



California Humanities Awards \$90,000 to Six NextGen Projects Supporting Youth Media Storytelling

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May 10, 2023—(Oakland, CA)—California Humanities is pleased to announce \$90,000 in new grants through the 2023 CDP NextGen Grant program to six youth media projects serving emerging mediamakers ages 18 and under from around the state. Projects range from a training program designed to provide Native youth opportunities to produce films about their tribal community, history, language, and culture; to an exploration of the influence of pop culture on young people’s identities; to a production training and media literacy program for system-engaged youth.

“We are thrilled to see both new and returning CDP NextGen grantees supporting youth media programming on a diverse range of subjects,” said Rick Noguchi, President & CEO of California Humanities. “Youth participants will not only share meaningful community stories from their California regions, but will also learn important skills in media literacy, filmmaking, podcasting, interviewing, and more.”

If California is sometimes seen as an indicator of where the United States is heading, then the state’s 9 million young people under the age of 18 will play an increasingly significant role in shaping who we are and the issues that we care about in coming years. CDP NextGen is designed to nurture California’s next generation of documentary storytellers and amplify a broad range of young Californians’ perspectives on subjects and issues of importance their lives and communities. The program’s youth-made films and podcasts shed light on not only the problems we face, but also on the solutions that youth are proposing and the futures they envision.

CDP NextGen is a youth-focused category of California Humanities’ longstanding California Documentary Project grant program. Through CDP NextGen, California Humanities has awarded almost \$500,000 to nonprofit organizations and public agencies serving young Californians as they create short, insightful nonfiction films and podcasts that tell original stories about life in California today. We are particularly interested in projects that, in addition to providing technical training in media production, actively support critical thinking and media literacy. CDP NextGen grants are available for up to \$15,000 per project.

To learn more about the CDP NextGen program, [click here](#).

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