

OPEN CALL FOR 2026 GRANT REVIEW PANELISTS

CALIFORNIA'S PEOPLE ARE ITS MOST TREASURED RESOURCE

The CAC relies on a diverse panel pool to ensure the integrity of our grant review process for all applicants, representative of our state's racial, ethnic, and gender identities; diverse geography; and wealth of organizations, perspectives and knowledge.

Gain insight into grantmaking and lend your voice to the process by joining a grant application review panel. We're looking for artists, cultural practitioners and arts field professionals of all disciplines with experience in:

- Arts learning for youth
- Creative placemaking/ placekeeping
- Cultural development
- juvenile and social justice
- Nonprofit management
- Arts programming for veteran populations
- Arts programming of, for, and by people with disabilities
- Social service, justice, community building



APPLY NOW

For more information or to apply online, go to:
arts.ca.gov/grants/panels

WEBINAR: March 16 • 3 – 3:30 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS: April 3 • 3 – 4 p.m.
April 17 • 3 – 4 p.m.

SUBMIT BY APRIL 27

HOW IT WORKS

Prior to the grant applications to review, panelists will attend online training to discuss the panel process and logistics, including an introduction of the applications, steps to evaluate and rank applications, and instructions on using the electronic grants management system.

Panelists will then independently review assigned applications online. Rankings are brought before the California Arts Council to inform funding decisions.

LOGISTICS

Volunteer Honorarium:
\$300

Panel Commitment Includes:

- Attending 2-3 mandatory virtual meetings
- Reading and reviewing 25-30 applications by the grant review deadline. On average one grant application may require 30-60 minutes to review

Timeline

- Panelist selected to serve during the 2026 grant season will be contacted by CAC staff between May 4 - May 31.
- Panel service dates will run approximately from June to mid-July. Dates are subject to change.



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