

**California Arts Council  
2018-2019 Creative California Communities  
Project Descriptions**

Creative California Communities (CCC) supports meaningful, collaborative, creative placemaking projects that animate, activate, and celebrate communities. Projects support community goals and encourage increased engagement in arts and cultural activities with community members. Learn more at <http://arts.ca.gov/programs/ccp.php>.

Number of Grants Awarded: 40 | Total Investment: \$4,416,014

Application ID, Organization, County, Grant Award Amount	Project Description
CCC-18-5591 <b>18TH STREET ARTS COMPLEX</b> <i>Los Angeles County</i> \$150,000	With support from the California Arts Council, 18th Street Arts Complex (18SAC) will develop Pico Connected and Engaged, an arts-integrated partnership with the Santa Monica Public Library (SMPL) to strengthen social cohesion among residents in 18SAC's historically diverse Pico neighborhood. Three lead artists-in-residence will activate many of the 100+ stories collected in 18SAC's new cultural assets map through storytelling, performance, and public practice activities across the city.
CCC-18-5379 <b>ALAMEDA COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFFS ACTIVITIES LEAGUE</b> <i>Alameda County</i> \$134,702	With support from the California Arts Council, the Alameda County Deputy Sheriffs' Activities League will engage community members and business owners to revitalize a blighted urban strip of central Ashland. Youth artists mentored by professional teaching artists will design and produce signage and street art that creates a compelling, culturally authentic visual identity for East 14th Street, boosting the social and cultural capital of a long-neglected low-income neighborhood.
CCC-18-4861 <b>ALLIANCE FOR CALIFORNIA TRADITIONAL ARTS</b> <i>Fresno County</i> \$150,000	With support from the California Arts Council, Alliance for California Traditional Arts and the East LA Community Corporation will implement the Sounds of Belonging in Boyle Heights, a collaborative recording, composing and community engagement initiative. Sounds of Belonging will cultivate stewards of place by engaging residents of the Boyle Heights neighborhood to explore, analyze, create and share the local soundscape, focusing on themes of anti-displacement and belonging.

<p>CCC-18-5516 <b>AMAZING GRACE CONSERVATORY INC</b> <i>Los Angeles County</i> \$118,800</p>	<p>With support from California Arts Council, Amazing Grace Conservatory will partner with Gailen and Cathy Reeves Center and USC on the Sugar Hill Arts Revival project presenting the legacy of Black Entertainers such as Hattie McDaniel and Ray Charles, past Sugar Hill residents. By engaging West Adams in learning about the community’s history through multidimensional reenactments of the artists’ lives, the Sugar Hill Arts Revival Festival in March 2021 will initiate the Sugar Hill Arts District.</p>
<p>CCC-18-6208 <b>API CULTURAL CENTER INC</b> <i>Alameda County</i> \$46,700</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, API Cultural Center, Inc. (dba Oakland Asian Cultural Center (OACC)) will provide culturally relevant arts programming at two event series that take place on a monthly basis and three events that take place annually. All events are free, collaboratively produced, and take place outdoors in and near Oakland’s Chinatown. Programming draws upon local artists and cultural resources to activate and celebrate the neighborhood's history and future.</p>
<p>CCC-18-4510 <b>ARTS COUNCIL SANTA CRUZ COUNTY</b> <i>Santa Cruz County</i> \$150,000</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Arts Council Santa Cruz County will further develop and enliven the Tannery Arts Center Campus as the home for the arts, artists, and creativity in the region through public programs that celebrate creativity; community building that creates a welcoming, safe place for residents and visitors; and a capacity building hub for artists and arts businesses.</p>
<p>CCC-18-5974 <b>ARTS ORANGE COUNTY</b> <i>Orange County</i> \$75,600</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Arts Orange County will administer and orchestrate a free public “Continuum of Care (COC) for Artists” exhibition and lecture series in the gallery of Meta Housing's new affordable housing development for low-income working artists. COC refers to a system that guides and tracks artists over time through a broad array of support and services. We will call on six to eight arts organizations to exhibit and become long-term advisors to the development.</p>
<p>CCC-18-6148 <b>ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER CULTURAL CENTER</b> <i>San Francisco County</i> \$150,000</p>	<p>Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Center, along with Bindlestiff Studio and the Chinatown Community Development Corporation (CCDC), request support for “From Chinatown to SOMA and Back!” a multi site, multidisciplinary series that will culminate in six performances in Chinatown and the South of Market Area (SOMA) District in San Francisco in spring of 2020 and 2021.</p>
<p>CCC-18-6135 <b>BELL ARTS FACTORY</b> <i>Ventura County</i> \$68,940</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Bell Arts Factory will partner with the Westside Community Development Corporation to establish Avenue Nights, a monthly artwalk-meets-neighborhood-block party that celebrates the artistic, commercial and community assets of Ventura’s historic westside. Every second Saturday, artists, residents and businesses will be invited to activate public and private spaces with cultural and community activities, all within the walkable core of “the Avenue.”</p>

