

2023 Grant Awards

Statewide and Regional Networks Program



The Statewide and Regional Networks (SRN) program contributes to the health and vitality of the creative workforce in California by creating a resilient network of arts service organizations and artists.

Number of Grants Awarded: 43

Total Investment: \$1,853,625

Applicant Organization	County	Application ID	Approved Grant Amount	Grant Request Summary
ALLIANCE FOR CALIFORNIA TRADITIONAL ARTS	Fresno	SRN-23-20554	\$50,000	With support from the California Arts Council, the Alliance for California Traditional Arts (ACTA) will serve the folk and traditional arts field in the state by providing networking and professional development opportunities, information services, field documentation, and advocacy.
ARTS AREA	San Bernardino	SRN-23-21832	\$42,500	With support from the California Arts Council, THE ARTS AREA will be able to continue providing, strengthening, and broadening its suite of professional services for the underserved and underrepresented creative industries of San Bernardino, Riverside, and East Los Angeles Counties, through partially funding staff salaries and the hiring of professional consultants and artists.
ARTS EDUCATION ALLIANCE OF THE BAY AREA	San Francisco	SRN-23-21530	\$50,000	With support from the California Arts Council, the Arts Education Alliance of the Bay Area (AEABA) will connect and catalyze arts education coalitions composed of Bay Area school districts, community-based organizations, teaching artists, students, families, and funders across all five regions of the Bay Area through local and regional arts advocacy, networking events, professional learning opportunities, and ongoing, up-to-date communications to ensure all young people throughout the Bay Area have equitable access to culturally responsive, creative practices and caring artistic mentors.
ARTS FOR HEALING AND JUSTICE NETWORK	Los Angeles	SRN-23-20952	\$42,500	With support from the California Arts Council, Arts for Healing and Justice Network (AHJN) will provide our members with resources and support to help further our collective mission. Through our network of 15 member organizations, AHJN serves a wide population of system-impacted and at-risk youth across the County – providing culturally-responsive, healing arts education, youth leadership development, and youth-focused advocacy. All of our programs are centered around the specific cultural context of Black and Latinx culture — representing most of the youth we serve. Your gift will go toward AHJN's Peer Support Fund. This fund allows us to provide resources, structure, and coordination for the collaborative work of community-based arts education organizations serving system-impacted youth in Los Angeles County.
ARTS FOR LA	Los Angeles	SRN-23-21106	\$42,500	With support from the California Arts Council, Arts for LA will expand our portfolio of direct service and technical assistance and education programs. On a person-to-person basis, we teach how to engage and mobilize communities to entrench art and arts education into their constituents' lives. Funds will also supplement salaries.
ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS	Los Angeles	SRN-23-21117	\$42,500	With support from the CAC, the Association of California Symphony Orchestras will fund staff salaries. As an arts service organization, staff are our most important asset. Maintaining a highly skilled team is vital for delivery on our mission to support and build the capacity and relevance of orchestras and music organizations.
BARCID FOUNDATION	Los Angeles	SRN-23-21263	\$50,000	With support from the California Arts Council, Barcid Foundation will provide an expanded creative development program for Native American writers to express themselves through new literary material and visual content that will focus on healing the pervasive social, political, and economic inequalities experienced by Native communities.
CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS	San Diego	SRN-23-20746	\$42,500	With support from the California Arts Council, the California Association of Museums will produce programs and services that provide practical information to museum workers, help museums adapt to contemporary challenges, and support the association's work plan to become a more equitable association.
CALIFORNIA HUMANITIES	Alameda	SRN-23-21883	\$42,500	With support from the California Arts Council, CALIFORNIA HUMANITIES will support the cultural ecosystem of California through statewide grant making that amplifies public programs at the intersection of the arts and the humanities.
CALIFORNIA LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS INC	San Francisco	SRN-23-20315	\$42,500	With support from the California Arts Council, California Lawyers for the Arts (CLA) will continue to provide basic legal, educational and dispute resolution services for artists and arts organizations throughout California, while expanding Designing Creative Futures, an innovative reentry program placing formerly incarcerated persons in paid internships with nonprofit arts organizations.

