



## Pabst Steinmetz Foundation Announces 2022 Grant Winners

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Winter Park, FL: The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation is pleased to announce its third class of grant recipient organizations. After reviewing more than 40 applications, the Foundation's Board of Directors has chosen to award grants to seven Central Florida-based non-profits, helping them produce community-focused programming for 2022. Grants are awarded to:

- Central Florida Community Arts
- Dunedin Fine Art Center
- Gra-V Robotics
- Orlando Health Cancer Center
- Orlando Philharmonic
- Rollins Museum of Art
- Simply Amazing

"The programming we are seeing surrounding arts and wellness continues to impress" said Margery Pabst Steinmetz, the Foundation's co-founder. "The seven organizations which will receive funding for 2022 showed tremendous potential to impact community through a collaboration of arts, science, wellness and engagement." Pabst Steinmetz added.

"Programming that can become a model and brought to scale across our community is a key mission for our Foundation." says Chuck Steinmetz, Foundation co-founder. "These seven organizations show us that arts integration in the area of wellness has the potential to change lives" added Steinmetz.

The Foundation's mission "Inspiring and building community through innovation in arts and education" places special emphasis on wellness initiatives which have the potential to serve as a catalyst for change and impact on communities. The Board found the seven grant-winning programs, described below, possess the potential for sustainability and a "ripple effect" affecting more people in more places via community collaboration.

**Central Florida Community Arts:** The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding for CFCA's School of Arts and Health. The School is a multi-year teaching artist development project. With the support of the Pabst-Steinmetz foundation, CFCA will disseminate a National Survey, created by partners at the University of Florida and launch Teaching Artists Convenings for artists at the local, regional, and national levels. The purpose of both activities is to gather information relevant to the continued development of teaching artist training modules in collaboration with UF. The National Survey will gather strategies, tools, and best practices from organizations across the country, while the Teaching Artists Convenings will identify artists' needs, concerns, and knowledge gaps. The end goal is a "Curriculum, Research, and Best Practices" document, which will be foundational to the goals of the broader, multi-year project: to create standardized learning modules for teaching artists. For more about Central Florida Community Arts, please visit: <https://cfcarts.com/>

**Dunedin Fine Art Center:** The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding for their new Creative Aging Program. The program will offer free six-week art classes to senior citizens living in local assisted living facilities. The Creative Aging Program will allow DFAC to form partnerships with local assisted living facilities, wo would otherwise be unable to access this type of positive physical and emotion activity. For more on the Dunedin Fine Art Center, please visit: <http://www.dfac.org>

**Gra-V Robotics:** The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding for Gra-V's FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC). Gra-V's mission is to unite students, mentors and sponsors in the community to develop teamwork, business, STEM, and leadership skills. Gra-V works with the global non-profit FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) to participate in a robotics challenge. These teams spend 6 weeks designing, programming, building, and testing a robot to compete in regional and global competitions. The team has taken interest in the Assistive Technology Industry, developing technology for those with disabilities. For more information about Gra-V Robotics, please visit: <https://gra-v.org/>

**Orlando Health Cancer Center:** The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding Arts in Medicine at Orlando Health Cancer Institute. The programming allows patients and their caregivers to experience the stress-reducing effects of art production, explore their creativity, and take part in community events. The project being funded will create a pathway for post-secondary art students to experience the transformational impact that the fine arts can foster in patients and their caregivers while they are undergoing chemotherapy treatment at the Orlando Health Cancer Institute. For more information about the Arts in Medicine at Orlando Health Cancer Institute, please visit : <http://www.orlandohealthcancer.com>

**Orlando Philharmonic:** The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding for the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra Young People's Concerts. In 2020, The Phil transitioned its Young People's Concerts online. It was a resounding success, bringing the group's work to an expanded audience across Central Florida.

This continued PSF grant will help OPO maintain the Virtual Young People's Concerts while also returning to in-person concerts. The programming options have increased access to music and the arts for children, especially students from economically disadvantaged communities. For more information, please visit: <https://orlandophil.org/young-peoples-concerts/>

**Rollins Museum of Art:** The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding for the museum's Pathways 2022, an exhibition and mentoring/networking platform for emerging artists living in Florida. Pathways is a partnership with the University of Central Florida Art Gallery. Three nationally recognized jurors, representing various aspects of the art world – curator, established artist, art advisor, will select the artists who respond to the open call. Pathways offers a unique opportunity to emerging artists from across the state, with support and a network of resources similar to an artist residency. The winning artist will receive a cash prize and a future solo exhibition at RMA. For more information, please visit <https://www.rollins.edu/rma/>

**Simply Amazing:** The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding for expansion of Simply Amazing's Summer Fun Packs. Simply Amazing's focus is enriching the lives of children living in crisis with the gift of personal art and creative supplies. The cornerstone program is Simply Amazing Creative Boxes. Recipients include children in Central Florida's foster care programs, as well as children living in shelter environments. Providing these artistic outlets to children coping with stress and trauma is a valuable mental health tool. This continued grant will enable Simply Amazing to continue expansion of Summer Fun Packs program, designed to sustain children when they are without the safety net school can provide. For more information, please visit: <http://www.simplyamazing.org>

Since the inception of the Pabst Steinmetz Foundation Grants in 2020, more than \$415,000 has been awarded to 15 local organizations.

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*About The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation:*

*Established in 2018, the Foundation is the merger of philanthropic work of husband and wife Chuck Steinmetz and Margery Pabst Steinmetz. The Foundation's mission "Inspiring and building community through innovation in arts and education" seeks to support organizations and individuals working to create collaboration around projects which inspire innovation in the realms of arts and wellness.*