<p>CCC-18-5125 <b>CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY DOMINGUEZ HILLS FOUNDATION</b> <i>Los Angeles County</i> \$135,000</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, CSUDH will expand PRAXIS City ArtS Parks. CSUDH will coordinate two site-specific public art works and other site activations that will expand narratives of South LA with afterschool art and mentoring programs. Local artists will work with community members in forums and workshops. The program uses art to empower underserved communities of color to find their voice, to aspire, and to dream, cultivating pride, beauty, and specificity of place.</p>
<p>CCC-18-6109 <b>CENTER THEATRE GROUP OF LOS ANGELES</b> <i>Los Angeles County</i> \$141,677</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Center Theatre Group (CTG) will expand its ongoing partnerships with three local libraries based in the East L.A. neighborhood of Boyle Heights to host free Library Play Readings, bringing bilingual performances to Boyle Heights residents in their own community, offer expanded arts-based engagement activities for community members, and produce a culminating Theatre Arts Fair event at Mariachi Plaza, a central Boyle Heights outdoor venue.</p>
<p>CCC-18-5050 <b>CITIZEN FILM INC</b> <i>San Francisco County</i> \$150,000</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Citizen Film and Success Centers will tell and share stories that document and support an African American community's efforts to reclaim Buchanan Mall, a once-vibrant public plaza ravaged by decades of economic decline. We'll create six short films about entrepreneurship and use them to generate community engagement. This process will show and augment the cultivation, emergence and impact of locally-owned microenterprise giving the mall new life.</p>
<p>CCC-18-5955 <b>CITY OF STOCKTON ARTS COMMISSION</b> <i>San Joaquin County</i> \$60,000</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, the Stockton Arts Commission will expand Stockton Arts Week, showcasing the diversity of local artists to expand the arts and improve the City's downtown. Fifty free events will occur at multiple City locations and culminate on October 19 in the Collide Festival, where artists teach workshops and attendees display or perform the work they create. Funds will be used for two years of programming: \$30,000 each year, with \$30,000 in matching City funds.</p>
<p>CCC-18-5623 <b>COLLAGE DANCE THEATRE</b> <i>Los Angeles County</i> \$150,000</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Heidi Duckler Dance (HDD) will partner with the office of LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Charles R Drew University of Medicine and Science and other local community-based organizations to expand its creative placemaking project, Move Well @ MLK, to public spaces in and around the MLK Medical Campus. The project's goal is to promote health and wellness through creative cultural storytelling and movement in Willowbrook.</p>
<p>CCC-18-5751 <b>CORNERSTONE THEATER COMPANY INC</b> <i>Los Angeles County</i> \$105,000</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Cornerstone Theater Company will develop a community collaborative work in Highland Park, in partnership with members of the Highland Park community, Oxy Arts and the Department of Theater at Occidental College, resulting in a fully produced immersive and site-specific theatrical production.</p>

