



California Arts Council 2016 Local Impact (LI) Grantees

The Local Impact program is rooted in the California Arts Council's vision to create a state where the arts are a central component of daily life and accessible to all. The Local Impact (LI) program fosters equity, access, and opportunity by providing project support for arts organizations with operational budgets under \$1 Million that reach underserved communities. All projects must extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations that have limited access to the arts. Learn more at <http://arts.ca.gov/programs/li.php>.

Number of Grants Awarded: 149 | Total Investment: \$1,434,753

3rd i South Asian Independent Film, San Francisco

\$8,400

With support from the California Arts Council, 3rd i will present the 14th annual International South Asian Film Festival in November 2016. The Festival's San Francisco and Palo Alto screenings will authentically explore South Asian lives and experiences and bring together the Bay Area's underserved residents of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan, Afghani and other ethnic descents. CAC funds will support the Festival's curatorial and production expenses.

509 Cultural Center, San Francisco

\$8,400

With support from the California Arts Council, the 509 Cultural Center will present and produce 10 free multidisciplinary performing arts programs at the Tenderloin National Forest, an outdoors inner-city arts venue serving the culturally diverse residents of San Francisco's poorest neighborhood. CAC funds will support the fees of the artists whose 10 performances will provide low-income audiences access to arts projects that address their lives and concerns.

ABD Productions, San Francisco

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, ABD Productions will further develop Skywatchers, an innovative project that brings formerly homeless residents of the Tenderloin into collaboration with professional artists for the creation of multidisciplinary, site-specific performance installations. A primary goal of the project is to fully engage participants in the conception and presentation of free, publicly accessible performances that reflect the richness of their stories.

About Productions, Inc., Los Angeles

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, About...Productions will produce a 4-day, site-specific event series The Latin Wave: Exploring Myth, Illusion and Cultural Appropriation at the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse. The centerpiece is our re-imagined 2005 theaterwork They Shoot Mexicans, Don't They? complemented by an interactive symposium; an exhibit of artifacts, photos, and enacted oral histories; and silent film screenings.

Amador County Arts Council, Amador

\$8,856

With support from the California Arts Council, AmadorArts will work with community partners to offer arts workshops through local senior centers, family resources centers and other community spaces to improve access to the arts for populations who are currently underserved, including: seniors, veterans, low-income families, Native Americans and Hispanic groups. These classes will culminate with public exhibits and artists receptions at each community center.

Amazing Grace Conservatory, Los Angeles

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, Amazing Grace Conservatory will provide access for 200 underserved South Los Angeles youth of color in year-round performing arts instruction and an educational enrichment program led by award-winning industry professionals. Through socially relevant student-inspired performances, hearts are healed and voices are heard. Youth are able to express their creative and artistic abilities; significantly, impacting themselves and their community.

API Cultural Center, Inc., dba Oakland Asian Cultural Center, Alameda

\$8,400

With support from the California Arts Council, Oakland Asian Cultural Center (OACC) will collaborate with GER Youth Center to provide weekly Mongolian traditional dance, art, and language classes for youth. The project will include two free public performances at OACC's festivals plus a special culminating event, "Treasures of Mongolia." The project increases access to arts and culture for the newly-emerging Mongolian community, as well as among senior, youth, and low-income audiences.

Art Escape, Sonoma

\$3,500

With support from the California Arts Council, Art Escape will expand Arte con la Familia, a series of free hands-on art workshops for families, conducted in Spanish. Arte con la Familia invites local families (Spanish-speaking, English-speaking, and bilingual) on Sunday afternoons to learn about art materials and techniques, explore creative self-expression, work on art projects alongside their children, interact with other families, build a sense of pride in themselves and their community.

Arts Benicia, Inc., Solano

\$3,500

With support from the California Arts Council, Arts Benicia will activate an expanded Teen Art Program (TAP). Arts Benicia currently offers a variety of dynamic, year-round youth art programs that engage children and their families, and it is now poised to increase its offerings for teens to include on-site art workshops, community leadership and mentoring experiences, and art apprenticeship opportunities.

Arts Collaborative of Nevada County, Nevada

\$8,400

With support from California Arts Council, NCArts will present the 1st Annual Sierra Poetry Festival, drawing from a rich resource of poets and performers spanning the county, in partnership with Sierra College. It will be a pilot for an ongoing annual event reaching beyond county lines. For this, our first year, there will be a strong flavor of local talent and opportunity, with poets, critics and visionaries gathering for two days of readings, slams, workshops, discussion and youth voices.

Arts Orange County, Orange

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, Arts Orange County will produce "Dia del Nino," a one-day festival of arts for underserved children and families living in downtown Santa Ana, on April 30, 2017. ArtsOC initiated the event in 2012 through a two-year grant from The James Irvine Foundation, followed by three years of funding from the National Endowment for the Arts. It is a model of arts engagement and collaboration that has a significant local community impact.

Association for the Advancement of Filipino American Arts & Culture, Los Angeles

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, FilAm ARTS will strategize, develop and produce the 25th Annual Festival of Philippine Arts and Culture, the largest cultural and longest-running Filipino American festival in Los Angeles, designed to utilize the arts to foster understanding and collaboration within the community.

AuCo Vietnamese Cultural Center, San Francisco

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, AuCo Vietnamese Cultural Center proposes to work with the Laotian American National Alliance (LANA) and the One Myanmar Community (OMC), formerly the Burmese Youth Association (changed to reflect an expanded mission), to pursue a sixth phase of the Tenderloin Southeast Asian Arts and Culture Coalition (SEAACC). Funds will be used to support these activities: a Summer Arts and Heritage Residency, Mid-Autumn Harvest Festival and a Spring Summit.

Aunt Lute Foundation (DBA: Aunt Lute Books), San Francisco

\$8,400

With support from the California Arts Council, Aunt Lute Books will produce a series of three poetry readings by Chicano/a contributors to the newly-published anthology, Imaniman. The anthology editors will lead the readings and run two workshops, one for high school poets and a second for poets at the university level. Simultaneously, we will mount a blog on our website for young Chicano/a poets ending in a joint reading.

AXIS Dance Company, Alameda

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, AXIS Dance Company will provide our Dance Access physically integrated programs for people of all abilities and ages. This program includes classes and workshops, a 6 day Summer Intensive, a 3-day Teacher Training Institute, and AXIS Immersion Apprenticeships for disabled dancers. These programs are designed for those who are looking to engage in physically integrated dance as recreation, wellness and/or as a profession.

Ballet Folklorico Anahuac, Stanislaus

\$8,400

With support from the California Arts Council, Anahuac will create a new program entitled Viva! the program will address the lack of Mexican arts in Modesto CA. Viva! will offer free classes to 25 low income students for 6 months, a recital at the end of the program to highlight the students, supplies, and pay for a recital at the end of the program. In addition, we will take all 25 students to a production. Finally, the project will gift participants' families 5 tickets for the recital.

Bay Area Girls Rock Camp, Alameda

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, BAGRC will provide accessible music education and mentorship opportunities to girls from underserved Bay Area communities. Specifically, Local Impact funds will support BAGRC's: (1) newly launched Gear Lending initiative, which provides musical instruments to girls who can't afford their own; and (2) Financial Aid fund, which provides over \$50,000 in aid to girls from low-income families, ensuring that no one is ever turned away for lack of funds.

Blue Mountain Coalition for Youth and Families, Calaveras

\$4,844

With support from the California Arts Council, Blue Mountain Coalition for Youth and Families will coordinate a series of poetry and mask-making artist residencies for the youth and families of northeast Calaveras County. The artwork, masks and poetry created in these residencies will be showcased and celebrated at a Community Arts Festival in West Point, Ca.

