

## 2022 Cycle A Grant Awards Reentry Through the Arts



The Reentry Through the Arts program supports arts and culture programs for adults who have been incarcerated within correctional institutions. The program reinforces the direct impact that arts and culture have on the health, welfare, and economic well-being of all Californians and their communities.

Number of Grants Awarded: 39

Total Investment: \$ 1,727,517

Applicant Organization	Application ID	County	Grant Award Amount	Grant Request Summary
ACTORS GANG INC	RTA-21A-16433	LOS ANGELES	\$ 47,500	With support from the California Arts Council, The Actors' Gang will continue to provide its weekly Reentry Program at at Anti-Recidivism Coalition in Los Angeles, to serve as an off-ramp for those exiting the prison system preparing participants for life beyond bars with emotional tools to successfully return to society.
ALLIANCE FOR CALIFORNIA TRADITIONAL ARTS	RTA-21A-17085	FRESNO	\$ 50,000	With support from the California Arts Council, the Alliance for California Traditional Arts, in partnership with the Amity Foundation, will provide 96 hours of in-person traditional arts learning for returning residents at Amity campuses in Los Angeles, affirming cultural identity, improving wellbeing, and deepening relationships with others.
COLLAGE DANCE THEATRE	RTA-21A-16893	LOS ANGELES	\$ 47,500	With support from the California Arts Council, Heidi Duckler Dance will continue its partnership with SHIELDS for Families providing two site-specific 12-week residencies for the "re-entry" population in South Los Angeles. Guided workshops are designed to encourage movement, creativity, relaxation, and social cohesion. The residencies culminate in originally-choreographed site-specific performances.
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GIVE A BEAT FOUNDATION	RTA-21A-16764	ORANGE	\$ 47,109	With support from the California Arts Council, Give a Beat will mentor 8 returned residents in the art of DJing, Music Production, & transferable skills. Participants learn technical skills, use music as a tool for healing, & build positive social groups. We continue to support participants' interest in a music career post-program.
HOUSING WORKS	RTA-21A-16939	LOS ANGELES	\$ 46,941	With support from the California Arts Council, HOUSING WORKS will deliver a multi-modality art program for 20-30 individuals with lived experience of incarceration. The program will include a 10-month art practice in writing, spoken word, music, photography, painting and papier mache, podcast and gallery show, performance and Zine.
INSIGHT GARDEN PROGRAM	RTA-21A-17160	ALAMEDA	\$ 47,500	With support from CAC, IGP will launch Harvesting Insights Arts in Reentry Initiative (HIARI), with five teaching artists-- three of whom were formerly incarcerated--engaging IGP Reentry participants in a one-year arts-based curriculum, culminating in the production, exhibition, and dissemination of artwork integrating creative writing, photography, spoken word, visual art, and filmmaking.
JAIL GUITAR DOORS	RTA-21A-16987	LOS ANGELES	\$ 47,499	With support from the California Arts Council, Jail Guitar Doors will provide "Finding Flow (Freedom, Liberation, Opportunity & Wholeness) in Life," a reentry program with The Prison Arts Project, to aid returned residents. CAC funds will cover stipends, nutrition, and transportation for participants, and various program supplies, wages, and expenses.
KALA INSTITUTE	RTA-21A-17294	ALAMEDA	\$ 45,000	With support from California Arts Council, Kala Institute, a community art-making hub, will partner with Planting Justice, a grassroots organization empowering people impacted by mass incarceration with skills to cultivate food sovereignty and community healing. We'll collaborate on a series of screenprinting projects culminating in an exhibition and public programs.

