



California Arts Council 2016 Creative California Communities (CCC) Grantees

The Creative California Communities (CCC) program supports collaborative projects that harness arts and culture as vehicles for creative placemaking. A successful project represents the distinct character and quality of its community and presents a vision for enhancing the social or economic livability of that community through the arts. Projects benefit residents and visitors to California's communities by leveraging the assets of the creative sector (artists, cultural organizations and arts-related businesses) to address community needs or priorities. Proposed projects must be designed and developed by the applicant organization in collaboration with at least one partnering organization, and should centralize California artists and their work in the project design and implementation. Learn more at <http://arts.ca.gov/programs/ccc.php>.

Number of Planning Grants Awarded: 9 | Number of Project Grants Awarded: 41
Total Investment: \$ 1,953,707

Planning Grants

Arts Benicia, Inc., Solano

\$2,500

With support from the CAC, Arts Benicia will work with City of Benicia Parks & Community Services Department, Arts & Culture Commission, and other partners to engage the local arts community in the design of Waterfront Park, whose recently completed Master Plan (MP) calls for the integration of art throughout the site. We will plan and host three facilitated discussions about the MP, best practices for arts-centered placemaking, and integrating art into the design of public spaces.

Arts Connection, San Bernardino

\$2,500

With support from the California Arts Council, Arts Connection will begin the planning phase of an arts-centric community garden to be situated on a vacant lot. We will convene our partners to develop a series of questions and strategies for community engagement. We will then mobilize volunteers to implement these strategies and gather community input. We will reconvene to process the results and produce a proposal for the Creative California Communities Project Grant.

City of Davis Arts & Cultural Affairs, Yolo

\$2,500

With support from the California Arts Council, the City of Davis will partner with the Arts Alliance—arts providers, artists, merchants, YoloArts, Visitors Bureau, and UC Davis—to

conduct strategic planning exercises with an organizational development specialist. The anticipated outcome of this exercise will be a strategic plan for the implementation of creative programs within the Davis community. Our goal is to choose one or more of the developed ideas to apply for a CCC grant in 16-17.

City of Scotts Valley, Santa Cruz

\$2,500

With support from the California Arts Council, the City of Scotts Valley will plan an annual outdoor display of large-scale art within the City of Scotts Valley for June–Sept 2017, engage the community through in-person and virtual dialogs, and draw upon the experiences of organizers of similar events.

Freedom Bound Center, Sacramento

\$2,500

With support from the California Arts Council, Sol Collective will expand upon its Global Local music series, creating monthly music showcases for California cultural artists culminating in a free, community music festival showcasing local artists. This planning grant will support the development of a committee to organize contacts, develop partnerships, seek sponsorship, and identify California’s premier cultural artists.

Higher Gliffs, Alameda

\$2,500

With the support from the California Arts Council, the Community Rejuvenation Project will convene an intensive meeting with key stakeholders to map a strategy for an in-depth community engagement project to film oral history interviews with pioneering Boogaloo, Robotin, and Strutting Dancers. These interviews will determine the content for four large-scale murals in Oakland, San Jose, San Francisco and Richmond and compiled with archival footage to create a feature-length documentary.

Riverside Art Museum, Riverside

\$2,500

With support from the California Arts Council, Riverside Art Museum and the City of Riverside will work with community stakeholders to formulate a plan for activation of vacant lots and development of a Creative Corridor through in the city's diverse Eastside neighborhood, expanding the city's downtown cultural hub towards the University of California campus.

San Diego Theatres, San Diego

\$2,500

With support from the California Arts Council, San Diego Theatres will activate public spaces with illuminated visual arts and culturally-specific performing arts outside downtown's Civic Theatre and southeastern San Diego's Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation, and within/along the MTS trolley line that directly connects them. This increases public safety, community convergence, and arts access, and energizes the urban areas at/between two major San Diego arts venues.

San Jose Taiko Group, Santa Clara

\$2,500

With support from the California Arts Council, San Jose Taiko will delve into the planning of a collaboration with Epic Immersive to create a series of progressively more interactive events in San Jose Japantown. This collaborative presentation is intended to introduce new/existing audiences to the history and vibrancy of this unique community and provide new means for audiences to interact with artists. The final event will culminate in 2018, San Jose Taiko's 45th Anniversary.