Calidanza Dance Company, Sacramento

\$8,400

With support from the California Arts Council, Calidanza Dance Company will create a viable and vibrant dance program that offers classes free of charge for 6 months. By offering both new students the opportunity to receive professional instruction in both Mexican and contemporary dance. The project will also help fund two professional productions in the Sacramento community presented by Calidanza. The project will bring professional dance to the underserved Latino community of Sacramento.

California LGBT Arts Alliance, Los Angeles

\$10,800

With CAC support, the CA LGBT Arts Alliance will install, interpret, publicize and tour *Dancers We Lost*, an exhibition honoring dancers who died of HIV/AIDS complications. The exhibition will take place at LGBT Community Centers located in Long Beach, Santa Ana, Palm Springs and San Diego. At each venue at least two public programs will contextualize the exhibition. Awarded funds will support the project's installation, interpretive programs, publicity and documentation costs.

California Revels, Alameda

\$8,400

With support from the California Arts Council, California Revels will produce the 31st annual Christmas Revels at the Oakland Scottish Rite Theater in December. Grant funds will be used to hire professional directors, designers, technicians, musicians and performers; for rental on the theater and technical equipment such as lights and sound equipment; and to cover marketing and outreach expenses to the underserved communities who are invited to a special opening night free performance.

Casa de Brazilian Folkloric Arts of Sacramento, Sacramento

\$8,400

With support from the California Arts Council, Casa de Brazilian Folkloric Arts of Sacramento will conduct the Brazilian Day Sacramento Arts Festival Project. The proposed project is a 3 month Brazilian folkloric arts/music program for underserved families in South Sacramento and free Brazilian folkloric arts street festival for communities in Sacramento on Aug 28, 2016. The project will focus on honoring women and will feature performances/workshops by spectacular female artists.

Center for the Study of Political Graphics, Los Angeles

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, the Center for the Study of Political Graphics will produce *We Shall Not Be Moved: Posters on Affordable Housing, Gentrification & Resistance*, a fully annotated, bilingual English/Spanish traveling exhibition using high quality laminated digital reproductions. The request will also support tours, an educational panel, a poster art making workshop, and a virtual exhibition on CSPG's website. All events are free to the public.

Chinese Cultural Productions, San Francisco

\$8,400

With support from the California Arts Council, Chinese Cultural Productions will create and produce the world premiere of "Dynasties," a three-movement original dance concert grounded in Chinese dance forms from three dynastic periods - Zhou (1046-256 BC), Tang (618-906) and Qing (1644-1911). Choreographed by Lily Cai, the world premiere of the piece will take place in November 2016 at SF's Cowell Theater, performed by six dancers accompanied by a recorded score arranged by Gang Situ.

Chinese Performing Arts of America, Santa Clara

\$12,000

With support from the California Arts Council, CPAA will implement its 9th Annual Spring Festival Silicon Valley (SFSV) to take place February 11 – February 26, 2017. SFSV is a colorful and vibrant multi-event festival that will entertain and engage over 9,000 residents in the South Bay during the Lunar New Year celebration season of 2017.

Chrysalis Studio, San Francisco

\$8,400

With support from the California Arts Council, Chrysalis Studio will conduct the Queer Ancestors Project, a free 18-week workshop for LGBT artists age 18 to 30. Ten artists will study printmaking and Queer history, learn from Queer elders, create prints exploring Queer ancestry, and exhibit these at the SF LGBT Community Center. The project will connect Queer young artists to their ancestors, build community, and envision an LGBTQ future integrating the wisdom of our past.

Circo Zero, San Francisco

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, Circo Zero will produce Blank Map, a dance-with-live-music-and-art featuring an all Black queer cast, at Omni Commons in Oakland.

Blank Map is inspired by anti-assimilationist tendencies in African diasporic culture: punk, futurism, feminism, queer, pessimism, improvisation... We prioritize an expansive space where both individual and shared narratives can emerge. Performances will be priced for low-income audiences, with no one turned away.

CITYstage, Los Angeles

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, CITYstage will deepen its partnership with Special Service for Groups (SSG) and the Weber Community Center in South Los Angeles by providing 30 weeks of free after-school performing arts programming. The project will serve middle and high school age youth who are living with or at risk for substance abuse and/or serious emotional disturbance. Funds from the California Arts Council will help to support our staff and Teaching Artists.

Community Youth Performing Arts Center, Inc., Santa Barbara

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, CYPAC will provide accessible, high-quality arts events to underserved, low-income community members across Santa Barbara County through the Viva el Arte de Santa Barbara community arts program. Viva serves over 15,000 Spanish-speaking multi-generational families annually with public performances and tailored outreach events that include in-school assemblies, community workshops, after-school programs, and lectures/demos all at no cost.

Company of Angels, Los Angeles

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, Company of Angels (CoA) will expand its Halo Project, a community outreach theatre project now in its eighth year that gives artistic presence and voice to homeless, working poor, formerly incarcerated and disenfranchised community members of Downtown and East Los Angeles areas.

Creative Labor: Queer Visual Artists' Working Group, San Francisco

\$5,400

With support from the California Arts Council, Creative Labor will curate, publicize, install, interpret and document From Self to Selfie: A Global Queer Portrait, a June 2017 exhibition at San Francisco's SOMArts Gallery comprising approximately 60 self-portraits whose faces will collectively represent the histories of LGBTQ movements around the world. Awarded funds will support the Artistic Director's curatorial fee, gallery rental costs and the exhibition's installation expenses.

Croatian Cultural Center of San Francisco, San Francisco

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, the Croatian American Cultural Center will organize and produce the 7th Bosnian Dance Festival at CACC's San Francisco venue in November 2016. The Festival will feature a concert with performances by six solo artists and ensembles rooted in Bosnian sevdah singing and kolo dancing. Festival attendees will have many opportunities to participate in the traditional singing and dancing, and traditional Bosnian food will be served.

CubaCaribe, San Francisco

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, CubaCaribe will present the 13th Annual CubaCaribe Festival of Dance & Music in San Francisco and the Oakland in April 2017. Programming will include performances, master classes, a lecture/demo and a film screening on the art, religion, history, and politics of the Caribbean. The festival will continue to strengthen our local traditional arts community and engage a broad audience.

Culture Shock Dance Troupe, Inc, San Diego

\$8,400

With support from the California Arts Council, Culture Shock Dance Troupe will train low income youth in Hip Hop dance, and offer them the opportunity to participate in one of five dance troupes. Funds will be utilized to assist with dance troupe expenses and to support production costs of A Culture Shock Nutcracker.

Dance Brigade, San Francisco

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, Dance Brigade will expand its current programming in rural Mendocino County to offer free workshops in the communities of Covelo and Laytonville. These workshops will culminate with a low-cost performance in the neighboring town of Dos Rios that features both workshop students and professional artists as performers. Grant funds will partially support artist fees and publicity. We will engage 400 participants from all areas of the County.

Dance Kids Inc, Monterey

\$3,500

With support from the California Arts Council, Dance Kids will be able to broaden the existing Cascanueces: A Latino Nutcracker school tour to include a 6-week dance training for local students and create a hands-on performing experience in addition to vivid audience engagement. Dance Kids successfully combines classical ballet and music with culturally classical Mexican music and heritage creating challenging and approachable dance-theatre for performers and audiences.

