

California Arts Council Grants

What We Do Not Fund



- As applicants:
 - State agencies
 - Federal agencies
 - Non-arts organizations not involved in arts activities
 - For-profit organizations
- Nonprofit organizations not in “good standing” with California Secretary of State
- Former grantee organizations not in compliance with CAC grant requirements, such as failing to submit a final report (as stipulated in grant agreement)
- Expenses incurred before the start date or after the ending date of the Grant Activity Period
- Expenses that would supplant other state funding*
- Operational, administrative, or indirect costs of schools, colleges, or universities
- Fundraising activities or services such as grant writing, annual campaigns, or fundraising events
- Lobbying activities that are intended to influence the actions, policies, or decisions of government officials or specific legislation
- Programs or services intended for private use, or for use by restricted membership (including programs that require college or university enrollment for participation)
- Projects with religious purposes
- Trusts, endowment funds, or investments
- Construction projects, purchase of land and buildings, or capital expenditures used to maintain, upgrade, acquire, or repair capital assets
- Equipment purchases (equipment rentals are eligible)
- Debt repayment
- Hospitality expenses, meals, or food
- Out-of-state travel

*Neither the award nor the match may be used to supplant other state funding, including salaries of state employees or general operating expenses of school districts, County Offices of Education, or publicly funded schools, colleges, or universities.