Santa Clarita Shakespeare Festival, Los Angeles

\$2,500

With support from the California Arts Council, Santa Clarita Shakespeare Festival, with Forge Ahead Arts and other small local arts organizations, will develop a coalition to establish and grow a local community arts center. Specifically, the planning grant will be used for consultants and workshops to develop a workable structure for the collaborating organizations to co-exist in a shared creative and administrative space.

Project Grants**A Reason To Survive (ARTS), San Diego**

\$65,000

With support from the California Arts Council, ARTS will lead development of the Westside CAFE (Community, Art, Food, Enterprise), part of a multi-phased, collaborative creative placemaking project that incorporates arts, health, community engagement and micro-business to address National City's challenges around nutrition, food deserts and employment. Artistic revitalization includes storefront redesigns of the neighborhood food markets and an outdoor gathering place.

Arts Council Santa Cruz County, Santa Cruz

\$70,000

With support from the California Arts Council, Arts Council Santa Cruz County will transform the community's relationship with the San Lorenzo River and Tannery Arts Center through the Ebb & Flow River Arts Collaborative. This arts and educational movement culminates in a Kinetic Art Parade and River Celebration. Ebb & Flow builds constituencies for the Tannery and river, elevates water literacy, inspires economic and community activity, and strengthens cross-sector relationships.

Chinese Culture Foundation of San Francisco, San Francisco

\$70,000

With support from the California Arts Council, CCF will transform Ross Alley into a creative community and cultural space in the heart of Chinatown. CCF will work with CCDC to share their

expertise in community outreach to optimize the success of the project. Artistic engagements will be centered on "Crossings," a series of workshops and a public art project led by artist Summer Mei Ling Lee which will create a social community and sculptural installation that will enliven the alley.

Lenora Lee Dance, San Francisco

\$50,000

With support from the California Arts Council, Lenora Lee Dance and the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation will create and present a new immersive dance project, "Within These Walls." The work will be developed November 2016 - May 2017 and presented in a series of performances with ancillary engagement activities in the Immigration Station Public Health Hospital and in the Barracks in June 2017. Dancers will perform in multiple rooms leading audiences throughout the two buildings.

18th Street Arts Complex, Los Angeles

\$63,000

With support from the California Arts Council, 18SAC will engage artists to create new opportunities for residents to participate in a series of collective expressions that reflect the identity and history of the Pico Neighborhood (PN), to build bonds between residents as well as with a major influx of new pedestrians using the Metro. This project will attempt to improve and measure local relationships at a critical time when PN is already under stress from recent, rapid gentrification.

Alliance for California Traditional Arts, Fresno

\$63,000

With support from the California Arts Council, the Alliance for California Traditional Arts and the School of Arts and Culture at Mexican Heritage Plaza will implement the Sounds of California, a collaborative research and community engagement initiative, to coordinate events and gatherings to call into action members of San Jose's Mayfair community to explore, analyze, and interrogate the local soundscape and music making in this community.

EngAGE, Inc., Los Angeles

\$54,000

With support from California Arts Council, EngAGE will design and plan the new Glendale Arts Colony, slated to open in October 2016, as a hub for creative placemaking. This will serve as an affordable housing community for families and professional artists to live and create art. The building will be designed with input from the community and local artists regarding space usage to revitalize Glendale with arts at the forefront of planning and to create a focal point of the arts district.

Machine Project, Los Angeles

\$55,170

With support from the California Arts Council, Machine Project will partner with the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks to activate LA's Echo Park Lake park with a year

long series of interactive engagement based performative works led by 8 California artists. The projects will develop in an incubator model where artists will work with the community, present programming, solicit feedback, then iterate and re-program; all while deepening relationship between artist and audience.

Public Corporation for the Arts, Los Angeles

\$40,860

With support from the California Arts Council, Arts Council for Long Beach will partner with Cambodia Town community non-profit organizations and the City of Long Beach in the design and implementation of the Cambodia Town Mural Project, which will result in the creation of up to nine works of public art along East Anaheim Street in Central Long Beach. The murals will be created by eight local artists or artist teams and one local artist working collaboratively with youth and adults from the community.

Queer Cultural Center, San Francisco

\$45,000

With support from the California Arts Council, the Queer Cultural Center, transgender choreographer Sean Dorsey and social service professionals at the SF LGBT Community Center will create and develop "Boys In Trouble," an evening-length dance-theater concert exploring masculinity from transgender and queer perspectives. After a series of events engage LGBT communities in explorations of masculinity, the project will culminate in an April 2017 work-in-progress presentation and a formal evaluation.