DSTL Arts, Los Angeles

\$5,520

With support from the CA Arts Council, DSTL Arts will continue to provide, in full, our Art Block zine-making program for youth, ages 16 - 21, living in Los Angeles County; and these funds will support our continued offering, and expansion of, our Conchas y Cafe program for our students' adult caretakers and fellow community members, primarily ages 30+ years old. This support includes the addition of our new program sites in South and Northeast Los Angeles libraries.

El Teatro Campesino, San Benito

\$12,000

With support from the California Arts Council, El Teatro Campesino will increase community outreach and participation through expanded recruitment of local families from rural San Benito County as cast members for the 45th anniversary production of "La Virgen del Tepeyac," ETC's long-running holiday tradition performed in the 200-year old basilica of Mission San Juan Bautista.

El Teatro de la Tierra, Fresno

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, Teatro de la Tierra will: develop a new repertoire for Generaciones: Historia y Leyenda - History & Legend - featuring folklore, nuevo canto, and contemporary music in a show created for the cultural enrichment and education of our students and community; advance tutoring skills and professional development of core musicians of Generaciones; make classes accessible for all ages, with an emphasis on children & youth.

Embodiment Project, Alameda

\$12,000

With support from the California Arts Council, Embodiment Project will produce our newest dance theater concert, "Chalk Outlines," at Oakland's Destiny Art Center. The work will be performed three times and be free to the community. Chalk Outlines uses hip-hop dance and live house music to explore police and state sanctioned violence against black and brown bodies. The 3-show run will serve nearly 300 audience members, predominantly East Bay audiences of color.

Enriching Lives through Music, Marin

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, ELM will develop a coached chamber music program. Participation in a chamber group provides unsurpassed opportunities for emotional, social and music growth. If funded, we will organize our students into small chamber groups. Each will receive weekly coaching and multiple opportunities to perform for other students in our program, their schools and the community. Students will perform on their own and side-by-side with our teaching faculty.

Epiphany Productions Sonic Dance Theater, San Francisco

\$12,000

With support from CAC and in partnership with SFMTA, Epiphany will present the 2016 San Francisco Trolley Dances this October. An annual civic event featuring new site-specific works by professional and community-based dance companies along a MUNI route, this year's Festival will take place on Market Street between the Castro and Montgomery Street stations, reflecting the major changes taking place along this central artery. CAC funds will support operational costs and artistic fees.

Fern Street Community Arts, Inc., San Diego

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council Fern Street Circus will perform in five parks in San Diego's City Heights neighborhood. Free-of-charge and interactive, the show arises from a year-long Circus residency at San Diego International Airport. The Circus mixes professional circus, musical, and visual artists with students taught in the After-School Circus Program in City Heights, and features circus acts, live music, and vibrant costumes in a colorful set which reflects urban life.

Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra, Santa Clara

\$10,800

In our Serving Chinese Traditional Music to San Francisco Bay Area Seniors project, Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra will bring happiness and cultural heritage to underserved senior citizens in Life Care Services in Cupertino and additional 7-9 senior centers in the Bay Area. Grant funds will be used for training students in their instrument and ensemble classes, and also for covering a part of teachers' honorarium when performing professionally.

FloricantoDance Theatre, Los Angeles

\$10,800

With the support from the California Arts Council The Floricanto Center for the Performing Arts will continue to provide family oriented programming, with accessible ticket prices that foster whole family and community attendance to the East Los Angeles community of City Terrace. This will be done through a 10-14 week annual presenting season of local artists and offering programming choices that feature our local artists and celebrate our cultural traditions.

Flyaway Productions, San Francisco

\$12,000

With support from the California Arts Council, Flyaway Productions will premiere THE CREDIBILITY PROJECT, a site-specific aerial dance about the right to be believed, for women. Danced on an 80 foot wall in San Francisco's Tenderloin District, the project offers 6 weeks of public, in the street rehearsals, 12 free public performances, and regular community outreach programs. A collaboration with Z Space, UC Hastings Law School, and Center for Work Life Law, the project premieres in May '17.

Fresh Meat Productions, San Francisco

\$10,800

With CAC support, Fresh Meat Productions will stage our 15th Anniversary Fresh Meat Festival of transgender and queer performance at San Francisco's Z Space June 16-18, 2016. CAC funds will exclusively support the Festival's final production costs: artists fees & the Production Coordinator. Our Festival is the nation's largest annual transgender arts event, offering artistic perspectives on contemporary transgender and queer experience, as experienced across race, ethnicity, class and age.

Friends of Levitt Pavilion Greater Los Angeles & Pasadena, Los Angeles

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, Levitt Pavilion - Greater Los Angeles & Pasadena will present "Tradition Reinvente," a six-concert series in MacArthur Park showcasing music from Latino and Korean traditions, renewed and infused with contemporary influences. Programming targets the inner-city communities of Westlake/MacArthur Park and Koreatown, representing the diverse cultural traditions and interests of the population and increasing arts access for the underserved.

Friends of The Children's Museum at La Habra, Inc., Orange

\$8,800

With support from the California Arts Council, The Children's Museum at La Habra will create The Dreams of Children (Los Sueros de los Ninos), a three-phase pilot project designed to evoke children's imagination through interaction with the arts and invite expression of their dreams for the future.

Fringe Benefits Alliance, Los Angeles

\$9,270

With support from the California Arts Council, Fringe Benefits will build on the support awarded to our Downtown Women's Theatre Project as a Cal Humanities Community Stories Grant recipient, and bring together homeless, SRO and loft-dwelling women living in, or adjacent to, Skid Row to collaboratively create and perform a dialogue-opening, bridge-building play about their experience with the rapid gentrification of Downtown Los Angeles.

Gamelan Sekar Jaya, Alameda

\$10,755

With support from the California Arts Council, GSJ will strengthen partnerships that nurture the Bay Area arts ecosystem with a program called "Akar" (roots). Through Akar, GSJ will work with Oakland, Berkeley and SF schools, the SF Asian Art Museum, and Balinese master artists to bring workshops, free public performances, and in-depth artistic interaction to a diverse cross section of the CA population, including Indonesian immigrants, deaf students, and low-income families.

Genryu Arts, San Francisco

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, Genryu Arts will implement its 2016-17 Japantown Arts Engagement Initiative featuring: 1) Japan Day Festival 2) Hands on workshops and lecture demonstrations leading up to Japan Day. 3) Annual Spring Break taiko (drum) and shamisen (lute) intensive workshops. 4) Annual Children's Day Festival performances.

Get Lit-Words Ignite, Inc., Los Angeles

\$12,000

With support from the California Arts Council, Get Lit will produce the Classic Slam, a 3-day celebration of classic and spoken word poetry performed by teens from diverse LA communities. These poets compete for cash awards in the spirit of competitive camaraderie. In 2015, 38 teams competed and nearly 4,000 people attended. The Classic Slam began as the culminating event of the In School Program and has become the largest poetry event in Southern California history.

Golden Thread Productions, San Francisco

\$8,400

With support from the California Arts Council, Golden Thread Productions will stage the American premiere of Amir Nizar Zuabi's *Oh My Sweet Land*. Directed by Artistic Director Torange Yeghiazarian and starring Bay Area actress Nora El Samahy, this tour-de-force solo show takes an unflinching and personal look at the Syrian refugee crisis. Golden Thread is proud to introduce this brilliant work to American audiences in San Francisco as the first play of our 2017 season

Great Leap, Inc., Los Angeles

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, Great Leap will create our 4th annual FandangObon on Oct. 9 at the JACCC Plaza, uniting Japanese American, Latino and African American communities and the general public in a participatory arts experience for cultural and environmental sustainability. To prepare, artists of 3 cultures will conduct 12 free workshops in Boyle Heights, Little Tokyo, South LA, San Fernando and Orange County to share our stories and teach traditional arts forms.