CALIFORNIA SHAKESPEARE THEATER	Contra Costa	SRN-23-22139	\$40,375	With support from the California Arts Council, Cal Shakes will launch its emergent workforce development program, involving scene shop development; artistic production and education; and arts administration. Building on and adding to Cal Shakes's established Artistic Learning Program, as well as its dynamic Scene Shop, this workforce development program will target Cal Shakes's wider regional networks of Contra Costa and Alameda Counties—offering compensated skills-based learning and employment opportunities for at-risk, BIPOC youth. All grant funds will be used to pay the Assistant Technical Director and Workforce Development Manager, to purchase equipment for workforce development training, and to develop a comprehensive training module and educational initiative.
CALIFORNIANS FOR THE ARTS	Sacramento	SRN-23-20980	\$42,500	With support from the California Arts Council, Californians for the Arts (CFTA) will champion arts and culture as essential to vibrant communities through statewide programming, services, and advocacy networks that foster public awareness, center equity, and generate resources to cultivate a thriving cultural sector and creative industries. Singular in its cross-sectoral approach, bridging connections, empowering arts and cultural communities, and uplifting marginalized voices, CFTA is a vector translating public need to public policy. CFTA's diverse approach holds space for leaders, practitioners, entrepreneurs, and youth to articulate vision, strategy, and equity across the cultural sector from arts education, youth development, and creative workforce to folk arts, community planning, and public health. CAC funds will support marketing and programmatic initiatives to bridge deeper conversations between statewide BIPOC leaders and cultural practitioners from San Ysidro to Del Norte.
CENTER THEATRE GROUP OF LOS ANGELES	Los Angeles	SRN-23-20533	\$42,500	With support from the California Arts Council, Center Theatre Group (CTG) will further strengthen its organizational capacity to continue developing and supporting a community of theatre artists throughout all stages of artists' careers in the Los Angeles area.
COMMUNITY ARTS STABILIZATION	San Francisco	SRN-23-21374	\$42,500	With support from the California Arts Council, CAST will fund and expand our Dreaming Spaces initiative in San Francisco. CAST provides technical assistance, peer learning, networking, research, policy, and funds supporting arts organizations' efforts to secure long-term real estate projects. CAST is a major partner in a new 90,000 sq ft arts center at Pier 70 in San Francisco's rapidly gentrifying Dogpatch neighborhood. Dreaming Spaces is a community listening and gathering initiative through which we will plan this space with and for the artists in the community, together creating a hub for creativity, where art, making, and innovation can thrive.
COMMUNITY WORKS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT	Los Angeles	SRN-23-22287	\$21,250	With support from the California Arts Council, Community Works will utilize the grant funds to continue its primary focus on capacity building in young people interested in creative careers by producing the GRID, an annual creativity summit now in its sixth year. This event aims to engage and inspire California 9-12 graders in creative careers aligned with Arts, Media, and Entertainment (AME) pathways. The GRID is designed to build a statewide network connecting students with practicing artists, industry partners, educators, and programs in creative industries. Anchored in work-based learning, the event will feature workshops, panel discussions, and networking opportunities, providing students with practical skills, mentorship, and exposure to various arts disciplines. By fostering collaboration and partnerships among educators, program providers, and creatives, the GRID explicitly fosters youth networks and cultivates a culture of creativity.
CREATE CA	Los Angeles	SRN-23-21199	\$50,000	With support from the California Arts Council, Create CA will amplify our collective impact in the field of arts education and build the public will and local organizing infrastructure necessary to ensure all California students receive a culturally responsive arts education.
DANCERS GROUP	San Francisco	SRN-23-21452	\$42,500	With support from the California Arts Council, Dancers' Group will offer free programs and services, interfacing frequently with its members. Staff will manage a free membership program, free public programming, Fiscal Sponsorship program, CA\$H Dance re-granting program and comprehensive ongoing communications with the dance community in the 11-county greater Bay Area.
EMERGING ARTS PROFESSIONALS/SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA	San Francisco	SRN-23-20418	\$42,500	With support from the California Arts Council, Emerging Arts Professionals/San Francisco Bay Area will provide pathways to meaningful, sustainable, equitable work for Bay Area arts and culture workers through existing programming (Fellowship, Artists' Adaptability Circles, Affinity Circles, Emergence, and Equity Training), actively participating in leadership workgroups and advocacy think tanks, and further building a sustainable staffing model.
ETM-LA INC	Los Angeles	SRN-23-20702	\$42,500	With support from the California Arts Council, ETM-LA, Inc. will provide equitable support to a network of LA County schools, districts, communities, and artists through quality music education programs and professional development. Students in under-resourced areas will receive free music classes taught by teaching artists to close the achievement gap.

