

# 2023 Grant Awards State-Local Partners Program



The State-Local Partners (SLP) program provides general operating support and technical assistance for county-designated local arts agencies. The program fosters cultural development on the local level through a partnership between the State and the counties of California. The nature of this partnership includes funding, information exchange, cooperative activities, and leadership. The partnership enables individuals, organizations, and communities to create, present, and preserve the arts of all cultures to enrich the quality of life for all Californians.

**Number of Grants Awarded: 52**

**Total Investment: \$3,567,599**

Applicant Organization	County	Application ID	Approved Grant Amount	Grant Request Summary
ALAMEDA COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION	Alameda	SLP-23-21008	\$70,800	With support from the California Arts Council, Alameda County Arts Commission will provide a broad range of arts programs to the arts community and extremely diverse 1.7 million County residents. The grant will support staff positions and programs focusing on Advocacy, Grants to Arts Organizations, Public Art and Arts Education.
AMADOR COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL	Amador	SLP-23-20188	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, the Amador County Arts Council (also known as “AmadorArts”) will sustain our role as a catalyst for the creative economy, cultural advocacy, and life-long arts learning throughout the nooks and crannies of our Central Sierra Nevada foothill and mountain communities, working OF/BY/FOR ALL by prioritizing BIPOC, LGBTQAI2S+, Latinx, Asian American, Disabled, and Youth populations, specifically those in the lowest quartile of the Healthy Places Index, in order to uplift and celebrate the vast array of life expressions that comprise the non-homogenous tapestry known as Amador County, the unceded lands of the Miwok, Nisenan, and Washoe. We will do this work by providing a suite of free resources, arts and cultural experiences, and advocacy activities community-wide and by maintaining a strong network of local, regional, statewide, and national partners.
ARTS AND CULTURE EL DORADO	El Dorado	SLP-23-21014	\$70,800	With support from California Arts Council, Arts & Culture El Dorado will continue to serve as the principal entity providing arts services and access to arts experiences to rural El Dorado County, including programs for veterans, young people, artists and arts organizations, and the general public. We will also be able to maintain operating capacity to offer programs like The Big Read (awarded) and Poetry Out Loud, keep Switchboard Gallery open seven days a week, administer the Arts Incubator, develop a public art master plan for the City of Placerville, present ag programs like Colors from the Farm, and promote, connect and empower culture and the arts throughout the County.
ARTS COLLABORATIVE OF NEVADA COUNTY	Nevada	SLP-23-20201	\$66,600	With support from California Arts Council, Nevada County Arts Council will ensure equitable salaries for staff while adding to its EDI budget. This will support its Community of Practice for Equity in the Arts and its ongoing work assessing and supporting local creative sector needs. Support will also fuel cultural planning aims for the year to come, ensuring deep engagement with Nevada County’s most vulnerable communities, and lending voice to our historically underrepresented peoples.
ARTS CONNECTION	San Bernardino	SLP-23-20385	\$70,800	With support from the California Arts Council, Arts Connection will continue actively shaping an equitable future in which community, arts & cultural priorities are incorporated into county and local civic policies, planning, granting and development practices. AC will also continue working with our county partners to facilitate Poetry Out Loud, and further work to create the first Arts, Education, and Culture Providers Database with SB County Schools, expanding opportunities for in-class and afterschool arts education programming, promoting pathways for teaching artists and identifying more future arts educators. AC will continue working on our current collaboration with Just SB, advocating for and creating equitable jobs and education pathways for artists and creatives regionwide. Grant funds will directly support staff costs and operating expenses associated with this program facilitation and continued advocacy work.

ARTS COUNCIL FOR MONTEREY COUNTY	Monterey	SLP-23-20227	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, ARTS COUNCIL FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (Arts4MC) will continue to strengthen our capacity to provide financial, promotional, and technical support to artists, arts organizations, and cultural group and provide arts education and public art programs in Monterey County, specifically in the historically-excluded neighborhoods in the lowest quartile as defined by the CA Healthy Places Index.