<p>CCC-18-6181 <b>DELL-ARTE INC</b> <i>Humboldt County</i> \$135,000</p>	<p>With the support from the California Arts Council, Dell'Arte, Inc. will collaborate with the Wiyot Tribe to co-create an initiative entitled "Things You Know But Cannot Explain" that centers on the visual art and life of Rick Bartow. Activities include the creation of an original theatre work, pageantry events in public streets, gallery exhibits in vacant commercial spaces, and Wiyot community engagement that brings awareness of Wiyot heritage to the Tribe and Humboldt Bay Area communities.</p>
<p>CCC-18-5746 <b>EAGLE ROCK COMMUNITY CULTURAL ASSOCIATION</b> <i>Los Angeles County</i> \$35,000</p>	<p>With support from CAC, Eagle Rock Community Cultural Association will present "Balay/Bahay: Creating Community," a new, free placemaking project featuring a yearlong series of cultural events celebrating Northeast Los Angeles' large Filipinx community. One evening each month, Center for the Arts Eagle Rock will be transformed into a replica night market in Manila featuring visual, performing, and culinary art by local Filipinx artists.</p>
<p>CCC-18-4455 <b>EAST BAY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS</b> <i>Contra Costa County</i> \$150,000</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, East Bay Center for the Performing Arts will work with inter-generational Richmond blues artists to engage Richmond youth and community members in a series of workshops, concerts, and public productions honoring the city's historical legacy as a recognized hub for blues music on the West Coast from the 1940s through the 1960s.</p>
<p>CCC-18-5714 <b>FRIENDS OF PERALTA HACIENDA HISTORICAL PARK</b> <i>Alameda County</i> \$135,000</p>	<p>With support from the CAC, Peralta Hacienda will establish the Fruitvale Street Theater to perform along its main commercial corridors and at festivals and community centers, and will create five interactive art stations that 'perform' Fruitvale's dazzling diversity and draw people of many cultures as well as local businesses into art-making and civic engagement. Undocumented day laborers will create and stage the first year of theater productions.</p>
<p>CCC-18-5562 <b>LA COMMONS</b> <i>Los Angeles County</i> \$90,045</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, LA Commons will activate MacArthur Park, one of Los Angeles' historically creative places with "Lakeside Stories," an initiative to transform the prominent planters that surround the park's lake into canvases for sharing the important community narratives of the highly immigrant, low-income population living in the surrounding Westlake neighborhood.</p>
<p>CCC-18-5636 <b>LAS FOTOS PROJECT</b> <i>Los Angeles County</i> \$22,500</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Las Fotos Project will partner with Outfront Media/JCDecaux to implement a series of public photography exhibitions to be installed at bus shelters located throughout the neighborhood of Lincoln Heights. The public installations will feature the works of Esta Soy Yo program participants, who will each be asked to create personalized photo essays that honor the rich culture and history of the surrounding region and its residents.</p>
<p>CCC-18-5917 <b>LATINO CENTER OF ART AND CULTURE</b> <i>Sacramento County</i> \$57,600</p>	<p>"With support from the California Arts Council, Latino Center of Art and Culture, Brown Issues and the office of Councilmember Steve Hansen will engage Midtown residents, businesses and youth to organize and participate in El Gran Comparsa, Midtown's first ever street parade for Día de los Muertos. The goal of the project is to unify new and longtime residents of Midtown, create a sense of community and increase the quality of life in one of Sacramento's oldest neighborhoods.</p>