Gritty City Repertory Youth Theatre, Alameda

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, Gritty City Repertory (GCR) continues our residency at Flight Deck, a collaborative arts space and performance venue in downtown Oakland. The location provides safe easy physical access for Oakland's under-served youth and families, and offers great community access for audiences. GCR's collaboration with other Flight Deck residents expands our reach with cross-pollination, and creates mentorship and professional opportunities for our youth.

GrupoNuuYuku, Fresno

\$10,800

With the support of the California Arts Council, Grupo Nuu Yuku will organize a 1 day event in Fresno to bring together the artists and musicians in California who practice the Mixtec ancestral dance known as "la Danza de los Diablos." The funds will be used to pay artist's fees, travel for out of town artists, and related production expenses. This event seeks to celebrate the cultural richness of the state of Oaxaca as well as celebrate the loyalty that the Mixtecos have towards their traditions.

Healdsburg Jazz Festival, Inc., Sonoma

\$9,600

With the support of the California Arts Council, Healdsburg Jazz will establish the Student Jazz Combo Competition, a free program to empower musicians in grades 9-12 to explore their creativity by forming small groups for a juried competition. Funding will be used to hire a School Coordinator to facilitate student participation and a Music Coordinator to liaison with the professional players recruited to mentor the youth combos, and to support musicians' fees and general operating costs.

Hernandez Mariachi Heritage Society, Los Angeles

\$12,000

With support from the California Arts Council, the Mariachi Heritage Society will produce its annual mariachi music education nationals institute in Los Angeles, in August 2016.

Highways, Inc., Los Angeles

\$9,600

With CAC support, Highways will present the 2-month-long Behold! Festival at our Santa Monica venue in spring 2017. The Festival will comprise 15 nights of risk-taking and challenging performances by racially diverse established and emerging LGBT artists, an exhibition, 2 master classes, 1 artist residency, 2 panel discussions and opening and closing night receptions. Awarded funds will support the Artistic Director and the participating artists'™ fees.

Idris Ackamoor and Cultural Odyssey, San Francisco

\$12,000

With support from the California Arts Council, RHOESSA JONES & THE MEDEA PROJECT: THEATER FOR INCARCERATED WOMEN/HIV CIRCLE requests support for the 2016-17 home season performances of MEDEA throughout the San Francisco Bay Area including Senator Mark Leno's Young Women's Empowerment Conference, workshops and performances embedded at the African American Art & Culture Complex, and repertory productions and workshops at conferences and in educational settings open to the public.

Invertigo Dance Theatre, Los Angeles

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, Invertigo Dance Theatre will provide Dancing Through Parkinson'™s classes at five locations across the Los Angeles region. These classes are free or by donation for participants and bring together a supportive community of dancers. DTP began with one weekly class in 2011 and now includes three weekly classes and two monthly classes, from the beach to downtown and the South Bay.

Inyo Council for the Arts, Inyo

\$6,475

With support from the California Arts Council, we will present a series of free concerts, taking place across our isolated region of the state. The project will support California touring and local bands, and will provide high quality cultural and artistic experience to attendees, for some, the only opportunity to engage in arts programming. Additionally, the concerts will give residents a taste of our annual music festival.

Jagged Lines of Imagination Academy, Inc., San Joaquin

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, Jagged Lines of Imagination Academy will offer its art curriculum, for free, for a year, at Stockton's Teen Impact Center. Classes will be held 3 days a week, all taught by professional artists with teaching experience. Classes center on

building drawing skills. CAC funds will cover Lead Artists and art materials, a year of free art instruction, available to all Stockton residents, in a poorly-served neighborhood's Teen Center.

JC Culture Foundation, Los Angeles

\$8,400

With support from the California Arts Council, JC Culture Foundation will provide free charge programs. The proposed Lion/Dragon Dance/Drum programs encompass six elements:

- (1) Weekday Workshops for grade 4-6 Students at school sites
- (2) Saturday Training Program for grade 4-12 students at off school site
- (3) Training program for Public Performances
- (4) Training Program for advanced students
- (5) Summer Workshops from Visiting Masters
- (6) Lunar New Year Celebration Program Workshops for K-6 Students.

Jess Curtis/Gravity, San Francisco

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, Jess Curtis/Gravity will develop and implement a comprehensive sensory access accommodation plan, including outreach and on-site services, for visually impaired and hearing impaired audiences for the world premiere of the evening-length performance, "The Way You Look (at me) Tonight" a duet by self-identified disabled artist Claire Cunningham and choreographer Jess Curtis in collaboration with philosopher of perception Dr. Alva Noë.

Jon Jang Performance, San Francisco

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, Jon Jang Performances will compose and premiere "Can't Stop Cryin' for America: Black Lives Matter!", a 40-minute musical work with text for music ensemble and narrator. The ensemble will be comprised of Gary Brown (bass), Deszon X. Claiborne (drums), Howard Wiley (saxophone), Cathy Torres (French horn), John Worley Jr. (trumpet), Jim Norton (reeds) and Francis Wong (saxophone), and Dr. Amanda Kemp, a theatre arts writer/performer.

Justice by Uniting in Creative Energy, Los Angeles

\$9,450

With support from the California Arts Council, J.U.i.C.E. will conduct a series of workshops entitled The Artists' Street Guide, merging art, business education and promotional skills to teach artists how to market and distribute their work. Participants will create and promote an independent publication and live event. They will also become educators by creating a "how to" guide summarizing each workshop: The Artist's Street Guide, which will be published in a "zine" format.

Kearny Street Workshop, San Francisco

\$12,000

With support from the California Arts Council, Kearny Street Workshop will produce the 14th APAture, the organization's signature multidisciplinary arts festival which presents work by emerging local APA artists, builds audiences, strengthens community, and develops artistic leaders. Funds will also launch the APAture Creators Program, a professional and artistic incubator including pre- and post-festival skills building, workshops, and mentorships for selected artists.

Khmer Arts Academy, Los Angeles

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, the Khmer Arts Cambodian Classical Dance Academy will continue the tradition of master/apprentice training and strengthen the way the dance is practiced, presented, performed and understood in the Greater Long Beach Cambodian community and beyond by providing free year-round classes and multiple performance opportunities.

Kids in the Spotlight Inc, Los Angeles

\$11,588

With support from the California Arts Council, Kids in the Spotlight will conduct a 15-week hands on program in the art of filmmaking for 45-60 foster youth, by bringing the program into several residential group homes in Los Angeles County.

Kings Regional Traditional Folk Arts, Kings

\$8,400

With support from the CAC, Kings Cultural Center will create an arts program in the rural community of Armona, CA. KCC will offer multi-genre dance and music programs for underserved kids partnering with Armona Unified School District and the surrounding communities of Kings County in an unprecedented program that will offer access to learn and experience folk arts in an expanded center. Some of the arts that will be integrated include: folkloric dance, fiddle, mariachi and Hawaiian dance.

Kitka, Inc., Alameda

\$12,000

With support from the CAC, Kitka will deepen our partnership with Fort Ross Conservancy and Russian House Kedry through Slavic Voices, a series of seasonal residencies celebrating CA's Russian cultural heritage. Activities will include Slavic folk singing workshops, concerts, school presentations, participatory community rituals incorporating song, dance, games, foodways, and crafts. CAC funds will support project-related artist fees and administrative costs.