ARTS COUNCIL NAPA VALLEY	Napa	SLP-23-21871	\$70,800	With support from the California Arts Council, Arts Council Napa Valley (ACNV) will continue connect, advocate and lead the arts community countywide. This is accomplished through our network of advocates, by organizing policy initiatives, and empowering the industry through education, information, and resources. ACNV will also continue to enact our change plan to increase diversity, inclusion and equity with the arts ecosystem with the vision of an arts scene that matches the diversity of our County. ACNV's core programs are The Community Grant Fund, supporting artists and small arts organization through twice yearly grants; The Arts Education Alliance, supporting arts student and teachers as well as selecting the arts student of the month and year; and The Napa County Creative Directory, connecting working artists with hirers.
ARTS COUNCIL OF KERN	Kern	SLP-23-21548	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, ARTS COUNCIL OF KERN, with local artists, will use the transformative power of the arts to address the needs of community, and enhance the wellbeing of at-risk groups through:  Celebrate Kern Arts - a five-district visual arts exhibition and community arts event.  ARTWalk - a free, monthly event at low fee to artists and free to nonprofit arts organizations that brings together a diverse array of arts and attendees.  Educational workshops held in our facility and in isolated areas around Kern County.  Community Arts Grants - funding for organizations and artists, especially geared toward underserved populations.  Poetry OUTLOUD - We have three enthusiastic teachers signed up already for the fall.  Digital archiving of the ACK's history for the last 46 years in preparation of the upcoming 50th anniversary.
ARTS COUNCIL OF MENDOCINO COUNTY	Mendocino	SLP-23-20285	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, the ARTS COUNCIL OF MENDOCINO COUNTY will maintain programs and services the communities of Mendocino County rely upon to foster cultural development and support individuals, organizations, and communities in the creation, presentation, and preservations of the arts of all cultures. \$5,000 of the total award amount will support implementation of Poetry Out Loud.
ARTS COUNCIL SANTA CRUZ COUNTY	Santa Cruz	SLP-23-20282	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, ARTS COUNCIL SANTA CRUZ COUNTY will award \$220K+ in grants; provide arts education to 18K youth; present programs at the Tannery Arts Center; deepen its commitment to equity; invest in Watsonville's arts ecosystem; present 300+ Open Studios artists; and offer professional development.
ARTS ORANGE COUNTY	Orange	SLP-23-20158	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, ARTS ORANGE COUNTY will vigorously advance diversity, equity, and inclusion by providing robust arts services and programs to all of Orange County and by acting as a model through its own internal practices. This includes serving all ages, indigenous peoples, communities of color, immigrants, military veterans, people with disabilities, the LGBTQ community, the incarcerated, and the economically disadvantaged.
CALAVERAS COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL	Calaveras	SLP-23-20161	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council the CALAVERAS COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL will increase paid staff hours, adding an additional day that we are accessible to the public (currently four days a week, M-Thur, 11-4). In addition, with this support we will hire an assistant to the Executive Director. This grant also assists us maintain operating costs, i.e., rent, phone and internet service, and insurance, allowing us to focus our fundraising on supporting arts education programs in our local schools, countywide free summer concerts and supporting Poetry Out Loud.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA ART LEAGUE INC	Stanislaus	SLP-23-20861	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, CENTRAL CALIFORNIA ART LEAGUE INC will support the arts and artists in Stanislaus County through education, exhibition, financial support, and the recognition of artistic excellence. We endeavor to create a vibrant cultural presence for the people of Stanislaus County. We are committed to championing policies and practices of racial and cultural equity that empower a just, inclusive, and equitable community. We shall serve as the State/Local Partner of the California Arts Council as a regional voice representing artistic issues and advocacy. We shall work in partnership with artists, arts organizations, community groups, businesses, governmental agencies, and educational institutions to strengthen the accessibility and impact of the arts as aesthetic, personal, economic and social resources.