San Diego Art Institute, San Diego

\$63,000

With support from the California Arts Council, San Diego Art Institute will work with lead artist Kate Clark to design and execute "PARKEOLOGY Season II: Civic Twilight." This program will reimaging the Plaza de Panama in Balboa Park in collaboration with the Balboa Park Conservancy and UC San Diego Center for Urban Ecologies through a public contest and series of events.

San Jose Jazz, Santa Clara

\$63,000

With support from the California Arts Council, San Jose Jazz – in collaboration with the San Jose Parks Foundation – will dramatically expand its mobile, place-based music program, SJZ Boom Box, to bring high quality music performances to communities that seldom have an opportunity to access it. SJZ Boom Box will perform at least 50 free outreach shows across the South Bay area in 2016-17, including performances held in partnership with SJPF in 10 different San Jose parks.

The AjA Project, San Diego

\$28,620

With support from the California Arts Council. The AjA Project will deliver a series of photography-based, story-telling workshops with homeless youth at the San Diego Youth

Services Emergency Shelter. The workshops will culminate in the creation of a community-facing mural which addresses the issue of homelessness in San Diego as well as a large-scale on-site mural to be installed at the emergency shelter.

The Museum of Art and History at the McPherson Center, Santa Cruz

\$27,000

With support from the California Arts Council, the Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History (MAH) and the California Youth Connection (CYC) will launch Lost Childhoods, a project connecting art to action around the foster care system. The partners will form a cross-sector creative community leadership team to develop community art projects that empower foster youth, inspire empathy, and spark public dialogue about the challenges facing youth transitioning out of the foster care system.

Trails & Vistas, Nevada

\$34,200

With support from the CAC, Trails & Vistas will produce 8 Art in Nature events, bringing together California artists, nonprofits, businesses, and Lake Tahoe area residents and visitors to showcase visual, performance, and literary artists and musicians with site specific works to provoke awareness of open space in the Sierra Nevada region. CAC funding will support artist fees, production costs, and expand programming to include Cultural Land Tours of Truckee Donner Land Trust acquisitions.

Arte Americas: The Mexican Arts Center, Fresno

\$44,000

With support from the California Arts Council, Arte Américas will install a major mural on the former Fresno Bee building across the street and another on our center. The Poets' Murals will be a tribute from our Valley, which has produced more than its share of nationally recognized writers, from Saroyan to US Poet Laureate Herrera. We will bring together a Los Angeles artist, the "Wall Dogs," and local muralists to collaborate on the project and add two murals to the fifteen already here.

Asian Art Museum Foundation of San Francisco, San Francisco

\$56,000

With support from the California Arts Council, the Asian Art Museum will install and activate Art/Lit LIZ, in partnership with Youth Art Exchange, SF Public Library, the City and Civic Center Community Benefit Dist., on the sidewalk land between the Museum and the Library. The Art/Lit LIZ will activate the Civic Center corridor through arts activities, demonstrating the potential of the arts to engage residents and passersby, and promoting a safe environment for play and social interaction.

Automata Arts, Los Angeles

\$56,000

With support from the California Arts Council, Automata will partner with Los Angeles Performance Practice and CAP UCLA to launch NEW/NET, a new creative development platform

and resource network for Los Angeles-based artists working in contemporary performance with robust programs in professional development, innovative shared audience engagement strategies, a web-based publishing platform, and economic infusion through direct opportunities for artists, and partnerships with local businesses.

Bayview Opera House, Inc., San Francisco

\$56,000

With support from the California Arts Council, Bayview Opera House will collaborate with California artists and Bayview neighborhood businesses to activate the Bayview Town Center with community arts events that rally residents around our newly refurbished historic landmark building (opening fall 2016). The project will highlight the community's distinct creative character, and help develop the fledgling business and arts district (which already includes an art gallery and three restaurants).

Brava for Women in the Arts, San Francisco

\$56,000

With support from the California Arts Council, Brava will partner with Calle 24 to continue activating the Latino Cultural District in San Francisco's Mission District through a yearlong series of Latino arts programs and events. Funds will support six events staged in Brava Theater Center and other sites in the neighborhood. The Latino Cultural District spans 14 city blocks and contains a dense, vibrant, and historic community of Latino families, organizations, businesses, and arts.