Knights of Indulgence Theatre United States, Sonoma

\$6,300

The Imaginists will tour two admission-free, bilingual (Spanish and English) shows in repertory by bicycle throughout July 2016 to Santa Rosa parks, food bank summer lunch sites & Migrant Education sites. "El show el arte es medicina" features puppetry, music & the poetry of Lorca and Francisco Alarcón. Calderon's classic "La vida es sueño" will be newly adapted by the company. Grant funds will support artists and production costs.

Kulintang Arts, INC, San Francisco

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, Kularts will work with visual artist/illustrator Don Aguillo and illustrator/writer Raf Salazar to develop Pinoy Superheroes Here and Now! that spotlights the unsung stories of everyday Pilipino heroes who live/work in San Francisco's SoMa area, the historical epicenter of Pilipino immigration to California. The stories will be told through superhero style poster art pieces as well a 40-50 page episodic comic book exhibited publicly and online.

LA Commons, Los Angeles

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, LA Commons will engage artists and youth in Leimert Park as leaders in design and implementation of Day of the Ancestors Festival of Masks. A six month process focused on masks, dance and music will provide greater access to the arts for the youth, their families and the larger community and reduce barriers to participation through programs embedded in accessible spaces that highlight local issues and celebrate rich cultural traditions.

La Pocha Nostra, San Francisco

\$12,000

With support from the California Arts Council La Pocha Nostra will program a series of public performances in non-traditional, high-visibility sites throughout San Francisco by The Phantom Mariachi - a bold performative character dedicated to addressing the displacement of marginalized communities in San Francisco - including Black and Latino families, artist, bohemian and queer. An original online archive and film will serve to document the project.

Latino Center of Art and Culture, Sacramento

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, the Latino Center of Art and Culture will organize and present El Panteón de Sacramento a celebration rooted in Mexico's most well know cultural tradition, Día de los Muertos. The project serves Sacramento's underserved Latino communities and includes a workshop series culminating in a two-day public engagement event. Funding will support artist fees for the performing artists and workshop leaders.

Liberty Painting Corporation, Siskiyou

\$10,800

With the support of the California Arts Council, Liberty Arts will fund programming for Summer/Fall 2016: 3 exhibitions, 1 community event, each bridging very diverse perspectives. Journey to the Sacred Places, Local Focus: Photos, Poetry. Land seen from sacred perspective. Venice Beach, Bridge Show: Guest artists bring metropolitan perspective to our local art world. Full Steam Ahead, Open Call: Fantasy perspective of "Steam Punk." Gala Event includes Fashion Show and performance.

Los Angeles Music and Art School, Los Angeles

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, the Los Angeles Music and Art School (LAMusArt) will sustain the personnel expense costs of its year-round tuition-free music ensemble programs. These free and weekly music programs serve the underserved youth community of East Los Angeles and support their creative, personal, and interpersonal development.

Los Angeles Poverty Department, Los Angeles

\$12,000

With support from the California Arts Council, LAPD will produce the 7th Annual Festival For All Skid Row Artists, a project that has become known for recognizing and encouraging the creative assets of the Skid Row community. This free, two-day public event both showcases, exhibits and documents the work of Skid Row artists, linking them through an ever-growing Skid Row Artist Registry, and is utilized to alert the community to artistic opportunities and to raise the creative profile of Skid Row.

Los Cenzontles Mexican Arts Center, Contra Costa

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, Los Cenzontles will offer high-quality audio/video and post-production services at an affordable rate for community-based artists and cultural groups that would not otherwise have access to this type of facility. LC Studios will help them build and reach an audience through developing an online presence using high-quality digital media, as well as build their capacity to apply for institutional funding with high-quality work samples.

Mammoth Lakes Foundation, Mono

\$8,400

With support from the California Arts Council Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre (MLRT) will expand their arts programming by providing students throughout Mono/Inyo County from K-12 by presenting two age-appropriate theatrical programs. We will provide a free-of-charge or reduced price program that is an entertaining, and educational arts experience intended to inspire their critical and creative thinking skills and help them become well-rounded human beings who contribute to society.

Mariposa County Arts Council, Inc., Mariposa

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, the Mariposa County Arts Council will continue our lifespan-learning program, F/STOP, which provides photography-based programs to underserved senior citizens. Participants learn how to use photography to express their identities, tell stories, and share their connection to Mariposa. The culminating event is multi-sited public exhibition that will engage the general public with art created by their neighbors and focused on their shared community.

Media Arts Santa Ana, Orange

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, MASA will expand the OC Film Fiesta in Santa Ana, a vital bridge-building cinematic celebration of OC's diversity and multicultural heritage. The Film Fiesta activates local traditions through screenings and free embedded programs that create dialogue around community issues such as gentrification, economic justice, arts participation, civil rights, wellness and our shared California heritage. Funds will cover production costs and free workshops.

Museum of Children's Art, Alameda

\$12,000

With support from the California Arts Council, MOCHA will provide collaborative activities that leverage the power of hands-on art-making to build literacy, enhance learning, and reduce the achievement gap for low-income children in Oakland. Funding will enable MOCHA to maintain Library Education and Art Program (LEAP): a weekly arts program in six Oakland Public Library branches. LEAP extends support for families, artists and community partners in promoting school readiness and learning skills.

Na Lei Hulu I Ka Wekiu, San Francisco

\$8,400

With support from the California Arts Council, Na Lei Hulu I Ka Wekiu will present "The Natives are Restless," a theatrical dance work that explores the interlocked issues of colonialism, sovereignty and occupation in Hawai'i. i. Creating a bridge across cultures and generations, this full-length, multi-media production is intended to advance the public dialogue about the experiences of America's indigenous peoples and the issues that affect us all in a multicultural society.

Navarrete x Kajiyama Dance Theater, San Francisco

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, NAKA will produce Race, a series of free performances integrating choreography, storytelling, mobile video, and sculpture at locations in and around the Tenderloin National Forest in fall 2016 for at least 2000 audiences. A tribute to the Olympic Games and civil disobedience, Race is set against the backdrop of the upcoming 2016 Olympic Games in Rio and the tumultuous 1968 Mexico City Olympics.

Nevada County Cultural Preservation Trust, Nevada

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, Miners Foundry and partners will present the second Nevada City Dance Festival, bringing affordable performances in classical and contemporary ballet, modern, West African and aerial dance. This week-long artists-in-residence festival will offer live dance music, master classes and workshops for local dancers, age 14 and older.

Oakland Ballet Company, Alameda

\$8,400

With support from the California Arts Council, Oakland Ballet Company will present Luna Mexicana, a dance celebration of Latino arts and culture. Luna Mexicana will honor the cultural importance of the Day of the Dead with educational arts programs for East Bay schools & students and accessible community performances featuring live music, dance, and traditional Day of the Dead refreshments. A grant from the California Arts Council will fund artists' fees.

Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir, Alameda

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir will provide 9 months of weekly rehearsals through the Oakland Interfaith Youth Choir. The structured music training program serves primarily African American and low-income teens, provides performance opportunities that strengthen singers' connections to their communities and preserves Oakland's artistic heritage. Funds would be used for OIYC's artistic directors, coordinator and production manager.

Omnira Institute, Alameda

\$9,600

With support from the CAC, Omnira Institute will hold the 3rd annual Oakland Black-Eyed Pea Festival, a cultural celebration of African American (AA) traditional food, music and art. The free, outdoor event on 9/10/16 will consist of live performances by AA performers, sales of original art, crafts and clothing, and will feature black-eyed peas prepared in various ways by AA chefs. The funds will pay for performance fees, technical consultants and other support; site rental and event fees.

