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OCF Grant Recipients 2025

- American Association of University Women
- City of Orinda - Parks & Rec
- Fire Safe Moraga-Orinda
- Friends of the Joaquin Moraga Adobe
- Hospice of the East Bay
- Lamorinda Adult Respite Center
- LARC
- Lamorinda Arts Council
- Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary Club
- Lamorinda Village
- Meals on Wheels Diablo Region
- Mindful Littles
- Miramonte High School Robotics club
- Orinda Association
- Orinda Garden Club
- Orinda Historical Society
- Orinda Junior Women's Club
- Orinda Starlight Village Players
- Pacific Chamber Orchestra
- Xenophon Therapeutic Riding Center

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Enhancing the Quality of Life in Orinda

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15 years of the Orinda Community Foundation

Celebrating its fifteenth year, the Orinda Community Foundation (OCF) continues to support the City's civic and arts programs.

"The Foundation was created to fill the gaps in funding for civic and arts programs that the city could not fund," said Sue Severson, past Orinda mayor and OCF co-founder.

Indeed, the Foundation's mission has always been to enhance the quality of life in Orinda and quite a few gaps have been filled throughout the years.

As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, OCF supports community events, programs, projects and visual and performing arts. In 2025, OCF provided \$86,700 to support a variety of non-profits and projects that benefited the community.

One of the grant recipients was the Foundation's Light Up Orinda Project (LUO).

"With the generous support of OCF, we were able to light up 111 trees through North and South Orinda during the winter," said Kimberly Wirtz, co-founder



COURTESY OF LAMORINDA IDOL
Lamorinda Idol is an annual singing program for students K-12 who attend school or reside in Lamorinda.

of LUO.

OCF also provided grants for other projects, such as the Orinda Garden Club, Lamorinda Village, Seniors Around Town, The Orinda News, the Orinda Starlight Players and the Fourth of July Parade.

It also supported specific programs with restricted donations, such as LUO, Parks and Recreation programs, Live at the Orinda Theatre and it sponsored the Citizen of the Year/Volunteer of the Year events as well.

The Foundation is administered by a 100% volunteer board. It has no paid



COURTESY OF THE ORINDA ASSOCIATION
Supporting The Orinda Association's beloved parade.

staff, just members of the community who volunteer their time, professionalism and skills in making life joyful and productive in Orinda.

Unlike other local nonprofits, OCF is the only organization in town that both raises funds and distributes those funds to support community initiatives.

James Keefe, president of OCF, said "OCF has a great reputation, a great working relationship with the City of Orinda and a history of successful events."

One of the key milestones of OCF in 2025 was completing a merger with the



COURTESY OF LIGHT UP ORINDA
OCF supports Light Up Orinda to bring a joyful wonderland of lights to brighten the holiday season.

Parks and Recreation Foundation. Before the merger both foundations were funding park and recreational programs. By combining with the Parks and Rec Foundation, OCF streamlined the delivery process in supporting recreational programs in the City.

As a result of the merger, OCF increased its available funding by \$157,297 from the Parks and Rec Foundation. These funds will be applied to future parks and related projects in the City.

"We were delighted to add two members of the Parks and Rec Foundation to the OCF Board as part of the merger," said Keefe. "This merger allows a more efficient continuation of recreational programs through one organization."

The Foundation depends on the generosity of Orinda residents and other supporters to fund the programs and events it helps bring to the community. Locally managed and locally focused, it ensures donations directly benefit meaningful and impactful initiatives.

Donations can be made on an unre-

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stricted basis. OCF also accepts donations restricted to a specific project or program, such as Light Up Orinda, Lamorinda Idol or the Parks and Rec projects.

Envelopes are sent out each year with the annual OCF newsletter, in spring, where donors can specify preferences, or, visit orindafoundation.org/ at QR code below:



New donors are always welcomed and OCF sincerely thanks all continuing donors who keep paying it forward.

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