Recent Fast Track Grant Recipients

**FY19**

**The Hub Theatre:** The Hub’s agreement with The New School of Northern Virginia came to a sudden end many months after confirming show dates. After many inquiries to find a suitable space, another theatre offered an arrangement to use their space. The Fast Track award covered additional unforeseen costs for technical director, carpenters and electricians for building, load-in, and striking of sets in this temporary new space.

**Public Art Reston:** Grant funds helped offset costs for mosaic workshops to 6th graders at Terraset Elementary School in order to realize a permanent public artwork prior to the end of the current school year. When a contractor failed to fulfill a public art proffer, the Fairfax County Government and Hunter Mill District Supervisor asked Public Art Reston to execute the art project. With a small contribution of $3000 by the contractor and project installation deadline of June 30, 2019, Public Art Reston worked with students and teachers to identify a project; selected suitable artists for the art project; and organized with the artists three 90-minute workshops with approximately 80 6th graders to create the final work.

**NextStop Theatre Company:** Unexpected costs associated with hosting another theatre affected the organization’s financial stability. Despite an extremely busy performance and programming calendar, NextStop was able to modify its schedule in order to host The Hub Theatre in a time of need. Additional costs in staffing and operations, as well as losses in rental income and programming with the addition of another theatre in residence have had a serious effect on the organization’s balance sheet.

**FY18**

**NextStop Theatre Company:** On April 16th, the contractor/private for the organization’s website informed the theatre he will be shutting down his company as of April 30. The company instructed NextStop that if the site is not transferred by April 30th, it will be completely deleted. No justification or additional support was offered.

**Iranian American Community Center:** Our current application for Fast Track grant is based on an unexpected cost added to our budget for the April 29, 2018 Concert. One of planned performers, Mr. Analoui – percussionist- who lives in Washington DC, resigned due to his mother’s health problem. We recently hired Behnam Daneshvar,
an equally qualified performer, who lives in Seattle and has to travel and reside in Vienna VA temporarily to perform at the April 29th concert.

**Traveling Players Ensemble:** On January 10, 2018 a pipe burst at 7929 Westpark Drive* flooding Traveling Players’ costumes, props, and equipment. Almost everything was impacted in some way - from the volume of water pouring from the ceiling, to the flow of water as it collected on the floor, to the moisture in the air and dampness. Cost to clean clothes and other materials.

**McLean Project for the Arts:** MPA’s ArtReach is a standards-based two-part lesson that combines a field trip to MPA’s gallery with a related session at the schools home site featuring hands-on art-making to explore STEAM and other concepts through an arts lens. The cost of bus transportation to and from the gallery is covered by MPA for Title I schools. While MPA planned for continued growth in demand for program participation, this year’s growth was even higher than anticipated, resulting in additional transportation costs.