Opera Cultura, Alameda

\$7,240

With support from the California Arts Council, Opera Cultura will produce Armienta's bilingual children's opera, Los Cóyotes y Las Conejas as part of National Reading Month in March 2017. There will be four free performances for K- 5 school age children and two family matinee performances at the Mexican Heritage Theater - SOAC in San Jose, Ca. Prior to the production, a teaching artist will work with elementary schools to prepare students to sing the choral section of the opera.

OX, San Francisco

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, OX will produce Queer Public: Docent Tours, a performance experiment that creates dynamic interactions between performers, San Francisco's public sites of queer culture and history, and audiences. Five Bay Area queer artists will be commissioned to develop and perform piecework that exposes them to larger audiences, fairly compensates them, and that illuminates and contextualizes public spaces in the City as queer art history.

Peacock Rebellion, Alameda

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, Peacock Rebellion will produce the two-day Brouhaha Festival that will take place at Oakland's 650-seat First Congregational Church in May 2017. The artists will employ storytelling and comedy to express social justice issues, to reflect the increasingly diverse demographics of CA's LGBTQ+ community the lives and experiences of Queer people of color. Awarded CAC funds will support the fees of the participating artists.

PEN Center USA, Los Angeles

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, PEN Center USA will produce and present one 7-month Emerging Voices Fellowship pairing five budding writers with professional Los Angeles-based writers-mentors. The five Fellows will attend free classes donated by the UCLA Extension Writers' Program; attend genre-specific classes taught by prominent writers; participate in marketing and editing workshops; receive a \$1,000 stipend; and share their work with the public at a culminating reading.

Piece by Piece, Los Angeles

\$12,000

With support from the CAC, Piece by Piece will enlist Artists to deliver workshops in Mosaic Art that engage very-low-income residents of Skid Row and South Los Angeles that are vulnerable to homelessness. To reduce barriers to arts participation the project takes art to the community with inviting group projects. Art made in-group provides a lasting source of esteem for those practicing their creativity and one that inspires participation among others.

Plaza de la Raza, Los Angeles

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, PDLR will serve 3,800 students annually through the School for the Performing and Visual Arts, students mostly from the surrounding East Los Angeles area, the majority from low income Latino families. The SPVA will provides skills development through the arts, including cognitive, social, motor and interpersonal skills, in a variety of disciplines. Students (5-18) are also afforded the opportunity for cultural arts classes.

Positive Action Community Theatre (PACT), San Diego

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, Positive Action Community Theatre (PACT) will provide theatre, dance and group singing workshops to teens and young adults with autism. We will also continue to develop our new Beyond Bullying Theatre Troupe, where young adults with autism are currently developing sketches and improvisational activities that they will perform at local schools and community centers to prevent bullying and cultivate understanding.

Purple Silk Music Education Foundation, Inc., Alameda

\$8,400

With support from the California Arts Council, the Purple Silk Music Education Foundation (PSMEF) will be able to plan and present The Angel Island Project. The 600 Oakland students (grades K-12) will learn about Chinese American history through new repertoire giving voice to the thousands of Chinese immigrants who entered the U.S. through the Angel Island Immigration Station between 1910 and 1940. The project will culminate in a multimedia production presented to local community audiences.

Queer Rebel Productions, San Francisco

\$8,400

With support from the California Arts Council, Queer Rebel Productions will stage Queer Rebels Fest, 2 evening-length multidisciplinary performances celebrating the artistic and activist experiences of queer people of color, at the African American Art & Culture Complex in June 2017 as part of the 19th annual National Queer Arts Festival. Awarded funds will support the participating artists and technicians' fees.

RADAR Productions, San Francisco

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, Radar will organize Mariconerias, a series of 4 multidisciplinary arts events. Each event will present 4 LGBTQ artists commemorating a San Francisco Mission District venue that nurtured the development of queer arts communities. The project will look to the future through the lens of the past and will reclaim, document and map the Mission's historical role in the development of queer culture. Awarded funds will support participating artists' fees.

Red Poppy Arthouse, San Francisco

\$12,000

With support from the California Arts Council, Red Poppy Art House will create PORCH: a bi-monthly community initiative in which artists join with local residents to transform their front stoops into performance sites where community history is shared. PORCH will activate four residential stoops with artistic performances interspersed with stories from long-standing community members. CAC funds will support stipends for a project director, site curators and participating artists.

Redbird, Ventura

\$6,000

With support from the California Arts Council, Redbird will host the Children of Many Colors Native American Powwow, a cultural gathering and celebration which promotes the living preservation and practice of Native American arts, crafts, song, dance and lifeways, while providing an interactive opportunity for visitors and non-native people to experience authentic cultural immersion with indigenous people from throughout the western hemisphere.

Regional Organization of Oaxaca, Los Angeles

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, ORO will produce on August 2016 a series of cultural activities known as "Festival Guelaguetza ORO." "Festival Guelaguetza ORO" is the largest of its kind outside of Oaxaca and the only one that extends over one week and incorporates different expressions of the Oaxacan culture, including traditional music and dances; material arts workshops and demonstrations. CAC grant will be used to pay a stipend to the dancers and materials artists.

Relampago del Cielo, Inc., Orange

\$8,400

With support from the California Arts Council, Relampago del Cielo Inc. will provide instruction for youth in Mexican folklorico dance. Instructors will teach dances from the various regions of Mexico to children ages four to adult. The students will showcase their learning toward the study and preservation of traditional Mexican performing arts, at the culminating event of the annual student dance recital. Funding will be used to support the production of the project.

SAFEhouse for the Performing Arts, San Francisco

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, SAFEhouse for the Performing Arts and the SF Creative Writing Institute will serve the communities of the Central Market neighborhood of San Francisco through offering free creative writing classes and hosting poetry/storytelling reading series on a monthly basis throughout the year in order to support its participants to cultivate their voice, self-expression and positive collaboration with other community members.

SAMAHAN FILIPINO AMERICAN PERFORMING ARTS & EDUCATION CENTER, San Diego

\$8,400

With support from the California Arts Council, Samahan Filipino American Performing Arts will be enabled to fully utilize the services of its veteran artists to enhance the teaching & performances of Filipino folk dances & music, train new trainers, hold workshops, as well as cultural activities w/ clients of an adult mental health program. Multigenerational dance/music classes, offered at reduced fees, are held in the underserved community of National City & in Mira Mesa.

San Benito County Arts Council, San Benito

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, the San Benito County Arts Council will partner with local artists and community organizations on the "Arts/365 Project" to engage underserved communities and activate underutilized community spaces in year-round arts activities within a concentrated 2 block radius of downtown Hollister.

San Diego Art Institute, San Diego

\$8,400

With support from the California Arts Council, San Diego Art Institute will host six, month long exhibitions and accompanying workshops at the SDAI Project Space in Horton Plaza, created in collaboration with local, contemporary artists and the community. Particular communities that will be engaged are non museum-going audiences at the mall, women serving life without parole in California's prison system, as well as the blind community of San Diego.

San Diego Dance Theater, San Diego

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, San Diego Dance Theater will pay dancers and choreographers for their work on "Trolley Dances" 2016.

San Francisco Chamber Orchestra, San Francisco

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra will present three Family Concert programs and two Very First Concert programs in non-traditional venues accessible to low-income, inner city audiences in San Francisco, Oakland and San Mateo. Un-ticketed and free of charge, the concerts will feature guest artists, audience interaction and a concert atmosphere welcoming to first-time classical music listeners. Funds will support artists and other personnel.

