

If 2020 began normally and quickly pivoted to Covid-19's "new normal," 2021 was something of a mirror image: the Foundation worked to reclaim as much of the old normal as we safely could for our community, while still meeting special pandemic-related needs. In 2021, **the Foundation funded more than \$121,000 in community grants**. And in a big win for normal, after more than a year in virtual mode, **signature DMF programs like First Thursdays and DMF Talks celebrated a return to in-person Town Hall events** starting in September, with protocols to safeguard health and safety.

Grants

We continued our robust support for Covid-19-adapted programs: \$14K+ in grant funds to DMCC to support the special needs Covid brought to our seniors; and \$6K+ for Helping Hands, St. Peter's inspiring and effective program for the unsheltered in our midst. Pivoting to normal, our grants funded the City's Arts Advisory Committee's work on the Temporary Outdoor Sculpture program that debuted in September.



After a one-year pause for Covid, the **Del Mar International Composers Symposium (DMICS)** returned in full force in 2021, with DMF as the lead sponsor. Our \$9K grant funded the ensemble-in-residence and additional guest artists for this week-long event for Composition Fellows and students, with public opportunities to experience the artistic process first-hand.

DMF provided full funding and management support for the City's new **Temporary Outdoor Sculpture Program** created by the City's Arts Advisory Committee. With five contemporary artworks installed downtown in September for a 23-month public display, an Artists' reception on the Civic Center Plaza, and the debut of an Art Walk map featuring Del Mar's public art, the community enjoyed this diverse infusion of culture and creativity into our downtown spaces.

"Thanks to the Foundation, we have a volunteer communication network ready at a moment's notice to assist the City in an emergency."

During a national radio relay event with 35,000+ participants, Del Mar's volunteer **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** was able to test new emergency equipment, an all-band multimode transceiver and four handheld transceivers, acquired via a DMF grant.



Cultural Arts

First Thursdays' mostly-virtual 2020-21 season, which ended in June, included a variety of virtual programs, including a video of a DMF-commissioned performance by **Bach Collegium**. But the 2021-22 season marked a joyous return to in-person performances, with subscribers (fully vaxxed and masked) enjoying live music once again: **Holly Hofmann and Mike Wofford** (Sept.), **Hausmann Quartet** (Oct.), the **Peter Sprague Group** (Nov.), and **Hutchins Consort** (Dec). What a thrill to be back in person!



Special Events

The Del Mar Foundation invited the **Easter Bunny** to Del Mar for a socially distant visit, cruising through town, stopping along the way at Seagrove Park, several Camino Del Mar storefronts, and ending the day with a visit to Shores Park.

While the jam-packed crowds of Summer Twilight Concerts and the Fourth of July Parade would have to wait yet another year, **DMF TALKS** returned to Town Hall in the Fall for an outstanding talk on the history of the Scripps family in San Diego, and an inspiring presentation on wildlife conservation by the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance's CEO.

And in October, our Halloween Dog Parade brought dogs and their human pals to Powerhouse Park, decked out in fabulous and wildly creative costumes, for an afternoon full of family fun.



Young Del Mar

With schools in full swing, the Foundation's Young Del Mar holiday activity in 2021 involved young artists from nine area schools, working in groups to create art canvases displayed in store windows throughout downtown. The participants chose the theme, "Ocean to Beach, Our Art has Reach."