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MARIN SHAKESPEARE COMPANY	RTA-21A-17303	MARIN	\$ 47,500	With support from the California Arts Council, Marin Shakespeare Company will deepen its commitment to Returned Artists by expanding our Returned Citizens Theatre Troupe and partnering with We All We Got Foundation whose mission is the create and foster successful reintegration programs using a holistic approach.
MID-CITY COMMUNITY MUSIC	RTA-21A-16509	SAN DIEGO	\$ 47,408	With support from the California Arts Council, Mid-City Community Music will provide 36 previously incarcerated adults from Second Chance San Diego with musical instruments, instruction, and jam session opportunities. The program uses research-based methods to help participants develop new personal narratives and integrate back into the mainstream population.
MUCKENTHALER CULTURAL CENTER FOUNDATION	RTA-21A-16729	ORANGE	\$ 45,000	We will provide Visual Arts, Storytelling & Guitar programs in partnership w/ GEO Reentry Services. Students will craft/perform their stories to help w/ reunification with family & job interviews, times when lives are improved w/good communication skills. Students will also learn how to constructively express themselves, while building their confidence, discipline & esteem.
NATIONAL ACADEMIC YOUTH CORPS INC	RTA-21A-17992	SACRAMENTO	\$ 47,500	With support from the California Arts Council, The National Academic Youth Corps Inc will partner with The MacBeth Project, Creative Soul Insight Therapy (CSIT), and Anti-Recidivism Coalition (ARC) to create The Expressive Theatre Workshop, a 12-week theatre workshop for 10 ARC members that culminates in a performance.
OLD GLOBE THEATRE	RTA-21A-16462	SAN DIEGO	\$ 47,500	With support from the California Arts Council, The Old Globe will continue the successful Reflecting Shakespeare Reentry program for adult returning citizens in San Diego. This program supports reentrants by providing a forum for self-growth through artistic expression, empathic community support, practical social skills, and connection to social services.
OPTIONS RECOVERY SERVICES	RTA-21A-16476	ALAMEDA	\$ 19,000	With support from the California Arts Council, Options Recovery Services will continue to provide engaging and enriching arts experiences for reentry clients, including arts therapy sessions, graphic arts classes, electronic arts training and active engagement in arts projects that support reentry clients presenting their stories through the arts.
PAINTED BRAIN INC	RTA-21A-17859	LOS ANGELES	\$ 47,500	With support from the California Arts Council, Painted Brain will implement the Reentry Through the Arts program that is designed to provide access to arts programming that promotes community building, supports mental health and community integration to returned residents of Los Angeles County.
PEOPLE'S POTTERY PROJECT	RTA-21A-17401	LOS ANGELES	\$ 33,121	With support from the California Art Council, People's Pottery Project will partner with Victory Starts now to deliver introductory ceramics classes to individuals living in reentry homes who have been diverted from state prison due to psychiatric incompetence to stand trial.
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RHYTHMIC PATHWAYS	RTA-21A-17017	ALAMEDA	\$ 45,000	With support from the California Arts Council, Rhythmic Pathways will provide continuing music education combined with restorative justice healing and reentry circle support for young adults reentering the community from the Juvenile Justice Center in San Leandro
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STARFISH STORIES INC	RTA-21A-16642	LOS ANGELES	\$ 47,500	With support from the California Arts Council, Starfish Stories Inc DBA The Francisco Homes, will continue to engage TheatreWorkers Project to implement LIFER: Stories from the Inside/Out enabling men on parole from serving life sentences to express themselves through a theatre process, a performance piece, and a participant-audience dialogue.
STEVEN LIANG PRODUCTIONS	RTA-21A-17544	LOS ANGELES	\$ 47,500	Storytelling Workshops, Film Productions, & Film Screenings for returned residents and community to tell stories and reimagine their futures through the power of filmmaking. Horse & Dog therapy incorporated in innovative approach for healing-centered storytelling. Jobs Training incorporated in Mentorship Program for reentry communities to develop skills to work in film industry.
STREET SYMPHONY PROJECT INC	RTA-21A-17612	LOS ANGELES	\$ 47,500	With the Support from the California Arts Council. Street Symphony will present "Music for Change," a 75 minute weekly process group of small musical ensembles presenting musical engagements, dialogues and workshops of the highest artistic quality for a group of 15-30 participants of Weingart Center Association reentry programs.
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