California State University Dominguez Hills, Los Angeles

\$40,000

With support from the California Arts Council, California State University Dominguez Hills will implement BIG CITY FORUM: PRAXIS STUDIO, a one-year community engagement project in partnership with Big City Forum. Funds will support the establishment of an extracurricular, cross-disciplinary arts and design program, using the CSUDH campus as its hub. Its mission is to create a robust placemaking model that connects youth in underserved communities to higher education and its resources.

CounterPulse, San Francisco

\$24,800

With support from the California Arts Council, CounterPulse will partner with the Central City S.R.O. Collaborative to animate and celebrate their shared block of Turk Street with free arts activities, cultural offerings, and informational materials for the residents, visitors, and workers who share the street in a once monthly Block Fest. With the help of community-sourced Artist Docents, Block Fest will creatively activate and respond to the block on a regular basis.

Crocker Art Museum Association, Sacramento

\$56,000

With support from the California Arts Council, the Crocker Art Museum will concentrate and expand its "Crocker Block by Block" Initiative with a special focus on Sacramento City Council

District 8, a South Sacramento district that encompasses some of Sacramento's most ethnically diverse, and economically disadvantaged neighborhoods.

Eagle Rock Community Cultural Association, Los Angeles

\$24,000

With support from the California Arts Council, CFAER will produce and present a documentary film on the cultural and artistic vibrancy of Northeast LA's Eagle Rock neighborhood, told by the visual artists who have influenced its cultural landscape and the stories, artwork, photos, and film footage of its community members and cultural stakeholders. The collaborative documentary project will both reflect and enrich the community, creating a sense of place and bolstering community pride.

Fort Mason Center, San Francisco

\$56,000

With support from the California Arts Council, FMCAC will present Fort Nights: Free Radical, a light-art festival featuring film, video and participatory new-media installations that activate a National Park in new and unexpected ways. Artists will illuminate facades, screen films in public spaces, and develop installations to innovate park use, strengthen existing communities, and attract new audiences. Free Radical will engage visitors to see, share and take part.

Kala Institute, Alameda

\$56,000

With support from the California Arts Council, Kala Art Institute/City of Berkeley will implement a cross-sector partnership Print Public, a public art, community vibrancy initiative. Through temporary public artworks, socially engaged residencies, community feedback, and a series of interactive, free public programming, creative partners will bring vacant properties and overlooked public spaces to life, providing cultural pedestrian connections along the busy San Pablo Avenue transit corridor.

KALW San Francisco Unified School District, San Francisco

\$56,000

With support from the California Arts Council, KALW will expand the scope and depth of Sights & Sounds, a multimedia project highlighting the perspectives of Bay Area artists, with an emphasis on underserved communities. Building on KALW's strengths in arts reporting, audio and event production, Sights & Sounds will introduce artists to new audiences and increase grassroots engagement with the arts via a weekly radio feature and live events in East Oakland and Richmond.

Kulintang Arts Inc., San Francisco

\$34,000

With support from the California Arts Council, Kularts and FADF with APICC as additional partner, will present 2016 SOMA Pilipinas-Pinoy Arts Live! multidisciplinary contemporary and tribal Pilipino arts presentations Parol Lantern Festival, Bae Makiling, and Pinoy Superheroes Here & Now!, located in historic Pilipino neighborhoods to create artwork reflecting a

community whose experiences, history and perspectives are rarely animated on stages, exhibited in galleries, or read on the page.

La Pena Cultural Center, Alameda

\$35,921

With support from the California Arts Council La Peña Cultural Center and Youth Spirits Artworks will organize the The Bay Area Mural Festival to bring together 7 master muralists and 30 marginalized youth through a series of artists residencies and workshops culminating in the painting of 10 murals in South Berkeley and North Oakland working with local residents and two Oakland High Schools. The muralists will collect and depict locally relevant migration and displacement stories.

Mural Music & Arts Project, San Francisco

\$56,000

With support from the California Arts Council, MMAP will produce the BayviewLIVE Festival, an activation utilizing the power of the arts to get youth excited about STEAM education and careers. We are requesting \$70k to support 4 professional visual artists and 30 youth visual arts apprentices to develop and install two, 10,000 square foot, mixed media murals on local businesses, and support 2 celebrated professional performers and 4 youth performance groups during the 7-hour festival.

