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Grants for Arts Programs to Meet Human Needs
S.F. Arts Commission Awards \$145,988 to 11 Social Service Organizations

The San Francisco Arts Commission has awarded \$145,988 in Programs in the Community (PIC) grants to 11 community social service organizations for arts programs.

The organizations, which collectively serve people representing a diversity of age groups and circumstances, will use the awards to support arts workshops, projects or events for their constituents. For example, an On Lok senior day services center will work with its participants to create a mural for a backyard garden serving approximately 3700 elderly people every year, Programs for People will engage jail inmates in theater activities, public performances, and a visual arts project, and St. John's Educational Thresholds Center will offer Mission District youth after-school training in the arts, job skills and community leadership.

The PIC grants, which ranged this year from \$9,470 to \$20,000, are awarded annually by the Commission's Community Arts and Education program. The 2001-02 grantees are:

Central City Hospitality House	\$16,000
Columbia Park Boys & Girls Club	\$11,875
Continuum HIV Services	\$ 9,600
Goldman Institute on Aging	\$16,000
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To support a jail arts program providing theater and visual arts activities, culminating in public performances and exhibitions, for San Francisco County Jail inmates and ex-offenders.

Richmond District Neighborhood Center

\$11,875

To support Saturday children's workshops in multicultural visual and performing arts, culminating in an art fair.

San Francisco Ministry to Nursing Homes

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To support Art with Elders program, which offers elderly people in San Francisco's long-term care facilities opportunities to tap their creativity through professionally taught painting classes. Student works will be exhibited in a variety of public sites.

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To support writing workshops for sexual assault survivors, a public reading titled *Poets Against Rape*, and a publication of works read at that event.

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To support Urban ArtWORKS, an after-school arts, job skills and community leadership program for Mission District youth.

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