COLUSA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL	Colusa	SLP-23-20641	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, Colusa County Arts Council will reimagine and expand its arts programming to provide critical public resources for artists representing the diverse experiences, points of view, and cultural heritages of Colusa County. The requested funds will help two newly appointed administrative employees transform CCAC's public presence and expand its footprint throughout the rural communities it serves. This funding will allow CCAC to exhibit new and under-resourced artists, host public events promoting local artists and makers, offer additional educational opportunities to Colusa County students, recruit new members and renew the participation of existing members with improved member benefits, procure new supplies for its facilities, improve the functionality and design of its online and print communications, streamline its retail operations, and cover overhead costs.
COUNTY OF SONOMA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD/ CREATIVE SONOMA	Sonoma	SLP-23-20159	\$70,800	With support from the California Arts Council, County of Sonoma Economic Development Board/Creative Sonoma will serve the county's creative community, its residents, and visitors with programs including grants, professional development, creative placemaking, arts education activities, and other special initiatives.
DEL NORTE ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURAL AWARENESS	Del Norte	SLP-23-21742	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, DNACA will provide a professional salary for our only staff member, our Executive Director, to ensure organizational & programmatic continuity. With this staff member in place, DNACA will be able to continue our county-wide programs & services. If awarded the full amount, we may be able to hire a part time administrative assistant to support the work of the Executive Director. A portion of other operating & program expenses will also be supported by these CAC funds, if awarded.
FRESNO ARTS COUNCIL INC	Fresno	SLP-23-20454	\$70,800	With support from the California Arts Council FRESNO ARTS COUNCIL INC (FAC) will engage with the local arts community in Fresno County to support and expand their growth and development through mentoring, technical assistance, identifying grant and job opportunities. We will also provide support for program development through individual planning sessions. FAC will act as a resource for the general public, developers, and public entities for issues and information related to Fresno's vast arts ecosystem. While not a presenter, we will continue to stage events such as ArtHop, Fresno County State of the Arts/Horizon Awards and Arts Alive in Agriculture to insure that Art in all its forms and local artist receive public attention. We will use CAC grant funds to specifically support staff positions.
HUMBOLDT ARTS COUNCIL	Humboldt	SLP-23-20169	\$66,600	With support from the CAC, the Humboldt Arts Council will continue to provide leadership to enhance the arts in Humboldt County. The HAC works in partnership with county artists, arts organizations, community groups, businesses, governments, and schools to enrich the cultural life of the community and to encourage the widespread appreciation of, support for, and involvement in the arts, specifically for underserved and marginalized communities. We offer educational programs, exhibitions, events, and classes for youth, families, and the general public, with priority in making these programs accessible for BIPOC, LGBTQ+ and disabled community members.
INYO COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS	Inyo	SLP-23-20155	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, INYO COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS (ICA) will continue and expand vibrant community arts programming including: school arts and music programs that reaches all county students; the Millpond Music Festival, a 3-day annual music festival now in its' 31st year; gallery space showcasing local artists; and outreach efforts that include a monthly e-newsletter with 3,000 subscribers. Funds will be used to cover operating costs including staff competitive wages and paying rapidly raising office rental costs.  ICA offers a wide variety of community programming and prioritizes offering this programming FREE when possible. ICA operates with a small but mighty team of three employees, only one of whom is full-time. California Arts Council funding is an essential and much appreciated funding source that helps to support all aspects of ICA's work.
LAKE COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL	Lake	SLP-23-20242	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, Lake County Arts Council(LCAC) will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide quality arts venues and support local artists and arts organizations.</li> <li>• Encourage economic growth for artists and business professionals supporting arts in Lake County.</li> <li>• Administer Poetry Out Loud, Summer Youth Art Camp, Spring Dance Festival and other youth related programming.</li> <li>• Promote all to participate and celebrate in diverse artistic styles, mediums, and cultures through exposure, education, and celebration.</li> </ul>

LASSEN COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL	Lassen	SLP-23-20406	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, Lassen County Arts Council will partner with City of Susanville, Lassen Community College, Susanville Indian Rancheria, Lassen County Office of Education, Lassen County Fair, Best of Broadway, The Reno Dance Company, J&J Performing Arts, Joans Studio of Dance and the Susanville Symphony for exhibitions, receptions, an annual ballet performance, workshops for the public, participatory events, and public art.
LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE	Los Angeles	SLP-23-20687	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture will provide year-round professional development services including continued support for over 450 grantee nonprofit arts organizations to advance cultural equity and inclusion, scholarships for nonprofit management and regional convenings addressing additional topics specific to the arts and culture sector.
MADERA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL	Madera	SLP-23-20868	\$66,600	continue to support and promote the arts throughout our communities. Partnering with Madera Unified School District to bring arts education in our local schools, offering in-house arts education, visual and performing arts classes, and community enrichment programs and acting as a catalyst for arts project throughout our County. SLP provides vital operational support toward salaries and rental of our facilities including our 5,000 square foot gallery.
MARIN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION	Marin	SLP-23-20579	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, Marin Cultural Association will unite Marin and its creative community in support of a more diverse, equitable and sustainable artistic future through diverse programming, leadership, and community convenings and partnerships.
MARIPOSA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL INC	Mariposa	SLP-23-21729	\$70,800	With CAC support, Mariposa County Arts Council (MCACI) will leverage the arts for constructive community engagement; support historically underrepresented communities; build and grow partnerships; and, served the creative interests of residents and visitors through a range of public cultural and arts education programming, creative placemaking initiatives, local/regional/statewide advocacy, network developments at the local, regional and state level, cultural policy leadership and provide granting and technical assistance to local artists and grassroots arts organizations.
MERCED COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL INC	Merced	SLP-23-20487	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, Merced County Arts Council can continue providing public exhibitions, programs, and free or low-cost events that reflect Merced's diversity and expands opportunities to participate in the arts, as well as improve our efforts to be the hub for arts organizations and cultural groups in our County.
MODOC COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL INC	Modoc	SLP-23-21809	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, the Modoc County Arts Council will have funding for general operations: pay for the director's part-time salary, facility expenses, public outreach materials, consultants, service providers, and instructors. Surplus funds will be applied to programs within the guidelines of the CAC and the MCAC.
MONO ARTS COUNCIL	Mono	SLP-23-20501	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, Mono Arts Council (MAC) will continue to ensure that ALL residents in our rural and remote county have access to the arts through a variety of programs, including youth arts programs and through the MAC Gallery & Community Arts Center. We will continue to support our existing local artist community through opportunities and outreach and work to develop mentorship and technical support to our emerging artists.
NORTH COUNTY COALITION FOR THE ARTS	Imperial	SLP-23-21700	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, North County Coalition for the Arts will continue to grant funds to local students, artists, arts events, and organizations. We will also be able to continue to offer stage rental services to local organizations, produce our own community productions, and compensate our staff. Funds also help us to pay for office and storage rental and other administrative and logistical costs.
PLUMAS COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION	Plumas	SLP-23-21192	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, Plumas County Arts Commission will continue to inspire and engage communities in our rural county by sustaining and adapting quality programming, as well as maintaining and developing diverse partnerships. State Local Partnership funds will bolster existing, and develop new programs in Plumas County communities identified in the lowest quartile of the Healthy Places Index. State Local Partnership funds will continue to support organizational capacity, regranteeing opportunities, and artist fees in pursuit of this goal.
RIVERSIDE ARTS COUNCIL	Riverside	SLP-23-20364	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, RIVERSIDE ARTS COUNCIL will continue its work to support the arts and cultural infrastructure in Riverside County, the fourth most populous county in the State of California and the 11th most populous in the United States.

SACRAMENTO OFFICE OF ARTS AND CULTURE	Sacramento	SLP-23-20672	\$70,800	With support from the California Arts Council, Sacramento Office of Arts and Culture will invest in funding and capacity building in unincorporated areas of Sacramento. With a population of over 600,000, these unincorporated communities include some of the lowest quartile census tracts in Sacramento County and, historically, have not received the level of city and county funding support as the incorporated areas. This investment will provide much needed resources for cultural activities in these neighborhoods. Funds will also support implementation of Poetry Out Loud.