San Francisco Mime Troupe, San Francisco

\$8,400

With support from the California Arts Council, SFMT will be able to tour our original 2016 musical comedy (working title) Schooled, throughout rural Northern and Central California to communities with limited access to professional theater productions including: Pt. Arena, Ukiah, Redway, San Geronimo, and Watsonville. By supporting these rural performances, the CAC will allow SFMT to use our resources to perform in additional lower-income Bay Area communities.

San Francisco Transgender Film Festival, San Francisco

\$12,000

With support from the California Arts Council, the San Francisco Transgender Film Festival will present our 15th San Francisco Transgender Film Festival at the Roxie Theater November 10-13, 2016. Our 15th Festival will screen approximately 50 films at 6 programs over four days,

attracting an estimated audience of 1,000; one screening program will focus on Transgender family issues. CAC funds will support the Festival's curatorial, production and promotional expenses.

San Jose Multicultural Artists Guild, Santa Clara

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, San Jose Multicultural Artists Guild will organize our 19th annual Dia de los Muertos events, which will take place over four weeks at sites throughout Santa Clara County including the School of Arts and Culture at the Mexican Heritage Plaza, San Jose State, MLK Library, San Jose Museum of Art, the Children Discovery Museum, Tropicana Shopping Center, the Mexican Consulate, Teatro Vision, YouArt and the Villa Montalvo Arts Center.

Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra, Santa Barbara

\$3,550

With support from the California Arts Council, Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra will launch "Classical Connections," a program to share the therapeutic benefits of classical music with elders suffering Alzheimer disease. Classical Connections will confirm music's singular impact on participating individuals through marked improvement in their emotional wellbeing and a marked reduction in the physical manifestations of their diseases.

Santa Cecilia Opera and Orchestra Association, Los Angeles

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, Santa Cecilia Orchestra's Discovering Music education program will take its musicians into classrooms in schools that do not have music in their curriculum to introduce children to classical music and through music to offer them a new outlet for expression. The program is focused on Northeast L.A., Pacoima, and Wilmington, where more than 90% of the students are Latino. The program includes a mentorship program, and free concert tickets.

Scholarship Audition Performance Preparatory Academy, Los Angeles

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, SPPA will provide a year-round instrumental instruction program for about 120 children and youth ages 7 to 18 at three sites in Watts: the Watts-Willowbrook Boys & Girls Club, the Watts Labor Community Action Committee, and the Alma Reaves Woods Branch of the LA Public Library. Participants will learn to play orchestral string instruments while developing their musical knowledge, skills, and self-confidence.

School of Performing Arts & Cultural Education, Mendocino

\$8,400

With support from the California Arts Council, SPACE will increase and expand access to the performing arts for underserved populations in rural, largely impoverished, ethnically diverse Mendocino County. SPACE will achieve this outcome by partnering with local organizations and

schools to enable over 1,500 children and families to attend theater performances July 2016 - May 2017. Performances will consist of contemporary and original works incorporating local arts and culture.

SEW Productions, Inc., San Francisco

\$8,400

With support from the California Arts Council and funding from a Local Impact Grant, Lorraine Hansberry Theatre (SEW Productions, Inc.) seeks to continue its ongoing "Bringing the Art to the Audience (BATA) staged reading series during which plays by African American and multicultural playwrights are performed at community venues in San Francisco Bay Area. Funding will be used for staff and artist fees, production costs, marketing and promotion aimed at reaching Bay Area underserved populations.

Sinag-tala Filipino Theater and Performing Arts Association, Sacramento

\$8,400

With support from the California Arts Council, SFTPAA will produce ST2016: A Theatrical Revue. ST2016 will produce 3-professionally staged theater productions the second weekend of December. ST2016 will include a repertoire selections representing many Filipino genres, styles, and themes. ST2016 will involve some 100 singers, actors, dancers and musicians and a similar number of production volunteers. Grant funds would be used towards production costs of ST2016.

SOC Open Air Theatre, Inc., Orange

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, Shakespeare Orange County will continue to build bridges within our community through theatre. Our production of HAMLET is the centerpiece of our summer. By supporting this production, the CAC will not only help deliver high calibre art to the diverse audiences of North Orange County, but will be paving the way for more student involvement, more affordable tickets for underserved patrons, and more partnership opportunities with local organizations.

South East European Film Festival (SEE FEST), Los Angeles

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, SEEFest will foster social interaction of culturally isolated groups of South East European (SEE) descent with American audiences and impact communities through film screenings and cross-cultural programs with increased opportunities for local California artists to show their work, culminating with the week-long film festival in May 2017.

Still Here Productions, San Francisco

\$6,600

With support from the California Arts Council, Still Here will stage 1 June 2017 performance of Still Here V at the 360-seat Brava Theater Center. This multi-artist production will feature all

Queer artists of color and build upon the 2016 theme of DisPLACEMENT. The featured narratives will capture the experiences of 2 generations of Queer San Franciscans. CAC funds will support the participating artists' fees.

Streetside Stories, San Francisco

\$12,000

With support from the CAC, Streetside Stories will provide 130 underserved K-8th grade students with creative storytelling arts programming. The Project will include 8 workshops that each average 20 hours of instruction over 13 weeks, reaching students on-site at underperforming schools, community centers, and public housing sites in San Francisco and Alameda Counties. Our teaching artists will inspire students to express themselves by sharing personal stories and creating art.

Strings in Schools, Butte

\$8,550

With support from the California Arts Council, Strings in Schools will provide after-school violin and flute classes to children in the Oroville and Thermalito school districts, where a high percentage of the students are socioeconomically disadvantaged. The grant funds would be used to provide funding for 2 beginning violin classes (2 times/week) that would have a maximum total of 24 students and 1 beginning flute class (2 times/week) that would have a maximum total of 10 students.

TAYER, Los Angeles

\$9,600

With the California Arts Council's support, TAYER is proposing EL LENGUAJE DE LAS MASCARAS (THE LANGUAGE OF MASKS), a program of (10) hands on workshops and (12) public performances based on the traditions of masks use in the theater. Masks are most present in the Latino communities in Los Angeles and Latin American indigenous rituals and ceremonies, traditional folk celebrations and pop culture. The project will take place between September 2016 and May 2017

TeAda Productions, Los Angeles

\$8,400

With support from the California Arts Council, TeAda Productions will develop the CreAtive Change Project (CCP). This innovative artistic project will engage an underserved community of workers, specifically immigrants and transgender individuals (trans*), from throughout greater Los Angeles. The participants will be brought together through a series of 5 theater workshops that will address important and pressing worker rights issues. The series will culminate in a public performance.

Teatro Jornalero Sin Fronteras, Los Angeles

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, this will allow TJSF's to address its primary

audience: the day labor community in L.A. County. TJSF will use Local Impact grant funds to develop theater workshops, story circles, and short plays with day laborers (jornaleros) in Los Angeles and in Long Beach to help break down stereotypes held about day laborers and increase relief against the anti-immigrant fever pitch currently saturated the national imaginary.

Teatro Vision, Santa Clara

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, Teatro Vision will continue to develop our annual Dia de los Muertos production of Macario as a hub of artistic engagement and participation for San Jose's Latino community and as an anchor for a series of events that bring people together to discuss the play's themes of hunger and food justice in relation to Latino life in the Silicon Valley today.

Teocalli Cultural Academy, Fresno

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, Cultura y Danza en el Campo II will allow the academy to host community meetings, offer music and dance classes to underserved kids in West Fresno County rural community. With over 150 students, Teocalli Cultural Academy, one of the most vibrant organizations in the Central Valley. We are planning workshops and performances in the drought stricken towns of: Tranquility, San Joaquin, Cantúa Creek and Kerman.

