



City of Los Altos
Non-Profit and Civic Organization Contributions Application

Organization Information

Name: Arts Los Altos

Address: 149 Doud Dr., Los Altos, CA 94022

Website: www.artlosaltos.org

Tax Identification Number: EIN94-1593216

Non-profit? Y/N **Yes**

Civic organization? Y/N **Yes**

Benefit Los Altos community? Y/N **Yes**

Description of organizational activities: _____
Arts Los Altos is an all volunteer nonprofit dedicated to implementing public
art that creates connections among diverse community members, local
businesses, and downtown property owners, elevating the cultural identity
of Los Altos. Since we started Arts Los Altos in 2020, we have
implemented 15 public art installations. Our projects have a defined
concept and are site specific. We work with a curated artist list to ensure
quality public artwork for the Los Altos community and visitors.

Description of organizational impact on Los Altos community: _____
The entire community benefits from the colorful murals and interactive sculptures.
The power of public art has increased activity and commerce downtown. These installations
bring residents of all ages to restaurants and shops downtown, benefitting local merchants,
eateries, and services. Bay Area artists have transformed blank walls and spaces into public art
that delights, educates, informs, evokes emotion and starts conversation. Arts Los Altos has
selected talented, diverse, and ethnic artists for our multicultural community. With the
collaboration of the City of Los Altos and Arts Los Altos there is a Downtown Public Art Map.
Arts Los Altos provides Public Art Walking Tours every first Friday which increases foot traffic
and economic prosperity downtown. Downtown Los Altos is beginning to develop a reputation
for cultural vibrancy and a destination for viewing public art with the help of Arts Los Altos.

Contact Information

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Contact role: Co-Director

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Contribution InformationAnnual contribution amount requested: \$50,000Length of contribution request? 2025Total contribution amount requested: \$55,000Repeat request from a previous budget cycle? Y / N **Yes**

Use of funds:

Expense	Amount	Provide a detailed explanation of the use of requested funds	Explain how this expense will benefit the City
Jen Lewin's The Last Ocean,	\$50,000	see attached document	see attached document
Community Outreach	\$5,000	see attached document	see attached document
Total	\$55,000		

Agreement

As the official representative for the above organization, I agree to comply with all requirements listed or otherwise enforced through the City of Los Altos Non-Profit and Civic Organization Contribution Policy. The City reserves the right to revoke this application at any time for any purpose. The organization shall provide all documents and organizational information as required by the City of Los Altos necessary to comply with Non-Profit and Civic Organization Contribution Policy application. The official representative certifies that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Karen SzuckDate: 4-14-25



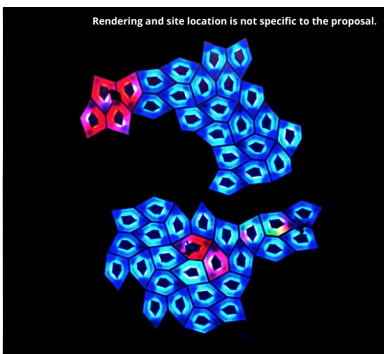
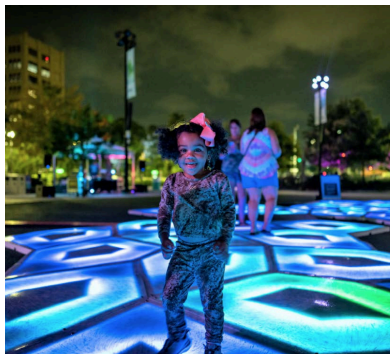
***The Last Ocean* by Jen Lewin Studio**

A Site Specific Temporary Art Installation

Expense

Jen Lewin's *The Last Ocean* \$50,000. Arts Los Altos will contribute \$50,000 to match the Nonprofit Grant request for \$50,000. The total cost of this immersive installation is \$100,000.

The Last Ocean is a travelling, temporary public art installation. This colorful artwork infuses conversation around the fragile ecology of our oceans and cultivates relationships through interactive engagement. This public art event will increase economic vitality and community experience, bringing people of all ages together. While visitors walk, dance, and play on the illuminated, technical artwork, *The Last Ocean* will transform the space with vibrant splashes of light, color, and energy. A wonderful placement for this immersive installation would be the Veterans Community Plaza in downtown Los Altos during winter. This art exhibit would be a fantastic collaboration with the City of Los Altos, PARC Commission, Arts Los Altos, and other organizations.



The Last Ocean is an immersive experience made possible by Lewin's pioneering in-house mesh network LED technology, composed of over 300 interactive platforms constructed from reclaimed and recycled ocean plastic. For every exhibit, the team will design each installation according to the location with site-specific shapes that slowly dissipate - from an intact center to fewer clusters of platforms at the edges - conveying the integrity of an ecosystem deteriorating over time.



***The Last Ocean* materials, recycled plastic from the ocean**



This immersive art piece, *The Last Ocean*, created by contemporary artist Jen Lewin, brings us directly in touch with the nature of the crisis. Sourced and fabricated from plastics salvaged from the oceans, Lewin creates a captivating world brought to life by the very materials pushing our life-giving ocean system to the brink. Turning the tides, the artist transforms waste into a captivating place where we are invited to explore our global relationships with nature.

Community Outreach \$5,000

Jen Lewin, is an artist, engineer and technician who creates engaging public art installations, fusing expert craftsmanship and technology that enhances the human experience outdoors. We hope to have Jen Lewin as a guest speaker along with two other events that would be part of the education and outreach involving this installation, appealing to the art, science, and technology interests within our community and surrounding Silicon Valley. Because Jen Lewin is internationally known, this installation would draw large numbers of people to Los Altos, driving economic prosperity and bringing joy in the winter.

Jen Lewin's Temporary and Permanent Installations Worldwide



Please review the brochure and pricing links of *The Last Ocean*.

As you study the costs, please note that Arts Los Altos is requesting 50% of the total cost.

[Jen Lewin LastOcean 2022.pdf New.pdf](#)

[2023 LastOcean Pricing.pdf](#)

Learn more about Jen Lewin Studio at jenlewinstudio.com/artwork/

Installation timing, winter 2025-26