FILM INDEPENDENT INC	Los Angeles	SRN-23-20816	\$50,000	With support from the California Arts Council, Film Independent will build on four decades of work to support filmmakers, with an emphasis on supporting emerging and mid-career filmmakers from backgrounds underrepresented in the film and entertainment industry. We will accomplish this by continuing to provide intensive mentorship opportunities, professional development, networking opportunities, industry access, filmmaker grants and more through our vital Artist Development, Film Education, Membership and year-round screening programs.
FULCRUM ARTS	Los Angeles	SRN-23-21004	\$50,000	With support from the California Arts Council Fulcrum Arts will deliver artist-driven and designed programs in professional development with top experts, industry-networking, and cross disciplinary collaboration for 100-200 diverse artists throughout Southern California: fiscal sponsorship for over 85 organizations, financial management and mentoring; and leadership in regional arts advocacy coalitions.
GROUPMUSE	Alameda	SRN-23-21880	\$17,000	With support from the California Arts Council, Groupmuse will expand its house concert network and services for musicians by creating 2 Community Manager roles to organize weekly house concerts in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego. These new roles would focus on featuring artists of African and Indigenous descent, as well as other music to expand beyond Eurocentric programming in these house concerts. Impacted by COVID-19, Groupmuse's network (717 professional musicians and 582 house concert hosts in California) has not had any Community Managers since 2020. Since 2014, Groupmuse has organized 1600+ house concerts and generated \$500K in musician income from audience's "pay-what-you-can" contributions (100% to musicians). Groupmuse fills infrastructural gaps in the arts for underemployed freelancing musicians by recruiting hosts and empowering musicians to perform house concerts for new audiences in non-traditional spaces.
GYOPO	Los Angeles	SRN-23-21407	\$42,500	With support from the California Arts Council, GYOPO will begin paying new part- and full-time staff while maintaining our compensation structure for steering committee members. As an arts service organization, we always provide free public programs with ASL interpretation. Recordings and documentation of our programs are available online for access beyond Los Angeles.
HUMAN FAMILY EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL INSTITUTE	Los Angeles	SRN-23-20156	\$42,500	With support from the California Arts Council, Human Family Educational and Cultural Institute (Humanitas) will strengthen and expand our state and regional network which consists of our Humanitas Prizes (HP), New Voices Fellowship (NV), College Screenwriting Awards (CSA), and Public Programs (PP) including Industry 101 event series, The Writers Room, and Groceries for Writers. The network benefits early-to-mid-career writers and partner organizations. Each year, approximately 6,400 people use this network of programs, events, opportunities, to self-educate and network with others. 50 people are featured as artists and cultural practitioners. Founded in 1974, Humanitas's mission is to honor and empower writers whose film and television work explores the human condition in a nuanced, meaningful way. We celebrate the stories that explore the human experience because the act of acknowledging our common humanity is transformational.
INK PEOPLE INC	Humboldt	SRN-23-21313	\$42,500	With support from the California Arts Council, Ink People Inc will expand professional development opportunities for the 100+ projects fiscally sponsored within the DreamMaker Program, will support a regional leadership cohort of cultural practitioners and creatives, and will collaborate with allied organizations and artist-leaders to create a regional cultural summit. The Ink People will also continue to develop advocacy and networking efforts throughout the region and State.
INLANDIA INSTITUTE	Riverside	SRN-23-20267	\$50,000	With support from the California Arts Council, INLANDIA INSTITUTE will foster a dynamic, successful community of literary artists from a range of socioeconomic, ethnic, and racial backgrounds and gender identities. We will prioritize programs that center those from traditionally excluded communities, and give them access to the necessary tools so that they may hone their methods of self-expression in order to challenge the dominant narrative. At all times, we will work with and for these communities to amplify the stories of the people who call our diverse, vibrant region home. Using our experience-based model, we will create an engaged, supportive artistic environment for beginners through intermediate practitioners to professional authors, sharing expertise through workshops, professional development activities, and outreach and engagement programs.