SAN BENITO COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL	San Benito	SLP-23-21006	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, the SAN BENITO COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL will increase arts and culture equity, impact and accessibility for all residents in San Benito County through expanded programs, services and funding. CAC Funds will be applied to general operations, including salaries and rent, and Poetry Out Loud.
SAN FRANCISCO ARTS COMMISSION	San Francisco	SLP-23-21629	\$66,600	With the support of the California Arts Council, the San Francisco Arts Commission (SFAC) will concentrate on fostering substantial partnerships through our Galleries' public programs, emphasizing community engagement and expanding accessibility by bringing public programs to neighborhoods and more inclusive spaces. The SFAC Galleries' public programs entail active participation from individual artists, collectives, and community collaborators. Our aim is to cultivate our relationships by dedicating resources to community engagement, which encompasses partnering with community-based organizations and artists at the ideation and planning stages and organizing public programs in locations that are particularly inviting to the communities we aim to reach. The SFAC Galleries has three Civic Center venues, mounts year-round exhibitions and about 20 public programs, fosters citywide collaborations and oversees an artist in residency program.
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL	San Luis Obispo	SLP-23-22243	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL will retain professional staff and systems to promote and enhance access to the visual, literary, and performing arts, lifelong art education, and related cultural activities in the region, recognizing the role they play in enhancing neighborhoods, quality of life and expanding greater community participation, connection, cultural understanding, and a vibrant local economy
SAN MATEO COUNTY OFFICE OF ARTS AND CULTURE	San Mateo	SLP-23-20945	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, the San Mateo County Office of Arts and Culture (OAC) will strengthen current, programming, including the annual arts/culture grants cycle, Arts in County Jails, public art projects, showcase of artists in the County Galleries, production of equity workshops, Poetry Out Loud and arts education programs, and our annual Countywide Celebration of the Arts in September 2024. New programming implemented in 2023 will include a Youth Cultural Ambassador Program, County Poet Laureate, and work with the Youth Probation Department.
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY OFFICE OF ARTS AND CULTURE	Santa Barbara	SLP-23-20152	\$66,600	With support from the CAC, SBCOAC will leverage SLP funds to offset salaries and operational expenses for 3 full-time & 2 part-time staff at 2 public offices, to administer grant programs, provide free public art opportunities, and support artists, cultural bearers, and arts and cultural organizations and countywide. We will continue to prioritize communities, organizations, artists and culture bearers that fall in the lowest quartile of the Healthy Places Index.  Glossary: SBCOAC- Santa Barbara County Office of Arts and Culture SBC- Santa Barbara County (geographic location of Santa Barbara County) County – The County Government agency CAHPI- CA Healthy Places Index
SHASTA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL	Shasta	SLP-23-20222	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, SHASTA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL will utilize the grant funds towards staff salaries to continue providing technical support, artist-in-residence opportunities, content creation, promotion and advertising, support of regional arts coalitions, arts, cultural and educational services to residents of Shasta County. Positions funded, in part: executive director, arts & grants coordinator, events and member services coordinator, facility coordinator, media and promotion coordinator.
SIERRA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL	Sierra	SLP-23-20628	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council through the State-Local Partnership program, the Sierra County Arts Council will fulfill its mission to bring together community and art. Sierra County Arts Council will work with artists, civic groups, organizations, and local government, across our rural frontier to provide arts education and cultural opportunities for all residents and visitors of Sierra County. We will promote, support, and advocate for the arts through local, regional, state, and national collaboration.

SILICON VALLEY CREATES	Santa Clara	SLP-23-20162	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, SVCcreates will strengthen the capacity of over 85 small, multi-cultural arts organizations, raise the visibility of local artists, and provide access to the arts for high need populations, through grantmaking, capacity-building programs, and special initiatives intended to increase equity and inclusion in our arts ecosystem.
