

California Arts Council

2016 Statewide & Regional Network (SRN) Grantees

The Statewide and Regional Networks (SRN) program is rooted in the California Arts Council’s vision to nurture collaborative service organizations and networks that advance the arts and artists in the state. An arts service organization provides specialized, practical services to working artists, constituent organizations and the cultural community. Collectively, these networks help to activate California Arts Council constituents, the arts community, stakeholders, and the public. Learn more at <http://arts.ca.gov/programs/srn.php>.

Number of Grants Awarded: 28 | Total Investment: \$490,984

Organization, County, & Grant Award Amount	Description
Alliance for California Traditional Arts <i>Fresno</i> \$22,500	With support from the California Arts Council, ACTA will expand its reach to support California’s diverse folk and traditional arts field. SRN funding supports the executive director, program manager and operations manager. Together, our staff serves the state’s folk and traditional artists through our current programs, fieldwork and discovery research, and provides technical services through convenings, outreach, advocacy, information services and communications.
Arts for Incarcerated Youth Network <i>Los Angeles</i> \$13,500	With support from the California Arts Council, the Arts for Incarcerated Youth Network will coordinate and deliver multi-disciplinary arts programming to youth detention facilities across Los Angeles County. Funding will support the development of shared strategy and vision, curriculum coordination, coordination of programs among members, and collective advocacy around arts as a foundational strategy for systemic change.
Arts for LA <i>Los Angeles</i> \$13,500	With support from the California Arts Council, Arts for LA will be able to expand its network of arts advocates through leadership training (such as ACTIVATE), convenings (such as LA Convergence), and opportunities to engage with elected officials (such as ArtsDay). SRN funds will be matched and used for salaries and technology, including audio-video services, to communicate these stories of local advocacy to as large a constituency as possible.

<p>Association of California Symphony Orchestras <i>Sacramento</i> \$21,250</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, the Association of California Symphony Orchestras will apply funds to staff salaries. A full, qualified staff is critical to ACSO's ability to provide professional development programs for our constituency and to ensure that we can maintain our valued, personal connections with our members. The small size of our staff requires that each employee be responsible for many different aspects of leading the organization.</p>
<p>Bay Area Video Coalition <i>San Francisco</i> \$12,927</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, BAVC will serve a diverse constituency of digital artists and media makers in the San Francisco Bay Area in 2016/2017 through the production of four community workshops, including two focused on fundraising for digital media projects, an artist-in-residence program for digital media artists, and the year-long MediaMaker Fellowship program.</p>
<p>California Alliance for Arts Education <i>Los Angeles</i> \$21,250</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, the California Alliance for Arts Education will advance arts education in California by focusing on three key areas: public advocacy, statewide policy, and partnerships. At the state level, we will work to influence public policy and help to push a more robust agenda for arts education. At the local level, we will empower local community members to preserve and expand arts education in local schools.</p>
<p>California Association of Museums <i>Santa Cruz</i> \$23,750</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, the California Association of Museums will help cultivate relevant, robust, and sustainable museums that serve California communities. Specifically, the grant will help the organization implement a new membership and program model to increase engagement and to support the future of the California Networks for Collaboration, a statewide project advancing the ability of museums to engage the public and provide more accessible visitor experiences.</p>
<p>California Indian Basketweavers Association <i>Yolo</i> \$22,500</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council (CAC), the California Indian Basketweavers Association (CIBA) will have the ability to continue to offer quality programs, events and networking/collaboration opportunities to California Native American Basketweavers and their supporters. CAC funds will be leveraged to build the current capacity of CIBA and to provide a forum for California Basketweavers not only to preserve but to grow this distinct cultural art form.</p>

