

Scope of Opportunity State-Local Partner Emergency Preparedness Special Initiative



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Description

The California Arts Council (CAC) is launching a special initiative to support the capacity and ability of arts and cultural organizations, artists, and communities at-large to respond effectively to disasters and emergencies that may affect their communities. The CAC will offer training workshops statewide via its State-Local Partners (designated county arts agencies) in order to build local knowledge and capacity, and foster the development of countywide emergency preparedness networks.

Partners

The California Arts Council is pleased to partner with the [National Coalition for Arts' Preparedness & Emergency Response](#) and [Performing Arts Readiness](#) for this special initiative.

Goals

This special initiative of the California Arts Council aims to:

- Build resilience in California's arts and culture sector through training and networking
- Position the arts as essential collaborators in broader community efforts for preparedness, response, and recovery
- Connect diverse arts, cultural, first responder, government, and community partners across a county
- Initiate or reinforce a formal countywide arts and culture preparedness task force in every California county
- Strengthen an existing network of county arts agencies in California, the CAC's State-Local Partners
- Respond to common priorities of the Governor, the State of California, CAC Council Members, and State-Local Partners

Workshops

Training will be provided via in-person workshops conducted by our national partners in collaboration with CAC staff. All participating SLPs will be required to attend one workshop with their county task force partner representatives (see below).

The workshops will last approximately five hours and will include the training components:

- Overview of emergency preparedness concepts
- Introduction to cultural placekeeping as preparedness strategy
- Introduction to preparedness network structure and goals
- Work session for participating county teams
- Q&A with national arts preparedness partners

Workshops are expected to take place from August through October and will be held in locations geographically accessible to our SLPs. Details and locations will be made available to SLPs by the end of May.

Preparedness Network

The [Cultural Placekeeping Guide](#) outlines an approach for creating a network for local emergency action for arts agencies, arts and culture organizations, and artists. The Guide was produced for the National Coalition for Arts' Preparedness and Emergency Response by CERF+ in collaboration with South Arts. From the Guide:

The Guide introduces a network-building approach, called “cultural placekeeping,” for both safeguarding and strengthening local arts and culture communities. Organizing a self-help emergency action network to supplement and coordinate with the existing disaster management system is a way to foster community cohesion and connectedness—important generally and invaluable when a crisis strikes. Relationships built in advance, especially with emergency management personnel, can mean the difference between waiting a few minutes or hours, rather than several days or weeks, to get an email or phone call answered when a disaster happens. Building a better safety net is also about equity and “strength in numbers”—a network of networks that links and serves the diverse constituencies that make up the arts and culture sector

State and local arts agencies are well positioned to spearhead the creation of a large cultural placekeeping network. Often the local arts agency—whether government-based or a private non-profit—is the lead service organization for a locale, upon which others rely and to which they are connected. Arts agencies know the players (though there may be populations that particular arts

organizations know more intimately than others) and can influence individuals and organizations to join the network. Just as with other members of the network, an arts agency staff member needs to secure the director's commitment to joining and to the process; agency commitment—board and staff—needs to exist at the highest level.

The CAC's preparedness workshops are an opportunity to begin the development of a local preparedness network and foster broader community buy-in. SLPs will be required to identify five to 10 network partners to join them at the workshop and foster shared learning in support of the development of a future network. SLPs should invite leadership from formal and informal networks to ensure cultural equity. Network partners may include representatives from:

- Arts and culture organizations
- Individual artist(s)
- First responders
- Offices of Emergency Management
- County government
- Local government
- Tribal governments or communities
- Libraries, archives, museums, or historical societies
- Community service organizations
- Community foundations
- State Cultural District, if present in county
- CAC Statewide & Regional Network partner, if present in county
- Existing preparedness networks - information may be available through the [California Preservation Program](#)

Funding

All State-Local Partners are eligible for a \$5,000 augmentation to their upcoming grant to support participation in this initiative. Funds are designed to support SLP staff time on the initiative and/or support travel and workshop participation by the SLP and their community network partners.

In order to receive the \$5,000 augmentation, an SLP must have a representative participate in and/or view the archive of the initiative's overview webinar, scheduled for May 23, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. Following the webinar, a simple opt-in form will be sent to all

SLPs. The form will verify that the SLP wishes to participate in the initiative and receive the \$5,000 augmentation for permissible expenses. The form must be completed and submitted by June 5, 2019.

NOTE: An SLP may utilize a project partner if they do not have the capacity to take the lead on this initiative at this time, or if a different organization is already leading a countywide preparedness effort. In this case, the SLP may opt-in to receive funds and pass funds through to a project partner to execute the initiative's roles and responsibilities. The SLP must still be represented on the task force if a project partner is utilized. *If an SLP wishes to utilize a project partner, they are required to contact the CAC Program Specialist prior to competing their opt-in form to confirm partner eligibility.*

NOTE: This \$5,000 funding augmentation does not apply to your organization's total CAC request amount for the purposes of calculating if requests exceed 50% of your organization's Total Operating Revenue from the last completed fiscal year.

SLP Roles & Responsibilities

Participating State-Local Partners, or their designated project partner, should be prepared to:

- Participate in live and/or view archive of overview webinar
- Complete special initiative opt-in form confirming participation and request of \$5,000 augmentation
- Begin the development of a local preparedness network and foster broader community buy-in
- Invite and secure five to 10 diverse network partners to join SLP representative(s) at training workshop (up to 12 individuals may attend from each county)
 - Diverse network refers to diversity in race, ethnicity, age, gender identity, sexuality, physical ability, and geographic location within the county among individual participants
- Provide CAC with workshop participant list for your county at least four weeks prior to a scheduled workshop
- Arrange for travel to one training workshop for participants, utilizing CAC grant augmentation if needed
- Participate in workshop with network partners
- Convene follow-up teleconference with network partners