SISKIYOU COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL	Siskiyou	SLP-23-21482	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, the Siskiyou County Arts Council will use the arts to serve the constituency of Siskiyou County with initiatives that encourage and facilitate strong, inclusive communities with particular emphasis on racial equity, environmental protection and awareness, sustainable economic development, and social justice.
SOLANO COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL	Solano	SLP-23-20302	\$66,599	With the generous support from the California Arts Council, the Solano County Arts Council will undertake an ambitious and comprehensive approach to cultivate artistic excellence, foster community engagement, and promote cultural diversity. By investing in the arts, the council aims to uplift the community, empower local artists, and leave a lasting legacy of creativity and inspiration in Solano County. We will have the opportunity to expand its arts programming and reach more people in the community and make a positive impact on the marginalized community of Solano County through a variety of initiatives and programs that promote access, education, community engagement, and inclusion. This will include funding for art exhibits, performances, workshops, and other events and activities.
TEHAMA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL	Tehama	SLP-23-20939	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, Tehama County Arts Council will continue to promote and support the visual and performing arts, as well as cultural activities within all communities in the county. We will provide opportunities for artists of all ages and backgrounds, culture bearers and cultural groups to participate in our gallery, art classes, annual Art Walk, Missoula Children's Theatre, student art contest, community art grants, Poetry Out Loud, Cowboy Poetry and other collaborative artistic endeavors. These endeavors may include exhibitions, performances, workshops, cultural events and a wide range of other creative activities.
THE ARTS COUNCIL OF PLACER COUNTY	Placer	SLP-23-20368	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, the Arts Council of Placer County will advance the CAC's mission by: 1) Funding art projects that make the biggest community, cultural and economic impacts by spearheading a new "Cultural Equity" re-granting program, whereby projects involving or highlighting underrepresented artists and organizations, such as low income, BIPOC and disabled, and are supported (\$25,000). 2) Maintaining the Poetry Out Loud program (\$5,000). 3) Organizational operations including: new staff to implement equity, youth engagement, and workforce development priorities from the Cultural Mapping Study, including community engagement, partnership development, marketing, milestones tracking, and reporting; new staff to assist with qualitative and quantitative data management and reporting; hosting CAC meetings; and promoting grant opportunities with technical assistance (\$45,000).
THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO COMMISSION FOR ARTS AND CULTURE	San Diego	SLP-23-20890	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, the Commission for Arts and Culture will advance an equitable and inclusive creative economy and arts ecosystem that reflects the cultural diversity of San Diego through activities related to the capacity building for artists and organizations.  CAC funds will support the following:  Poetry Out Loud. Produce Poetry Out Loud with the local organization Write Out Loud and San Diego Public Library.  Nonprofit Arts Capacity Building. Expand capacity building for small/mid-size nonprofits serving San Diego county communities within the lowest quartile of California HPI. Specifically, expand an accelerator to train organizations to better compete for national/state/local public funding.  Artist Capacity Building. Conduct capacity building for San Diego county artists of various disciplines to prepare them to compete for and complete public art commissions in San Diego and elsewhere.
TRINITY COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL ASSOCIATION	Trinity	SLP-23-21143	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, TRINITY COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL ASSOCIATION will serve as a conduit, bridge builder, producer and advocate of accessible arts education for all ages, the professional development of artists and culture bearers, and increased access to artistic opportunities for underserved and historically marginalized communities. We foster cultural vitality, sustainability and pride through culturally relevant artistic experiences, events and programs that empower artists and culture bearers to meaningfully enrich our community, with a commitment to prioritize our most historically marginalized peoples first, and to support a broad spectrum of artistic expression, mediums and traditional cultural practices in order to uplift and nurture the well-being of our county's diverse creative and cultural ecosystem.

