

ARTS GRANT PROGRAM EXAMPLES

CALIFORNIA CITIES: Missions, Values and Objectives

1. City of Costa Mesa

MISSION

The Arts Grant Program strives to make arts and culture opportunities accessible to the residents of Costa Mesa by providing monetary support to local and regional arts organizations, artists and teachers. The City of Costa Mesa recognizes that this is an important part of a thriving creative economy that enhances the quality of life for all residents.

Project criteria will address and support:

- Audience accessibility and a commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion
- Arts education in schools and or community settings and or lifelong arts learning opportunities for all ages
- Local and regional organizations
- Organizational capacity for arts organizations
- New and innovative arts programs and emerging organizations

2. City of Carlsbad

MISSION

Our mission supports the following values:

- Provide inclusive opportunities for arts & culture experiences for Carlsbad students and residents
- reducing/eliminating barriers for participation.
- Provide arts education and lifelong learning opportunities for all ages.
- Support local and regional arts organizations as an important component of the economy and quality of life in Carlsbad and North San Diego County.
- Support arts education in schools and through affiliated organizations.
- Develop and support organizational strength and capacity of Carlsbad arts organizations.
- Encourage new and emerging artists, arts organizations and programs in Carlsbad, CA.
- Celebrate Carlsbad as an exciting, vibrant and creative destination for residents and visitors alike.
- Acknowledge indigenous land and cultural awareness in the Carlsbad community.

3. City of Santa Ana

MISSION

The City of Santa Ana will support creative projects that explore the dynamic relationship between arts & culture and economics. This encourages nonprofit arts organizations to engage with the city's economic and cultural fabric through participatory and interactive works, inviting the community to actively reflect on and contribute to the conversation, specifically how the arts and creative industries impact the city's economic landscape, cultural identity, and community well-being.

We invite submissions from artists and arts organizations working in various mediums—visual arts, performance, music, creative writing, digital media, and more—who will not only explore the intersection of arts & culture and economics but also design projects that involve direct participation from the residents, businesses, and communities of Santa Ana.

Potential ideas to consider:

- Projects that invite the community to explore how the arts & culture drive the city's economy.
- Collaborative works that engage citizens in imagining or influencing the future development of creative spaces in the city.
- Projects that ask the community to contribute stories, images, or artifacts related to Santa Ana's cultural heritage, focusing on the role this heritage plays in tourism and the local economy.
- Interactive exhibitions or public engagements that highlight how art and culture are valued economically and socially.
- Projects that invite participation from underrepresented communities to address economic inequities in the cultural sector.

4. City of Burbank

MISSION

The Purpose of the program is to support local artists and arts organizations and to engage Burbank residents with diverse and outstanding cultural arts projects.

We encourage applications and projects that:

- Expand public access to the arts and build awareness and appreciation for the art form presented.
- Educate, entertain, and inspire participants and thoughtfully engage residents, businesses, artists, and visitors.
- Offer a wide range of creative perspectives and reflect our community's rich cultural diversity

5. City of Tracy

MISSION

City of Tracy's Re-Granting Program is now accepting applications from Tracy-based artists, arts educators, and arts organizations who seek to develop and presents projects in Tracy. Projects must be accessible to the public in the form of events and activities such as classes, exhibits, festivals, performances, screenings, readings, and workshops.

The purpose of the Re-Granting Program is to:

- Strengthen resources available to the creative community;
- Encourage and support collaborative projects;
- Promote arts education while serving diverse audiences;
- Increase public access to the arts.