<p>CCC-18-5642 <b>LENORA LEE DANCE</b> <i>San Francisco County</i> \$100,000</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Lenora Lee Dance will work with the Chinatown Community Development Center to produce and present “And the Community Will Rise,” a multimedia dance project which will include participatory workshops, interviews, a multimedia exhibition, and a series of 12 large-scale, multimedia, immersive performances activating the spaces inside and outside of the buildings, detailing the history of the Ping Yuen housing complex.</p>
<p>CCC-18-5519 <b>PLAYHOUSE ARTS</b> <i>Humboldt County</i> \$45,000</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Playhouse Arts will support the engineering and building of the Creamery District Gateway and work with the City of Arcata, the Creamery District Leadership Committee, and a consultant to create a masterplan for the Creamery District in Arcata.</p>
<p>CCC-18-5915 <b>PLAZA DE LA RAZA INC</b> <i>Los Angeles County</i> \$150,000</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Plaza de la Raza Inc will present the "Lincoln Heights/Plaza de la Raza Community Festival" in May 2020 and May 2021. Working with our partners, Barrio Action, a local social service nonprofit, Plaza will present activities leading to a daylong Festival of Arts and Culture, highlighting the Plaza legacy, free programming and a social service Info Fair, engaging numerous local partners and organizations that define the character of the community.</p>
<p>CCC-18-5666 <b>QCC-THE CENTER FOR LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER ART &amp; CULTURE</b> <i>San Francisco County</i> \$135,000</p>	<p>With support from the CAC, the Queer Cultural Center will partner with Fresh Meat Productions, SF LGBT Center, and the SF Transgender Film Festival to engage San Francisco’s transgender and gender-nonconforming communities, who are deeply impacted by San Francisco’s ongoing gentrification/displacement crisis, through a series of creative expression workshops, performances and arts events that will explore intersectional trans identities and empower us to envision and assert our collective futures in San Francisco.</p>
<p>CCC-18-6201 <b>RAGGED WING ENSEMBLE</b> <i>Alameda County</i> \$135,000</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, The Flight Deck will partner with the Black Arts Movement Business District (BAMBD), Community Development Corporation (CDC), and the Oakland African American Chamber of Commerce (OAACC) to present the second annual BAMBD FEST in August 2020, featuring theater, dance, poetry, fashion, visual art, music, panels, a Black-owned business walk, a tour of historic 14th Street, and African Bazaars to animate Oakland’s only formally declared Arts District.</p>
<p>CCC-18-4492 <b>RHYTHMIX CULTURAL WORKS</b> <i>Alameda County</i> \$69,390</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Rhythmix Cultural Works will partner with the City of Alameda to present Island City Waterways, telling the story of Alameda Point, the former Naval Air Station and “gateway to the Pacific” through four wars. Utilizing theater, dance and music in tandem with commercial and residential redevelopment, ICW will implement creative placemaking strategies to give the local community a deeper connection to the island, its unique history and each other.</p>

<p>CCC-18-5989 <b>SAN JOSE MUSEUM OF ART ASSOCIATION</b> <i>Santa Clara County</i> \$135,000</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, the San Jose Museum of Art Association will partner with Chopsticks Alley, an organizing platform for Southeast Asian Americans, to offer four workshops led by six Vietnamese-American artists to San Jose’s Vietnamese community. Resulting community artworks and a culminating performance presented at City Hall will honor the overlooked contributions of Vietnamese immigrants to East Santa Clara Street in downtown San Jose, where City Hall is now located.</p>
<p>CCC-18-6077 <b>SANTA BARBARA COUNTY OFFICE OF ARTS &amp; CULTURE</b> <i>Santa Barbara County</i> \$121,500</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, the Santa Barbara County Office of Arts &amp; Culture will partner with the City of Santa Maria and Allan Hancock Community College to create a cohesive community arts experience at the Betteravia Social Services Campus. Grant funds will be primarily used for artist stipends and materials to vision and create a large-scale public art installation, increase walkability, and provide service-specific arts programming across sectors.</p>
<p>CCC-18-5026 <b>SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CULTURE AT MHP</b> <i>Santa Clara County</i> \$150,000</p>	<p>With support from the CAC, the School of Arts and Culture at MHP will implement the Jóvenes Activos Mural Project (JAM) in East San José. JAM will annually include: 1) a nine-month youth fellowship that fosters skills to execute mural projects; 2) The Altar Walk, where trained youth display an art installation and/or engage community; 3) Cafecitos, gatherings where youth will engage community; and 4) a final mural project that youth create, develop, and execute as their final project.</p>
<p>CCC-18-6221 <b>SELF-HELP GRAPHICS AND ARTS INC</b> <i>Los Angeles County</i> \$46,800</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Self Help Graphics and Art will build on the 45-year legacy of Dia de los Muertos as an economic development tool for the artistic and working communities of L.A.’s Eastside in partnership with Leadership for Urban Renewal Network. The partnership will focus on strengthening entrepreneurial and small business opportunities within this cultural tradition and work to integrate groups like street vendors and other non-artists.</p>
<p>CCC-18-5702 <b>THE DANCE BRIGADE A NEW GROUP FROM WALLFLOWER ORDER</b> <i>San Francisco County</i> \$103,500</p>	<p>With the support of the CAC, the community arts engagement project HOME will take place along Mission Street between 16<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> streets, an area that reflects the social and economic tensions of gentrification. Dance Mission will partner with MEDA to produce a series of eight new works by Mission-based artists, along with classes, special events, and other activities. Artists will tell stories of the area’s past and present, celebrating its history while examining the ongoing displacement.</p>
<p>CCC-18-4817 <b>TORRES MARTINEZ DESERT CAHUILLA</b> <i>Riverside County</i> \$109,000</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, TMDCI will partner with Salton Sea Authority and engage tribal communities across the Coachella Valley to create a site-specific land art installation that raises awareness of the Salton Sea’s rapid disappearance. The project draws from the Cahuilla’s deep connection to this land and combines aspects of social justice, youth outreach and human health to address the Salton Sea crisis through the lens of Indigenous knowledge and artistic expression.</p>