TUOLUMNE COUNTY ARTS ALLIANCE INC	Tuolumne	SLP-23-20325	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, TUOLUMNE COUNTY ARTS ALLIANCE INC will continue to support social and racial equity, earth justice, employment of artists and cultural workers to continue TCA's mission, particularly in arts education, create new partnerships, rekindle alliances within the community, help illuminate arts and culture in our county, and bring arts to the forefront of civic life, thereby enhancing and promoting a diverse and cohesive arts and cultural community. TCA will be able to stabilize our operational structure after the challenges of the pandemic, and be able to build a team that represents the interests of our constituents, being more fully responsive to HPI under served areas, while building resiliency through revenue streams using a combination of classes, sales of donated art materials, and local grants that help support our independence.
UPSTATE COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FOUNDATION INC	Butte	SLP-23-21252	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, Upstate Community Enhancement Foundation (UCEF) will operate BCAC.tv, our digital media arts center in Chico which has traditionally focused on at-risk youth. We will continue to partner with CSU, Chico and Butte College on good-fit grant opportunities for the community and local schools; and Butte County Office of Education, (BCOE) - \$5,000 of the total award amount will support implementation of Poetry Out Loud. Additionally, we will continue to partner with BCOE to get artists back into schools and work to create full access to and equity in arts education programs and resources for K-8 students through BCOE's "Any Given Child" partnership with UCEF. Finally, we will continue to provide technical/financial/programmatic assistance to arts and cultural groups and individuals while focusing on the underserved and marginalized in Butte County.
VENTURA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL	Ventura	SLP-23-20250	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, the Ventura County Arts Council will continue our advocacy among government officials, working closely with the newly created Office of Arts & Culture. We will maintain our focus on DEI and assist smaller arts non-profits and community arts organizations in building their capacity. In partnership with the County's Arts & Culture Manager, we will increase VCAC's operating capital and its programmatic reach, making sure to prioritize resources to areas of the county in the lowest quartiles on the California Healthy Places Index.
VISALIA ARTS CONSORTIUM INC	Tulare	SLP-23-20153	\$70,800	With support from the California Arts Council, VISALIA ARTS CONSORTIUM, INC., will continue providing crucial support to our community in a county with tracts predominantly rated below 50% in the Healthy Places Index; we will continue empowering our own staff to become long-term supporters of our local creative economy; we will also continue our weekly, monthly, and annual arts programming (weekly mental health based art training; monthly art shows; monthly informational videos on Youtube; provide bimonthly artist placement at a local farmer's market; offer artist opportunities to create at least 3 public art works per year; fiscal agency program currently supporting 2 local start-ups; quarterly educative presentations to local law enforcement regarding mental health crisis and recovery; arts focused micro-granting for individuals and organizations; annual festival; annual studio tour; and annual publication).
YOLO COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL INC	Yolo	SLP-23-20495	\$66,600	With support from the California Arts Council, YOLO COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL INC will provide services to local arts organizations, individual artists, and the community; while continuing to prioritize historically under-resourced communities with arts engagement and support; administer the Poetry Out Loud competition county-wide; support grant opportunities for artists and arts organizations in Yolo County; and develop a robust data collection plan with the CAC for program evaluation. We promote racial equity, facilitate public participation in diverse art, provide two free art galleries and a cultural center, and stand ready to assist and support the arts community throughout Yolo County.
YUBA COUNTY SUTTER COUNTY REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL	Yuba	SLP-23-20275	\$133,200	With support from the California Arts Council, the Yuba County Sutter County Regional Arts Council, a two-county SLP, will assign funds towards the salary of its Executive Director, Managing Director, and Arts in Education coordinator. Funds will also support our Artists in Residence program representing four artistic disciplines plus our two-County Poet Laureate. Equipment and supplies will provide for a continuing series of multi-discipline classes, teaching grants and our Center Stage Productions youth performing arts program. It will also support our Poetry Out Loud and Scholastic Art & Writing Awards programs as well as the design, printing, and distribution of our annual report. All of our programs are offered in both counties and are centered in our two art galleries and theaters, one in each county, as well as at our multi-district local school sites.