



# Press Release

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## Visionaries of The Creative Arts (VOCA) receives Walmart Grant to Empower Deaf/Hoh BIPOC Artists

VISIONARIES OF THE CREATIVE ARTS (VOCA) is thrilled to announce its selection as a recipient of a substantial grant from **Walmart's Local Community Grants Program**. This \$500.00 grant reaffirms VOCA's ongoing commitment to empower the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing (Deaf/HoH) BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) community using the transformative power of the creative arts.

Historically underrepresented and overlooked, the Deaf/HoH BIPOC community and its artists have faced social injustice within mainstream society and even within Deaf culture. VOCA is *dedicated to redressing this imbalance through innovative initiatives*. **Walmart's grant significantly contributes** to VOCA's mission of amplifying the voices & artistic expressions of Deaf/HoH BIPOC artists.

VOCA's comprehensive approach features an array of **community-oriented programs**, spanning from theater productions & training to youth summer camps and stage instruction. By cultivating creativity, artistic growth, and professional development, VOCA paves the way for Deaf/HoH BIPOC artists to shine on stages.



## A Special Thank You: Walmart ✨.org

VOCA extends heartfelt gratitude to Walmart's Local Giving Team for embracing its vision and supporting its transformative mission. This partnership aligns with VOCA's commitment to fostering positive change through creative arts programs, professional development, training opportunities, and exceptional theatrical productions for both Deaf/HoH communities and the wider hearing community.

For more information about VISIONARIES OF THE CREATIVE ARTS (VOCA) and its initiatives empowering Deaf/HoH BIPOC artists, please visit [www.vocarts.org](http://www.vocarts.org)

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