State-Local Partners
Strengthening Arts, Culture, and Creativity Throughout California

LINKING the California Arts Council to communities statewide
INCREASING access to art for all Californians
UPLIFTING artists and arts organizations
CREATING vibrant, healthy, and equitable communities
What are State-Local Partners?

State-Local Partners Serve and Strengthen at the Local Level

They advance the California Arts Council's mission “to strengthen arts, culture, and creative expression as the tools to cultivate a better California for all” by providing community-driven services and programs and funding artists, arts organizations, and entire communities throughout California, all at the local level.

How were the State-Local Partners established?

In 1976, California Governor, Jerry Brown, and State Elected Officials established the State’s arts agency, the California Arts Council (CAC). The founding was based on the belief that “art is essential to the lives of all Californians.” In 1980, the CAC created the State-Local Partnership Program with the goal of establishing a formal partnership system between the state arts agency and county-level arts agencies throughout the entire state. Over the last 40 years, the State-Local Partnership Program has developed a strong and unified network and infrastructure. Currently, 54 of the state’s 58 counties have an officially designated County Arts Agency. The State-Local Partner designation is established through an official legal resolution approved by each County’s elected Board of Supervisors. This official position ensures alignment at the local level, transparent and accountable systems, and responsible and accessible public service.

SLPs partner with the CAC by:

- Connecting artists across California with CAC grants and resources
- Sharing information about the CAC with local arts communities
- Providing the CAC vital information about the health and prosperity of local arts ecosystems

What do they do?

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<td>traditional and community-based artists, cultural practitioners and creative communities that are reflective of California’s diversity</td>
<td>artists, community leaders and change makers to share ideas, provide peer support, and coordinate strategies to advance equity, innovation and cultural and economic growth</td>
<td>for diverse, equitable and inclusive access to the arts for all residents at the local, state and federal level through policy initiatives, programs and funding</td>
<td>arts education, community engagement in the arts, public art, placemaking and Cultural Districts and all forms of individual and collective creative expression</td>
<td>racial equity and justice statewide by committing to and implementing policies and priorities as outlined in the CAC’s Racial Equity Framework</td>
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For detailed information, visit [this link](#).
State-Local Partner Services and Programs

SLPs are as unique as the communities they serve with activities tailored to meet their distinct populations’ needs.

SLPs in all communities provide access to funding, professional development, and technical assistance to artists and to organizations of all sizes and arts disciplines. In larger communities, they are often relied upon to serve the needs of communities with hundreds of arts organizations and thousands of artists, while in smaller or rural communities, they may be one of only a few local cultural resources. SLPs of all sizes and in all types of communities may manage cultural facilities, produce festivals, offer arts classes and present exhibits.

Still, many State-Local Partners share common activity types:

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State-Local Partners Increase Arts Access for All Californians

SLPs provide direct services and programs to 2.4M+ Californians each year. The artists, arts organizations and community projects they support reach millions more.⁶

Trinity County Arts Council, SLP Since 1995

“Our rural, underserved county depends upon the Trinity Arts Council to knit artists and arts organizations with the business community to build our tourism economy and draw visitors to all regions of Trinity County.”

- Elizabeth Watson, President Weaverville Chamber of Commerce

SVCreates (Santa Clara County), SLP Since 1982

“SVCreates has been a powerful driver of innovation in our operations. They awarded us grants to enhance audience surveying practices, use data to explain our impact, and design more engaging programs.”

- Leigh Henderson, Managing Director Teatro Visión

Arts Council Santa Cruz County, SLP Since 1980

“Arts Council Santa Cruz County connects our community in meaningful ways and fuels continual creativity for a brighter future.”

- Mary Anne Carson, Santa Cruz County Bank, Open Studios Sponsor

Arts Orange County, SLP Since 1998

“Arts Orange County is the center of gravity for our local arts community.”

- Shelley Hoss, President and CEO of Orange County Community Foundation
How did SLPs respond to the COVID-19 Crisis?

A Story from San Diego County

“The San Diego cultural workforce was devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic. 4 in 10 employees were furloughed or laid off, and nearly 50% of contracts for freelancers, gig workers and artists cancelled within the first 4 months of stay at home orders.

The City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture directed $1 million in COVID-19 relief funds to artists and disseminated CAC relief grants.”

-Janet K. Poutré, Chair, City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture

A Story from San Benito County

“We absolutely love what we get to do, infusing youth with confidence through movement & artistic expression, having a safe place for the young to discover their best selves and providing fun in its purest form. But under COVID, our community sustained unavoidable disconnects.

The San Benito County Arts Council’s COVID Art Relief Grant allowed us to exist and update our space so no one feels at risk, ever. It allowed us to prepare for the day we can all be together again.”

-Lisa Malzone Morales, Program Director, Animation Dance Community

SLPs invest $39.5M+ in over 3,000 artists and arts projects annually. If SLPs were a US state, they’d be the 16th largest state funder of the arts in per-capita funding. If SLPs were a private foundation, they’d be the largest private arts funder in California.
How do SLPs promote community well-being?

A Story from Mariposa County

“Being a rural county with a small population, we do not have many independent arts organizations working in our community.

Mariposa Arts Council’s many arts education and public programs use art as a vehicle to reach large cross sections of underserved and at-risk members of our community, provide inclusive art initiatives in the schools, and support individuals in our community looking to grow creatively.”

-Miles Menetrey, Mariposa County Supervisor, District 5

A Story from Monterey County

“Since the storytelling seminar at Sherwood Hall, I feel that I’ve made more of an impact and connection, exchanging or telling stories to broaden their perspective and spark a positive mindset that they are able to reveal within themselves.”

-Elgene Tumacder, Arts4MC JUMP StARTS Teaching Artist, Monterey County Youth Center

97% of SLPs use the arts to address social, education and economic community challenges.