<p>CCC-18-4955 <b>TRAILS AND VISTAS</b> <i>Nevada County</i> \$66,760</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Trails and Vistas will produce Art in Nature events, collaborating with artists and nonprofit organizations in our Truckee/Tahoe community to showcase visual, performance, and literary artists with site-specific performance installations. Art events promote community health and wellness and awareness of open space in the Sierra Nevada. CAC funding will support artist fees and production costs for 2019 and 2020.</p>
<p>CCC-18-5758 <b>TRUCKEE-DONNER RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT</b> <i>Nevada County</i> \$150,000</p>	<p>FOREST⇌FIRE and its companion public and educational engagement platforms, Fire Circle and Forest Home, is a new project engaging the Truckee-Donner community living within the Tahoe National Forest. A culminating art installation will invite science-based solutions to catastrophic fire and offer an economically sustainable, hopeful future. FOREST⇌FIRE is a partnership between Truckee Donner Recreation &amp; Park District, UC Berkeley's Sagehen Creek Field Station and Nevada County Arts Council.</p>
<p>CCC-18-4626 <b>VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA</b> <i>Los Angeles County</i> \$67,500</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Visual Communications Media will program First Street North Open: An Interactive Multidimensional Timeline (FSN Open) which will include multimedia wall mapping, a website, and an audio-visual walking tour enhanced with augmented reality. This project's research will serve as a resource for community activists, artists, and organizations committed to Little Tokyo's legacy and its ongoing fight for sustainability, justice, and self-determination.</p>
<p>CCC-18-5953 <b>YERBA BUENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS</b> <i>San Francisco County</i> \$135,000</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts will use art and creative process to energize, amplify, and complement the existing scaffolding for health education at Mission High, working with the students, community partners, and residents to transform their ideas, knowledge and dreams into a public art installation that maps community assets for health and well-being in their neighborhood.</p>
<p>CCC-18-6165 <b>YOUTH SPEAKS INC</b> <i>San Francisco County</i> \$135,000</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Youth Speaks will partner with the City of Oakland to provide monthly community meetings where local organizations and artists will engage in conversations and project planning regarding civic life, black neighborhood identity, intergenerational participation, and more. We will also present two Life is Living Festivals, transforming West Oakland's DeFremery Park for our annual, multi-faceted Festival inspired by the legacy of the Black Panthers.</p>
<p>CCC-18-4616 <b>YOUTH UPRISING</b> <i>Alameda County</i> \$150,000</p>	<p>With support from the California Arts Council, Youth Uprising will launch a documentary-style photography campaign aimed at creating a unique vision of East Oakland and its residents. Through group workshops and exhibitions, youth will be able to create a story about the grit and resilience it takes to live in East Oakland, one of the most under-served communities in California. They will create portfolios and launch a billboard campaign to speak to those who are still there thriving.</p>