The Cutting Ball Theater, San Francisco

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, CBT will expose underserved Tenderloin teens to experimental theater through performances, special sessions with artists, a theater workshop offered free of charge and a volunteer-based internship program that offers stipended long-term and drop-in positions. The project is designed to build upon theater education residencies CBT will be offering concurrently for youth in the Tenderloin and to deepen its relationship with community partners.

The Independent Shakespeare Co., Los Angeles

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, Independent Shakespeare Co. will present the Griffith Park Free Shakespeare Festival 2016, a community arts event of live theater performances, education workshops, salon discussions and curtain raising opening acts. All presented admission-free, from June 25 - September 4, Wednesdays to Sundays at the Old Zoo in Griffith Park. This season we will present 49 of performances of William Shakespeare's Richard III and The Tempest.

The Neighborhood Music School Association, Los Angeles

\$12,000

With support from the California Arts Council, NMS will supplement the salaries of our 24

Teaching Artists. Student tuition, our primary source of earned income, only covers a fraction of their salaries. Our dedicated, professional teaching artists are the engines of NMS. A grant from the CAC to support our Teaching Artists would help secure the future of our School. Because of their constant interaction with our students, the teaching artists are essential for NMS to achieve its mission.

The Pacific Art League of Palo Alto, Santa Clara

\$8,400

With support from the CAC, the Pacific Art League will expand its Community Engagement Initiative to collaborate with local community service agencies to promote equitable access and engage, inspire, and deepen the community's appreciation for the arts. Specifically, the initiative will provide mobile digital arts class to under-served and at-risk middle and high school students in East Palo Alto and visual arts classes to individuals currently in supportive housing in Santa Clara County.

Thingamajigs, Alameda

\$10,305

With support from the California Arts Council, Thingamajigs, in conjunction with Oakland Public Library, will present a series of eight musical instrument building workshops to adult literacy students with children. Participants will create original musical instruments using found and recycled materials, and participate in a public exhibition of their work with descriptions written by participants. CAC funds will be used for materials, off-site rental fees and to pay artists fees.

Tia Chucha's Centro Cultural, Los Angeles

\$12,000

With support from the California Arts Council, Tia Chucha's Centro Cultural will produce the 12th annual "Celebrating Words Festival to be held in May 2017 at Pacoima City Hall to connect residents with writers, singers, books, poetry, musicians, dancers, local artisans and edutainers. Our 2017 outdoor festival will honor the theme of community-based wellness practices and resources, creating an understanding that everyone carries medicine: in our stories, shared arts, and cultural offerings.

Topsy-Turvy Queer Circus, San Francisco

\$9,600

With support from CAC, Topsy-Turvy Queer Circus will stage 3 performances of a new multidisciplinary production at the 360-seat Brava Theater during the 2017 National Queer Arts Festival. The production will showcase LGBTQ artists who fuse traditional circus disciplines, like trapeze and acrobatics, with contemporary dance, video projections and physical theater. A Saturday matinee will be marketed to LGBTQ family audiences. Awarded funds will support the participating artists' fees.

Upstate Community Enhancement Foundation, Butte

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, Friends of the Arts, will partner with Chico

Performances to bring nationally renowned STORY PIRATES for a residency in diverse Chapmantown, where 86.6% of students are socioeconomically disadvantaged; & 19.7% have disabilities. Chapmantown lies next to a scrap metal yard, has no sidewalks, received no sewer and water service until the late 90s yet was established in the 1860s. A citywide performance, based on Chapmantown, ends the tour.

Urban Jazz Dance, San Francisco

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, Urban Jazz Dance Company (Antoine Hunter, Director) will produce the 4th annual Bay Area Deaf Dance Festival (BADDf). The Festival will be held August 2016 in San Francisco and will consist of an exciting weekend of performances and workshops highlighting the important contributions that Deaf and Hard of Hearing (HoH) artists make to our community. Funds will be used for artist, production, and publicity/marketing fees.

Versa-Style Dance Company, Los Angeles

\$10,800

With support from the California Arts Council, Versa-Style Dance Company will be able to provide opportunities to Versa-Style Next Generation, a pre-professional company for students of LA.

Grant funds will be used for:

- Rehearsal space
- Senior company members' mentorship and tutelage in the essence of Hip-hop dance as an artist and community activist

Villa Musica, San Diego

\$5,950

With support from the California Arts Council, Villa Musica will open its second satellite facility in Downtown (Little Italy), one of the region's most ethnically and economically diverse neighborhoods. The initiative will offer children and adults access to classes in violin,

guitar, piano and singing as well as Summer Camps. Students interact with artist-teachers who care about them and show they care by challenging them to master new skills and foster their creativity and imagination.

Visual Communications Media, Los Angeles

\$9,600

With support from the California Arts Council, Visual Communications will use the approved grant for the 33rd annual Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival which is the only festival of its kind, scope, and caliber in Los Angeles that celebrates Asian Pacific American and international film. The festival has an annual audience reaching over 25,000 individuals in attendance at its screenings, educational seminars, artist talks, and other special events.

WEST Performing Arts, Santa Cruz

\$8,400

With support from the California Arts Council, WEST Performing Arts will produce *La Voz de Inmigracion*, which chronicles the autobiographical journeys of Watsonville migration through Art, Writing, and Performance. Dynamic art-and-literature-based workshops creatively recollect and chronicle each participant's experience. The stories are collected and bound into books for participants. Selected stories (or pieces of) are collected and translated into an original theatre work.

Women's Audio Mission, San Francisco

\$12,000

With support from the California Arts Council, Women's Audio Mission's Preserving Culture Recording Residencies will provide underserved traditional world music artists with professional albums, performances and promotion, and provide local communities with free, high-quality performances. Funding will support 2016 residencies for Fely Tchaco, an Ivory Coast artist specializing in West African forest rhythms & Diana Gameros, a Mexican singer/songwriter, whose music focuses on social justice.

World Arst West, San Francisco

\$8,400

With the support from the California Art Council, World Arts West (WAW) will present the SF Ethnic Dance Festival Auditions on November 5-6 and Novembe 19-20, Over 100 dance companies will perform before a live audience and a panel of judges. The grant funds will enable WAW to offer the Auditions to the public at the low cost of \$10 per adult, with children admitted for free. Over 6,000 people attend the Auditions each year.

Youth Orchestras of Fresno, Fresno

\$12,000

With support from the California Arts Council, the Youth Orchestras of Fresno will commission an orchestral work inspired by William Saroyan's *The Human Comedy*. The work will be structured so that small groups of musicians can travel around the Central Valley performing self-contained programs in places where people are likely to congregate. Then, like Saroyan's characters, they can return home—to the final full-group performance at the Saroyan Theatre.

Zaccho SF, San Francisco

\$12,000

With support from the California Arts Council, Zaccho Dance Theatre's Youth Performing Arts Program (YPAP) will offer free arts education programming to students at five neighborhood schools. With input from participating teachers, Director Joanna Haigood will draw from the work she created in 2013 in collaboration with hip hop pioneers, including Grand Master Caz, Grand Wizard Theodore, BG 186, Rokafella and Joe Conzo, to design this project—*The Bronx Revolution and the Birth of Hip Hop*.

Zawaya, San Mateo

\$8,400

With support from the California Arts Council, Zawaya will produce two concerts free or at a minimal cost, one in Oakland, the other in San José, featuring music from the Muslim world. We will aim for audiences that are 40% Muslim and 60% non-Muslim and facilitate arrange for audience participation and interaction at each event. Both concerts will be preceded by a free address by renowned film producer Michael Wolfe on Islamic contributions to Western civilization.