YBCA’s Artist Power Convenings Grant: Round 3
Grant opportunity for Artists & Artist-led Organizations

YBCA will soon be accepting proposals from within Alameda County and San Mateo County for the Artist Power Convenings, a new community investment strategy to build the capacity of artists and artist-led organizations in service of their communities.

With the Artist Power Convenings, YBCA wants to support artists getting together, virtually or in-person, to imagine, create, and lift up each other across our region. As the first initiative of its kind at YBCA, the program will continue to evolve in order to better serve Bay Area artists and artist-led organizations.

YBCA, Alameda County Arts Commission, and San Mateo County Office of Arts and Culture invites you to join us for one of the upcoming information sessions to learn more about the program:

Information sessions:
February 1st, 2022 at 6pm - Register HERE
February 3rd, 2022 at 2pm - Register HERE

Application Opens: February 15th at noon
Application Closes: March 16th at noon
Grant Amount: Up to $2,500

For more information about YCBA’s Artist Power Convenings, click HERE.

Alameda County includes the cities and communities of Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Castro Valley, Dublin, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Oakland, Piedmont, Pleasanton, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Union City, and other unincorporated areas.

San Mateo County includes the cities and communities of Atherton, Belmont, Brisbane, Burlingame, Colma, Daly City, East Palo Alto, El Granada, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, La Honda, Menlo Park, Millbrae, Montara, Moss Beach, Pacifica, Pescadero, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Bruno, San Carlos, San Gregorio, San Mateo, South San Francisco, Woodside, and other unincorporated areas.
State arts grants for Cycle A offer increased support for small organization general operations, project-based activities, and capacity building for local arts agencies.

The California Arts Council has announced the opening of its 2022 grant season, with applications now being accepted for seven grant programs during the first cycle of its funding opportunities. Additional opportunities will open this spring during Cycle B.

For more information about the 2022 Cycle A grant opportunities, including grant-specific details, dates, guidelines, and staff contacts, click HERE

Additional information for grant applicants, plus informational workshops, archived webinars and more can be found HERE

The California Arts Council is a state agency with a mission of strengthening arts, culture, and creative expression as the tools to cultivate a better California for all. The Arts Council is California’s only public arts grants provider with funding that is accessible to all 58 California counties. As a state agency, the California Arts Council developed its 2022 grant season in service of its vision of a California where all people flourish from arts access and participation, prioritizing its racial equity goals, broad geographic reach, and inclusive of extensive public input.

Center for Cultural Innovation

Grant opportunity to support professional development

The Center for Cultural Innovation's Quick Grant program awards reimbursement funds up to $600 to California artists, creatives, cultural practitioners, and cultural producers, and San Francisco/San Jose nonprofit arts administrators to participate in professional development activities that build administrative capacity, hone business skills, and strengthen the financial sustainability of the grantee’s practice, area of cultural production, or arts organization.

Who Can Apply:
- California artists, creatives, cultural practitioners, and cultural producers; and
- San Francisco and San José nonprofit arts organization staff.

Eligible Activities:
- Professional development activities that build administrative capacity, hone business skills, and strengthen the financial sustainability of the grantee’s practice, area of cultural production, or arts organization.
- Activities must begin after application notification. For example, for the upcoming February 15, 2022 deadline, the proposed activity must start on or after March 16, 2022.
- Examples include (but aren’t limited to): Conferences, convenings, festivals; Business trainings or workshops; Platform memberships; One-on-one work with
consultants, coaches, and mentors including request to bring your practice or programming online.

**Upcoming Application Deadline:** February 15, 2022

Applications are due on the 15th of the month with a one-month turnaround. Applications received after the 15th of a given month will be reviewed in the following month’s application cycle. For complete program guidelines, application form and FAQs, click **HERE**.

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**Resources for Artists and Arts Organizations**

- **Americans for the Arts**
  Federal Arts Advocacy

- **California Arts Council**
  Grant Opportunities

- **Californians for the Arts**
  News, Resources and Events

- **California Arts Advocates**
  Arts Advocacy

- **Create CA**
  Arts Education Advocacy

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