100% of SLPs with regranting programs fund arts organizations serving and representing communities of color.

SLPs support 5,000 full-time equivalent jobs in California.
State-Local Partners and Economic Impact

SLPs leverage state funding to create jobs, generate revenue and spur local economies.

$91M Annual SLP Direct Economic Impact

$170M Annual SLP Total Economic Impact (Direct + Indirect)

$2.5M Annual CAC Investment in SLPs

Source: American for the Arts, Arts and Economic Prosperity Calculator
### State-Local Partner Roster

**County** | **Local Arts Agency** | **Population**
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**Northern California**

Butte County | BCAC.tv - Friends of the Arts (UCEF) | 226,466
Colusa County | Colusa County Arts Council | 22,117
Del Norte County | Del Norte Assn. for Cultural Awareness | 27,401
Humboldt County | Humboldt Arts Council | 135,333
Lake County | Lake County Arts Council | 65,071
Lassen County | Lassen County Arts Council | 30,150
Mendocino County | Arts Council of Mendocino County | 89,009
Modoc County | Modoc County Arts Council | 9,602
Nevada County | Nevada County Arts Council | 98,904
Plumas County | Plumas Arts | 19,779
Shasta County | Shasta County Arts Council | 178,773
Sierra County | Sierra Arts Council | 2,987
Siskiyou County | Siskiyou County Arts Council | 44,584
Sutter County | Yuba-Sutter Regional Arts Council* | 96,648
Tehama County | Tehama Arts Council | 64,387
Trinity County | Trinity County Arts Council | 13,688
Yuba County | Yuba-Sutter Regional Arts Council* | 77,916

**Sacramento Region**

Amador County | Amador County Arts Council | 38,294
Calaveras County | Calaveras County Arts Council | 45,117
El Dorado County | Arts and Culture El Dorado | 191,848
Placer County | Arts Council of Placer County | 396,691
Sacramento County | City of Sacramento Office of Arts and Culture | 1,546,174
Yolo County | YoloArts | 222,581

**Bay Area**

Alameda County | Alameda County Arts Commission | 1,669,301
Contra Costa County | Arts & Culture Commission of Contra Costa County | 1,155,879
Marin County | Marin Cultural Association | 262,879
Napa County | Arts Council Napa Valley | 140,779
San Francisco County | San Francisco Arts Commission | 883,869
San Mateo County | San Mateo County Arts Commission | 774,485
Santa Clara County | SVCreates | 1,954,286
Solano County | Solano County Arts Council | 441,307
Sonoma County | Creative Sonoma | 500,675

**Central Coast**

Monterey County | Arts Council for Monterey County | 445,414
San Benito County | San Benito County Arts Council | 62,296
San Luis Obispo County | San Luis Obispo County Arts Council | 280,393
Santa Cruz County | Arts Council Santa Cruz County | 274,871
Santa Barbara County | Santa Barbara County Office of Arts and Culture | 454,593
Ventura County | Ventura County Arts Council | 856,598

**Central Valley**

Fresno County | Fresno Arts Council | 1,018,241
Kern County | The Arts Council of Kern | 916,464
Madera County | Madera County Arts Council | 159,536
Mariposa County | Mariposa County Arts Council | 18,068
Merced County | Merced County Arts Council | 282,928
Stanislaus County | Central California Art League | 550,660
Tulare County | Visalia Arts Consortium | 479,112
Tuolumne County | Tuolumne County Arts Alliance | 54,590

**High Sierra**

Inyo County | Inyo Council for the Arts | 18,593
Mono County | Mono Arts Council | 13,616

**Los Angeles & Inland Empire**

Los Angeles County | Los Angeles County Arts Commission | 10,253,716
Orange County | Arts Orange County | 3,222,498
Riverside County | Riverside Arts Council | 2,440,124
San Bernardino County | Arts Connection | 2,192,203

**San Diego/Imperial Region**

Imperial County | North County Coalition for the Arts | 190,266
San Diego County | City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture | 3,351,786

*Yuba and Sutter Counties share one State-Local Partner.

Four counties do not have a State-Local Partner: Alpine, Glenn, Kings, and San Joaquin.
Image Captions & Data Sources

1. Image courtesy of the Alameda County Arts Commission, Annual Arts Leadership Awards Commendation Event at the Alameda County Board of Supervisors Meeting on October 1, 2019. Featured individuals from left to right - Nate Miley, Alameda County Supervisor; James Gayles, Arts Leadership Award Recipient; Margaret Thornberry, Arts Commissioner; Andrew Johnstone, Arts Commission Chairperson; Rob Jackson, Arts Leadership Award Recipient; Laura Elaine Ellis, Arts Leadership Award Recipient; Suzanne Gayle, Arts Leadership Award Recipient; Eric Murphy, Arts Commissioner; Rachel Osajima, Arts Commission Director; Melissa Wilk, Auditor-Controller/Clerk-Recorder; Richard Valle, Alameda County Supervisor; Willie Hopkins Jr., General Services Agency Director; Wilma Chan, Alameda County Supervisor; Keith Carson, Alameda County Supervisor; Kendra Barnes, Arts Leadership Award Recipient; Daniel Woldesenbet, Public Works Agency Director; Bee Chow, Arts Leadership Award Recipient; and Chris Bazar, Community Development Agency Director. Photo by Paul Kuroda.

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4. Image courtesy of Arts Council Santa Cruz County, youth participant of arts education program.

5. Data source: CA County Local Arts Agency: Impact & Local Government Funding Report, California Arts Council, 2020. (90.72% of SLP service and program attendance is free.)

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28. Visit the California Arts Council website to view an SLP directory at this URL: https://arts.ca.gov/grant_program/state-local-partnership.