

## California Arts Council 2016-2017 Research in the Arts Project Descriptions

A new pilot grant program, the Research in the Arts grant program was developed in order to foster original research on the value and impact of the arts. This scholarship is utilizing both experimental and analytical methodologies to construct data sets that measure, assess, and defend the vital impact of the arts. Research can lead to the development of crucial tools for the field, and for the information of our legislators and other key decision makers. Learn more at <http://arts.ca.gov/programs/ria.php>.

Number of Grants Awarded: 4 | Total Investment: \$174,937

Organization, County & Grant Award Amount	Project Description
<b>Community Initiatives</b> <i>San Francisco</i> \$40,000	With the support of the California Arts Council, Community Initiatives will work in partnership with Teaching Artists Guild to research the availability and equity of access to arts education across the state of California, based on the Teaching Artists Guild’s data mapping initiative of teaching artists and organizations providing arts education in school and community settings.
<b>EngAGE, Inc.</b> <i>Los Angeles</i> \$45,000	The U.S. is experiencing an increase in older adults, and helping them remain active in their communities is a priority. Engaging in the arts is a promising approach to help keep older adults active and engaged in meaningful ways. A number of studies suggest that engaging in the arts can help promote well-being of older adults. The purpose of this proposal is to examine the effect of arts programs on well-being with an emphasis on decreasing social isolation and increasing positive affect.
<b>Regents of the University of California, Davis</b> <i>Yolo</i> \$49,937	With support from the California Arts Council, the Center for Advancing Pain Relief at UC Davis will evaluate the feasibility and effectiveness of specialized tours at the Crocker Art Museum to reduce perceived social disconnection and pain among individuals with chronic pain. This study will provide essential evidence for the therapeutic potential of museums, for the social value of arts-engagement, and has the potential to shift chronic pain management toward more patient-centered care.
<b>UCLA Center for Health Services and Society</b> <i>Los Angeles</i> \$40,000	We will use a mixed methods approach to understand: (1) Will exposure to a play about depression impact depression-related stigma among participants? (2) How might the shared experience of theatre build collective efficacy around decreasing stigma among participants? In our proposed project, data sets will be used to develop the art; research participants will be used to evaluate the impact of the art. We will employ qualitative methodologies to develop the art from the research-based stories.