Museum of Contemporary Art Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara

\$56,000

With support from the California Arts Council, the Museum of Contemporary Art Santa Barbara will create Take Part/Make Art (TP/MA), a traveling magnet exhibition where low-income Latino residents and youth can engage with issue-driven art through interactive art-making events. TP/MA will be temporarily deployed at three public sites in low-income neighborhoods in partnership with community-based organizations, and will feature commissions from six artists, three of whom are California-based.

Oakland Museum of California, Alameda

\$40,772

With support from the California Arts Council, the Oakland Museum of California will produce Oakland I Want You To Know... an exhibition created in partnership with Oakland citizens to highlight the changing social landscape of a historic neighborhood through multiple community voices. Local artist Chris Treggiarri will collaborate with young people from Youth Radio and residents of West Oakland, formerly referred to as "Harlem of the West," to explore what's happening in this neighborhood today.

Pasadena Symphony Association, Los Angeles

\$26,804

With the support of the California Art Council, the PSA will produce Random Acts of Music  Music to the People, an interactive program which will bring 30 unexpected music performances featuring at least 65 professional musicians presented in libraries, shopping

centers, banks, public gardens, community centers (among other venues). Each event will work to connect the community to the music, encourage engagement and inspire positive economic development through art-based placemaking.

Plumas County Art Commission, Plumas

\$33,600

With support from the California Arts Council, Plumas Arts will use established and emerging partnerships to enable individuals of diverse ages, backgrounds and abilities to become art-makers and storytellers. Creation will be nurtured through digital and traditional art media to inspire reflections on local lifestyle choices, our natural surroundings, ancestry and history. People of Plumas workshops will manifest into gallery, social and print media, stage and on-screen pre-movie presentations.

Precita Eyes Muralists Association, Inc, San Francisco

\$31,600

With Support from the California Arts Council, Precita Eyes Muralists will support our Youth Arts project Visions of Youth and engage local youth 16-24 years. This project allows for our local youth to express themselves through our unique community mural process working with local guest artists to bring about transformation, positive change cultural visibility and allow the youth to share their visions, hopes and dreams for their community.

Self-Help Graphics & Art, Inc., Los Angeles

\$24,000

With support from the California Arts Council, Self Help Graphics will partner with Mujeres de Maiz to expand a culturally relevant economic development program in the form of mercaditos or marketplaces that center artists, create capacity-building opportunities for them as small business owners, and provide entry points for the community at large to engage and participate as artists and consumers.

Start SoCo, Sonoma

\$46,400

With support from the California Arts Council, Artstart will partner with the Sonoma County Community Development Commission to establish arts-infused outdoor community spaces in Roseland Village Center (RVC), a former shopping center. In the next five years, RVC will be redeveloped into a mixed-use development. Currently vacant portions of the site will be transformed into interactive areas through creative placemaking, which will also inform future cultural and public art planning for RVC.

The Harmony Project, Los Angeles

\$56,000

With support from the California Arts Council, Harmony Project will produce a Pop-Up Concert series, bringing music into public spaces throughout Los Angeles County. These performances will be organized and prepared on our part, but unexpected on the part of the public "audience." Additionally, the project will engage professional musicians in the Los Angeles area

together with 2,000 underserved children - engaging the artists as music teachers, mentors, and community performers.

The New Children's Museum, San Diego

\$24,000

With support from the California Arts Council, The New Children's Museum (NCM) will plan and execute the 2017 Mass Creativity Project. It includes free, art-making workshops for 600+ family members at six partner venues, and culminates with Mass Creativity Day in June 2017 at the Museum. NCM will transport workshop families to Mass Creativity Day, offer them memberships, and welcome 2,500+ San Diegans to join in the free art making, music, and more. This grant funds artists and production costs.

Visual Communications Media, Los Angeles

\$56,000

With support from the California Arts Council, Visual Communications will use the funds to support FORM follows FUNCTION's budget for equipment rentals necessary to present the project in its completed form, rent space to test the project for completion, pay fees and stipends for consultants and contractors, and crew members for time and labor to complete the project during research and development, pre-production, production, post-production, and publicity/presentation.

Yolo County Arts Council, Yolo

\$34,960

With support from the California Arts Council, YoloArts will provide a 5 workshop professional development series for artists to include ever-evolving on-line community and audience; inform artists of how to access and be successful with a public art commission; and how to make business connections through networking and using other entrepreneurial strategies. The project will commission a "Yolo" artisan made brand for Yolo County.