The Mobile Arts Council received 19 applications from its membership base of arts organizations, crafters, graphic designers, photographers, musicians, theaters, visual artists, and videographers for its 2017 Arts Grants. A panel of professional artists and arts educators selected four recipients for the awards. Mystic Order of the Jazz Obsessed was chosen to receive a $1000 grant.

We will use the grant to continue our commitment to promote jazz education for young people. This award will fund a collaborative project with the Mobile Public Library's 2017 Build a Better World Summer Library Program. Over 500 children, ages 6-13, are expected to attend the summer program finale on Saturday, July 29th, 10am-1pm at the Ben May Main Library.

JazzZooLA: Build a Better World with Jazz, includes a 45-minute Excelsior Band concert, followed by a "jazz instrument zoo" educational component and drawings for gift cards for books for program participants.

We’ll need 10-20 MOJO members to volunteer to make JazzZooLA: Build a Better World with Jazz, a memorable experience for the kids. Tasks include hosts (ushers/greeters), “zookeepers” (group management), ticket takers (participant entries), runners, photographers and other small responsibilities. Shift choices: 9-11am | 10am-12pm | 11am-2pm. Or you can be brave and volunteer for the entire event!

Volunteers will be recognized on our website, Facebook page and at the July Jazz Jambalaya. Plus, you’ll get an entry for “thanks-for-your-service” prize at the end of the event.

Lock in your slot! Stop by the front table tonight and sign up, complete the form on the MOJO website (mojojazz.org) or email webmaster@mojojazz.org. Volunteer roles will be filled on a ‘first come, first choice’ basis.

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, JULY 19TH

...get your MOJO workin’!