<p>California Lawyers for the Arts <i>San Francisco</i> \$23,750</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, California Lawyers for the Arts will strengthen our educational programs, legal referral services and alternative dispute resolution for artists and arts organizations while articulating a role for the arts in community development.</p>
<p>California LGBT Arts Alliance <i>Los Angeles</i> \$12,000</p>	<p>SRN funding in 2015-16 will support the Alliance’s capacity-building arts services programs, arts advocacy activities, and 12 e-newsletters publicizing LGBT events taking place in the LA region. The Alliance will provide fiscal sponsorship services to improve emerging LGBT arts organizations’ access to government and foundation grants. Awarded funds will support the Executive Director and the newsletter editor’s fees.</p>
<p>California Poets in the Schools <i>San Francisco</i> \$21,250</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, California Poets in the Schools will bring poetry workshops to schools and other community centers across the state, increase staff hours in our central office, enable Seed Poets with introductory poetry workshops, participate in Poetry Out Loud, support our Development Director, oversee volunteers, and hire a social media specialist.</p>
<p>California Presenters <i>Sacramento</i> \$22,500</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, California Presenters will conduct new outreach to underserved communities all over the state; strengthen our professional development with the appearance of outstanding guest speakers, networking and arts advocacy; extend one year free membership to all mentorship participants after their program year; hold regional meetings introducing CP to groups in communities that would benefit from our services; and increase conference scholarships.</p>
<p>Californians for the Arts <i>San Francisco</i> \$20,000</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Californians for the Arts (CFTA) will engage the services of an established association management company to handle its financial management, member services, and communications. Founded in 2007, CFTA is a developing organization that has focused its attention on educating the public about the importance of the arts and bringing together leaders in the field to share ideas and best practices.</p>

<p>Dancers' Group <i>San Francisco</i> <i>\$14,250</i></p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Dancers' Group can continue to offer a suite of primarily free services consisting of the Bay Area Dance Week festival; <i>In Dance</i> publication; monthly performance calendars in print and online; resource-sharing, such as grant information, discounts, artistic opportunities, etc.; annual research report on dance in the region; and the Bay Area Performing Arts Spaces website. Grant funds will be used for staff to manage programs and interface with constituents.</p>
<p>Emerging Arts Professionals/SFBA <i>San Francisco</i> <i>\$12,000</i></p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, EAP/SFBA will provide pathways to meaningful and sustainable work for arts and culture leaders in the San Francisco Bay Area by supporting these individuals and influencing the context around them. Through knowledge sharing (Emergence), learning opportunities (Fellowship and MADE), and partnerships, EAP/SFBA programs build relationships, develop leadership, explore ideas, and take action on issues impacting arts and culture workers.</p>
<p>Latino Arts Network, Inc. <i>Los Angeles</i> <i>\$20,000</i></p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, the Latino Arts Network will conduct the Maestro Award Program, which recognizes unsung heroes who have dedicated their lives to supporting Latino Arts; conduct the Catalyst In Residence Program, which matches elders and experts to mentor arts organizations for a variety of needs; and provide research and resources through the Cultural Vitality Index. CAC funds will also provide partial staff salary support in order to carry out the planned activities of our request.</p>
<p>National Association of Latino Independent Producers, Inc. <i>Los Angeles</i> <i>\$25,000</i></p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, NALIP will cover partial expenses for Latino Lens Incubators (within all the 4 tracks: Digital/Stream, TV, Doc/Film and Tech Arts), as well as the presenting support for the Latino Media Market Accelerator and related crew and logistic costs. The programs benefits California statewide artists, content creators and media professionals. The participants and their work will be featured via http://nalip.org and http://latinolens.org.</p>
<p>Poets & Writers, Inc. <i>Los Angeles</i> <i>\$21,250</i></p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Poets & Writers will host eight roundtables, bringing members of California's literary community together to exchange information and ideas; offer half-day retreats in Los Angeles and the Bay Area for writers who teach workshops with special populations; conduct outreach in underserved areas of the state; provide technical support to writers and literary presenters; and facilitate communication throughout the literary community.</p>

