereotypes, offering young women the chance to see themselves as capable, dynamic leaders. By fostering a culture of mentorship, our program connects girls with experienced women in theater who inspire and guide them toward success, both in the arts and in life.

Ultimately, our nonprofit is dedicated to nurturing the potential of every young woman, ensuring they feel empowered to shine brightly and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

Briefly describe the project or nature of the needs of your nonprofit organization. Is this a new or ongoing expense?

We're seeking support to fund our annual summer camp for youth ages 5-16. This three-week program offers young performers a chance to learn acting, singing, and dancing while building confidence and teamwork. Your contribution will help cover tuition for families in need, supplies for sets and costumes, and venue/facility costs for our grand finale performance at the Center For the Arts or First Street Theater in Chico.

How many people will these funds benefit? What percentage are women and girls?

Each session hosts between 180-200 students, ages 5-16. 80% of our students are young women & girls.

What is the estimated cost of the project or needs of your nonprofit organization?

$20,000

How much are you requesting?

$15,000.

How did you hear about Soroptimist?

Our good friend Linda Bates first introduced us to the exceptional work the Soroptimist International of Chico do for our community and recently Billie Araiza emailed us and encouraged us to apply.

Have you requested funds from Soroptimist International of Chico or any Soroptimist club in the past?

No.

Were funds approved? If so, when and how much?

N/A

If Soroptimist International of Chico has contributed to your non-profit in the past, how were the funds used and publicly recognized? Please be specific.

N/A

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Please note that our review and procedural process is about 3-4 months and that our volunteer service organization is not in session during the Summer from July 1 to August 31. Feel free to attach additional information to your application.

**Send completed applications to Giving@SoroptimistChico.org**