INTERMUSIC SF	San Francisco	SRN-23-21228	\$42,500	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, InterMusic SF will continue to provide essential programs and service to our broad and diverse network of working professional musicians in the San Francisco Bay Area.</p> <p>Our work with and for the community includes fiscal sponsorship, active technical assistance, annual project funding, and unique performance opportunities. We strive to develop and improve current programs and services for our network through initiatives that are driven by the shifting needs of our community.</p>
INTERSECTION FOR THE ARTS	San Francisco	SRN-23-20657	\$42,500	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Intersection for the Arts will continue to offer our robust programs and arts services including fiscal sponsorship, professional development, and low-cost shared administrative and creation space in the heart of San Francisco to diverse Bay Area artists and cultural workers. CAC funding will support Intersection's capacity building programming for the Bay Area's artists and small arts organizations including our Arts Finance Empowerment Camp, BIPOC Leadership Program, Accelerator Incubator, Coaching Cohort Circles, Fiscal Sponsorship Program, and our Annual Membership Meeting.</p>
KALEIDOSCOPE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA	Los Angeles	SRN-23-22203	\$42,500	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, the Kaleidoscope Chamber Orchestra will provide musicians and composers in California with crucial opportunities for career advancement and professional development through our call for scores program.</p>
LATINO ARTS NETWORK	Los Angeles	SRN-23-21637	\$50,000	<p>Latino Arts Network (LAN) will conduct its annual programs and expand upon its successful Latina Writers Conference. Further, LAN will transition its base of operation, conduct an executive search and establish new headquarters in Sacramento, CA.</p>
LATINO THEATER COMPANY	Los Angeles	SRN-23-20957	\$42,500	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Latino Theater Company will produce and host "Encuentro: 2024", a multicultural national theater festival dedicated to showcasing New American Theater of equality and underrepresented voices and artists at the Los Angeles Theatre Center.</p>
LOS ANGELES PERFORMANCE PRACTICE	Los Angeles	SRN-23-20765	\$42,500	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Los Angeles Performance Practice (LAPP) will host and further develop our deeply enriching programs for artists, including free artist consultation sessions, artistic and professional development workshops, research and development support for new creative projects, and a newly piloted program that creates an intentional community of artists who gather for robust peer-to-peer systems of support as they resource a new performance project.</p>
LUNA KIDS DANCE INC	Alameda	SRN-23-20434	\$42,500	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, LUNA KIDS DANCE INC will engage and support a community of artists and educators who teach dance to children, youth, and families throughout California. CAC funds will enable members in Luna Dance Institute's Professional Learning network to receive professional development services, mentorship, and leadership support throughout their career.</p>
MUSEUM OF LATIN AMERICA ART	Los Angeles	SRN-23-21853	\$42,500	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA) will sustain and strengthen its APRENDE Tour and Workshops Teaching Artist and Culture Interpreter Regional Network. This Regional Network of community members is comprised of both professional artists and educators as well as trained volunteers. Teaching Artist members receive paid opportunities to lead workshops and programming throughout the year. Volunteer Culture Interpreters receive intensive training in current education strategies; opportunities to lead tours and engage directly with students and museum visitors; and enjoy MOLAA membership benefits. The members of this network are a vital and integral component of APRENDE (LEARN), MOLAA's core arts education program which was developed to fill the void in arts education and to reach the community's economically and socially disadvantaged youth and families.</p>

