

The California Arts Council cannot fund the following applicants:

1. Nonprofit organizations not in “good standing” with the California Secretary of State (SOS)
2. Previous grantee organizations not in compliance with CAC grant requirements, such as failing to submit a final report (as stipulated in grant agreement)
3. Organizations that are registered and primarily operate as for-profit corporations/entities, even if they have a fiscal sponsor
 - a. This includes LLCs and any for-profit entities (including charitable arms or branches of larger for-profits)
4. Non-arts organizations that do not offer ongoing art activities and/or services
5. Individuals (including individuals with a fiscal sponsor)
6. State agencies
7. Federal agencies
8. School districts
9. County offices of education
10. Elementary and secondary schools (public, private, charter)
11. Parent-teacher associations (PTAs)
12. Booster clubs

Neither the grant award nor the match may be used to pay for the following:

- Expenses incurred before the start date or after the end date of the Grant Activity Period
- Expenses that would replace other state funding, including:
 - Salaries of state employees
- General operating expenses for school districts and county offices of education
- Operational, administrative, or indirect costs of publicly funded schools, colleges, or universities
- Fundraising activities and events
- Services such as grant writing and annual campaigns
- Lobbying activities that are intended to influence the actions, policies, or decisions of government officials or specific legislation
- Programs or services intended for private use or for use by restricted membership, including:
 - Programs that require college or university enrollment for participation
- Projects with religious purposes
- Trusts, endowment funds, or investments
- Construction projects
- Purchases of land and buildings
- Equipment purchases (equipment rentals are eligible)
- Expenses to maintain, upgrade, or repair buildings, land, equipment, or long-term assets
- Debt repayment
- Food and drinks
- Out-of-state travel