

**California Arts Council
2017-2018 Reentry Through the Arts
Project Descriptions**

Reentry Through the Arts is rooted in the California Arts Council’s belief that the arts are a powerful vehicle for positive change in people, communities and society. Grants support high-quality arts programs for people who have been convicted of a criminal offense and have served time in correctional institutions. Projects must have the arts as a central component of a holistic and integrated approach to reentry that also identifies other community-based support services, including, but not limited to, job skills training, job placement, mental health and wellness, drug treatment, and/or case management. Learn more at <http://arts.ca.gov/programs/rta.php>.

Number of Grants Awarded: 15 | Total Investment: \$513,703

Application ID, Organization, County, Grant Award Amount	Project Description
RTA-17-2923 Actors Gang Inc <i>Los Angeles County</i> \$50,000	With Support from the California Arts Council, The Actors' Gang Prison (Reentry) Project will provide three ten week workshops (once a week, four hours a day) at Walden House/HealthRIGHT 360-Los Angeles, specifically servicing men over the grant year. Using theatre as a tool, The Reentry Project fosters self-esteem, tolerance , and nonviolent expression, significantly reducing in-prison violence while preparing students for life beyond bars with emotional tools to successfully return to society.
RTA-17-3010 Alliance for California Traditional Arts <i>Fresno County</i> \$45,000	With support from the California Arts Council, ACTA will organize a 20-week series of heritage-based traditional arts workshops in East Los Angeles for formerly incarcerated participants, led by master artists experienced in teaching arts in California state prisons. We will partner with the Wellness Center, which will provide wrap around trauma-informed, re-entry services including job assistance, mental health services, and substance abuse treatment, to supplement the arts immersion training.
RTA-17-3093 Boyle Heights Arts Conservatory <i>Los Angeles County</i> \$23,400	With support from the California Arts Council, BOYLE HEIGHTS ARTS CONSERVATORY (BHAC) will provide career training in broadcast engineering for current and former incarcerated individuals. Priority will be given to individuals 14-25 and to those who identify as women in a way that is significant to them. BHAC currently has partnerships with for-profit organizations which would allow us to place into employment a percentage of students who complete the sound, light, and board engining program.

<p>RTA-17-3017 Carnales Unidos Reformando Adictos Incorporate <i>Alameda County</i> \$23,040</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, CURA will deliver a Recovery Through the Arts program, which uses the arts and humanities to promote personal transformation, to promote lasting recovery from addiction and criminality. Grant funds will allow us to include Visiting Artists as teachers in the program, and to organize public exhibitions that show the deep humanity of formerly incarcerated people. With grant funds, CURA can refine and disseminate the curriculum to be used in Reentry.</p>
<p>RTA-17-3039 Center for Young Women’s Development <i>San Francisco County</i> \$40,000</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, the Young Women’s Freedom Center (formerly the Center for Young Women’s Development) will create a multidisciplinary arts based reentry program focused on self expression, healing, and building the self confidence of women reentering the community from detention and will connect participants with community resources. We have a holistic approach to reentry and use both healing techniques and the power of creative expression to transform lives.</p>
<p>RTA-17-2910 Ellas Foundation <i>Los Angeles County</i> \$33,417</p>	<p>With the support from the California Arts Council, ELLA’S FOUNDATION will implement the Transformation House – Arts Re-Entry Project, in which re-entry residents of Ella’s Foundation will participate in a 26-week Arts Project consisting of Creative Writing, Music and Visual Art classes to create a foundation and framework of emotional wellness to assist them in making healthier behavioral and lifestyle choices and further their efforts in making success transitions back into the community.</p>
<p>RTA-17-1896 Homeboy Industries <i>Los Angeles County</i> \$50,000</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Homeboy Industries will expand our therapeutic Art Heals program. A 10-month weekly Open Studio will be available to the Homeboy community, widening the circle of engagement with trauma-informed art making that focuses on the strengths of formerly incarcerated and/or gang-involved youth and adults. Art Heals will also include workshops, family events and an exhibited collaborative art piece (NAVIGATORS) that spotlights our peer mentor program.</p>
<p>RTA-17-3028 Housing Works <i>Los Angeles County</i> \$40,000</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, HOUSING WORKS will expand the scope and size of Writing Works, a writing workshop and spoken word performance program delivered to formerly homeless and incarcerated people in Los Angeles. Funding will enable Housing Works to: 1) Increase the number of participants by 66% (from 30 to 50); 2) Increase performances from 2-4 per year; Film performances for public awareness and engagement; and open the program to re-entry referrals from other partners.</p>
<p>RTA-17-2732 Musicians for Education Inc <i>San Diego County</i> \$13,120</p>	<p>With support from the CAC, Musicians for Education (a.k.a. Street of Dreams) in collaboration with the Lighthouse and San Diego City College will provide The Importance of Art as Primary Prevention (TIAPP) arts education and social-bridge program for parolees learning to stay out of prison. TIAPP is a program for 100 parolees ages 18-24 who have recently aged into the adult prison system. TIAPP is a train the trainer program at City College for drug & alcohol and criminal justice professionals.</p>

<p>RTA-17-3037 Siskiyou County Arts Council <i>Siskiyou County</i> \$18,000</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, SISKIYOU COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL will work in partnership with Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) and the Sheriff's Department to implement a year-long program, "Gateway to New Beginnings," to the formerly incarcerated population assigned to the county's Day Reporting Center (DRC). Each workshop, in writing, drawing/painting, wood/metal work, and drumming/talking circles, will culminate in a community showcase and conversation.</p>
<p>RTA-17-2219 Starfish Stories Inc <i>Los Angeles County</i> \$44,576</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, The Francisco Homes, a residential reentry organization in south LA, will engage TheatreWorkers Project (TWP) Director Susan (Susie) Franklin Tanner and a TWP artist team to plan and implement a series of theatre workshops that will provide opportunities for formerly incarcerated men on parole from serving life sentences to express their feelings, thoughts and life stories through the medium of theatre.</p>
<p>RTA-17-1846 Street Symphony Project Inc <i>Los Angeles County</i> \$45,000</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Street Symphony will present regular musical performances and engagement programs for formerly incarcerated individuals who are currently participating in AB109 and EPIC reentry programs at The Weingart Center, located in the Skid Row neighborhood of downtown Los Angeles.</p>
<p>RTA-17-3025 The Foundation for Santa Barbara City College <i>Santa Barbara County</i> \$17,325</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, the SBCC Atkinson Gallery and the SBCC Transitions Program will provide 21 hours of artistic instruction and experiences to 70 formerly incarcerated adults in Santa Barbara. The activities supported by this Reentry Through the Arts grant will build a sense of community for Transitions students, increasing their chances of success in college while providing creative and meaningful experiences that will help their reintegration into the community.</p>
<p>RTA-17-2205 Theatre for Children Inc <i>Sacramento County</i> \$45,000</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, B Street Theatre will expand its successful, four-year partnership with Sacramento County Probation Office to serve clients at Sacramento's Adult Day Reporting Centers, Volunteers of America, and Sacramento Drug Court. Improv, role play, playwriting and performance classes activate and enhance curriculum and help clients meet the challenges of reentry after incarceration. Six- to 13-week programs culminate in client and B Street artist performances.</p>
<p>RTA-17-3083 Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts <i>Los Angeles County</i> \$25,825</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts will partner with the Advot Project and Homeboy Industries to create the Advot-Homeboys Summer Theater Project, which will use theater activities and training to empower and prepare a group of approximately 25 previously incarcerated youth and young adults ages 16 through 25 for their successful reentry in the community.</p>