PLAYGROUND INC	Alameda	SRN-23-22020	\$42,500	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, PlayGround will continue its important work as a regional service organization, providing services to hundreds of California playwrights, directors, and actors through a robust array of programming designed to launch the work of emerging artists, with a focus on uplifting historically marginalized voices through our policies and practices, staff, board, artists, audience, and programs.</p> <p>PlayGround's mission is to support the development of significant new local voices for the theatre, particularly those historically marginalized including BIPOC, women, and LGBTQIA+, helping to launch these writers onto the national scene. Funding from the California Arts Council will assist PlayGround in our efforts to fulfill our mission as an arts service organization, serving early-career to veteran artists across California, all working together to create new, daring works for the stage.</p>
QCC-THE CENTER FOR LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER ART & CULTURE	San Francisco	SRN-23-22278	\$50,000	<p>With support from the CAC, QCC will promote the artistic and economic development of the SF Bay Area's LGBTQ2S+ arts community by: 1) publishing 12 monthly newsletters; 2) providing fiscal sponsorship and grant writing services to 8 emerging and established LGBTQ2S+ arts groups; and 3) conducting 8 capacity-building workshops for the arts organizations we serve.</p>
SAN DIEGO MUSEUM COUNCIL INC	San Diego	SRN-23-21347	\$50,000	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, SAN DIEGO MUSEUM COUNCIL INC will increase accessibility for under-served communities to more than 70 culturally diverse member museums with three major San Diego County regional programs:</p> <p>"Museum Month" (half-off admission) in February Presented in partnership with 83 San Diego County Libraries, First 5 San Diego and Black-owned businesses.</p> <p>"The Big Exchange" (free admission with memberships) in May</p> <p>"Kids Free San Diego" (free admission ages 12 and under) in October Presented in partnership with First 5 San Diego and the San Diego Tourism Authority.</p> <p>At the same time, we will provide substantial marketing support, collaboration opportunities, professional development, co-op advertising and networking opportunities for all member museums and their people and continue to support historically marginalized cultural institutions.</p>
THE COLBURN SCHOOL	Los Angeles	SRN-23-21538	\$42,500	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, the Colburn School will engage with and provide timely and adaptive services for working professional artists, emerging artists, and students working towards an artistic and cultural life, in addition to building an appreciation for performing arts within the regional network of Los Angeles County.</p>
THE DANCE BRIGADE A NEW GROUP FROM WALLFLOWER ORDER	San Francisco	SRN-23-21172	\$42,500	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Dance Brigade (aka Dance Mission Theater) will support our Bay Area-wide network of artists of color, families, social activists, LGBTQ+ community, choreographers, dancers, and students - over 70% of whom are low-income. Funds will support Dance Mission Theater's staff and contractors who run our programs and operate our theater.</p>
THE SHAKESPEARE CENTER OF LOS ANGELES INC	Los Angeles	SRN-23-20678	\$42,500	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, The Shakespeare Center of Los Angeles (SCLA) will ensure the continuity of care and quality for our network of artists, which encompasses a pipeline of new, emerging, and well-established theater artists working with us both onstage and behind the scenes. SCLA focuses our outreach for and engagement in this network across Los Angeles County, with an emphasis in the area's under-resourced communities. Our core programs in service of this network of theater artists includes theater arts employment and training for youth and U.S. military veterans, as well as mainstage productions featuring Equity and non-Equity actors, as well as a range of professional theater designers, directors, technicians, and creative producers.</p>
YOUNG AUDIENCES OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	San Francisco	SRN-23-20431	\$42,500	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Young Audiences of Northern California will provide professional development training and other support to our network of teaching artists and educators, with the ultimate goal of strengthening arts education practices within the Bay Area to support and expand student learning.</p>

ZOO LABS	San Francisco	SRN-23-20340	\$42,500	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Zoo Labs will continue producing free educational content, increase wages for artist-instructors by 20%, and increase accessibility with Spanish language translations of our courses. We will utilize targeted marketing to increase awareness of our grant program and educational resources for BIPOC creative entrepreneurs throughout the 9 counties of the Bay Area.</p> <p>In 2024 we will produce 10 new courses and 6 live virtual workshops. For Zoo Labs FUND awardees, we will double the amount of mentor honorariums, honoring our mentors' time and attracting more business-savvy mentors to participate. Funding will also support staff compensation and administrative costs.</p> <p>This support will help us expand our library of online entrepreneurship courses and deepen its connection to the Zoo Labs FUND to support sustainable BIPOC-led artist ecosystems in the Bay Area.</p>
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