

California Humanities Awarded California Arts Council Statewide and Regional Networks Grant

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December 8, 2024 [Oakland, CA]—The California Arts Council has announced a grant award of \$42,500 to California Humanities as part of its Statewide and Regional Networks (SRN) program during its 2023 grant cycle.

The 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. With this support, 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 Humanities appreciates California Arts Council's support for the public humanities," said President and CEO Rick Noguchi. "Alongside hundreds of arts organizations, our work is essential to creating a thriving arts and culture ecosystem in the state, and we are grateful for the Arts Council's investment to ensure this positive impact continues."

California Humanities was featured as part of a <u>larger announcement</u> from the California Arts Council, with more than 850 grant awards totaling more than \$32.75 million in projected funding projected investments for operational and project support to nonprofit organizations and units of government throughout the state of California.

The nearly \$33 million in awards for the 2023 grant cycle sets a new record for the state arts agency's investment in California's arts and culture workforce via permanent state and federal allocations for local assistance funds, upwards of \$2.8 million more than its <u>last record-setting year in 2020</u>.

"In this last year, the California Arts Council has been working diligently to listen to our field, to be responsive to the moment, and to do our best to make our investments strategic and equitable," said California Arts Council Executive Director Jonathan Moscone. "I am proud that we are able to disperse more than 850 grants throughout the state so that the arts can continue to have a deep and positive impact on the vast and diverse communities of California."

Organizations were awarded grants across six different program areas designed to benefit the whole of California's arts and culture ecosystem, with focused considerations for first-time applicants, small and

mid-size arts and organizations, folk and traditional art forms, county local arts agencies and arts service organizations, and opportunities with deep investment for both general operating and project-based support. Read the <u>full announcement</u> by the California Arts Council for more details and to view a complete listing of all 2023 CAC grantees by county, alphabetically by organization, and by program.