<p>Queer Cultural Center <i>San Francisco</i> \$13,500</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, QCC will: 1) publish and distribute 12 monthly newsletters; 2) provide affordable grantwriting and fiscal sponsorship services to 10 emerging Bay Area LGBTQ arts groups; 3) conduct eight capacity-building fundraising, marketing, production and income tax workshops; and 4) stage the first gathering of the nation's LGBTQ arts community in August 2016 in Oakland. Awarded funds will support the Arts Services Program Director and the newsletter editor.</p>
<p>Rough Cuts <i>Marin</i> \$3,558</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Rough Cuts will produce four work-in-progress screenings of new documentaries by Bay Area and Northern California filmmakers. The screenings, to be held in various venues in the Bay Area, will include discussions with the director and the audience and a moderator (an established filmmaker) about the film's strengths and weaknesses. Funding will cover theater rental, website design and other marketing support, and a director's stipend.</p>
<p>San Francisco Early Music Society <i>Alameda</i> \$12,750</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, SFEMS will continue to strengthen its relationship with the ensembles and organizations in its Affiliates program and reach out more effectively to the Bay Area's early music community. We will achieve this goal by augmenting staff salaries; subsidizing venue insurance costs for Affiliates; and providing project grants to Affiliate ensembles.</p>
<p>San Francisco Friends of Chamber Music <i>San Francisco</i> \$13,500</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, SFFCM will develop a more robust Fiscal Sponsorship Program—the foundation of our service to the Bay Area's vibrant, diverse musicians' community. SRN funding will enable us to 1) expand our free career development workshops; 2) develop new customized online donation pages for each FSP participant; 3) convene a roundtable of area presenters; and 4) bring together presenters and musicians for a facilitated audience engagement master class.</p>
<p>True North Arts & Culture Alliance <i>Shasta</i> \$15,000</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, the True North Arts & Culture Alliance will continue to provide quality artist residencies, community concerts, workshops, competitions, educational and economic opportunities in five Northern California counties - home to 1,800 artists. Regional gems that inspire the artist and visitor alike include: Mt. Shasta, Mt. Lassen, Sacramento and Trinity rivers, Castle Crags, Shasta Lake, the Sundial Bridge, Lake Oroville and Table Mountain.</p>

<p>Small Press Distribution <i>Alameda</i> \$22,500</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, SPD will support CA-based literary publishers, their authors, and the readers and communities they serve. Through a combination of professional development, distribution, and advocacy-based marketing, we will make sure that books from California's literary publishers and authors are known to booksellers, librarians, and educators, and make their way into readers' hands, allowing literature from California to be nurtured, celebrated and valued.</p>
<p>Taiko Community Alliance <i>Santa Clara</i> \$21,250</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, the Taiko Community Alliance (TCA) will strengthen capacity and delivery of services to constituents through enhanced communication, professional development opportunities, networking and arts advocacy. With expanded capacity TCA will be able to provide services to professional artists and community-based groups, map the growing taiko community, offer a mini-grant program, and expand its database while promoting and preserving the art form of taiko.</p>
<p>Teaching Artist Support Collaborative of California <i>San Francisco</i> \$22,500</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, the Teaching Artist Support Collaborative of California (TASC) will strengthen our service as a statewide network providing professional support for teaching artists throughout California. Guided by the needs of the field, in 2015-16 TASC will cultivate local leadership, achieve diverse representation and ensure sustainable governance as we grow, and expand programming and advocacy efforts in support of teaching artists.</p>
<p>The Dance Resource Center of Greater Los Angeles <i>Los Angeles</i> \$9,000</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, DRC will strengthen and expand programming in LA County, nurture relationships with Riverside and Orange County dance communities, and initiate connections with dance in San Bernardino and Ventura counties. CAC support allows DRC to serve as a hub for Southern California dance advocating on local/state/national levels, providing direct technical assistance and networking in key sectors. Through DRC, CAC supports a growing regional dance community.</p>

Theatre Bay Area

San Francisco

\$14,250

With support from the California Arts Council, Theatre Bay Area will deliver communications, professional development, networking, and arts advocacy services to our diverse constituency, drawn from 13 Northern California counties. CAC funds will help to underwrite our annual conference, produce theatre journalism, create our weekly e-newsletters, update our website, organize three sessions of ATLAS, a professional development program for theatre artists, and engage in arts advocacy at all levels.