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Six City Nonprofit Arts Organizations Receive First Emergency Rent Subsidies

Six nonprofit arts organizations have received the first emergency rent subsidies for this year. Recipients of the awards, which totaled nearly \$230,000, were Aunt Lute Books, Dance Brigade, Jon Sims Center for the Arts, Music in the Schools Today, Pocket Opera, and Z Space Studio.

The \$1.5 million subsidy fund was legislated by the city Board of Supervisors to provide immediate rent relief to arts groups at risk of losing their space because of unaffordable rent increases. The fund was allocated to the San Francisco Arts Commission to contract with California Lawyers for the Arts to administer the program through ArtHouse. ArtHouse, a resource on live-work and other spaces for artists and arts organizations, is a joint program of the Arts Commission and California Lawyers for the Arts.

Applications were reviewed by an independent panel consisting of Richard Newirth, Arts Commission Director of Cultural Affairs, Kary Schulman, S.F. Hotel Tax Fund/Grants for the Arts Director, and specialists in dance, music, theater, and literature.

For information on eligibility for rent subsidy funding, call 415-775-7200, ext. 963, or see the website at www.arthouseca.org.

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