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PRESS RELEASE

San Francisco Arts Commission Awarded California Arts Council State-Local Partnership Grant

*State funds will go towards supporting racial equity work of the City's joint
Monuments and Memorials Advisory Committee.*

SAN FRANCISCO, July 18, 2022 – The California Arts Council has announced a grant award of \$65,000 to the San Francisco Arts Commission (SFAC) to support its ongoing Monuments and Memorials racial equity work, in its first round of funding for 2022.

With support from the California Arts Council, SFAC will advance the work of the [Monuments and Memorials Advisory Committee](#) in its assessment and programming of historic monuments in the Civic Art Collection. This includes determining the future of historic monuments and memorials and setting criteria and guidelines for future memorials in the City's Civic Art Collection.

"We are thrilled to receive this generous support from the California Arts Council to continue our critical racial equity work," said Ralph Remington, Director of Cultural Affairs. "With this State-Local Partnership funding, we will be able to build on the work our 16-member MMAC panel have accomplished so far, in partnership with the San Francisco Human Rights Commission and the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department."

The San Francisco Arts Commission was featured as part of a [larger announcement](#) from the California Arts Council, with grant awards for its Cycle A programming totaling more than \$31 million across more than 1,100 grants supporting nonprofit organizations and units of government throughout the state. The dollar amount already marks the largest annual investment in the California Arts Council's 46-year history.

"We are elated today to be able to say that, with this first round of funds, we are placing a historic amount of money into the very worthy hands of California's arts and cultural workforce—and with more yet to come," said California Arts Council Chair Lilia González-Chávez. "We have long since understood the value of our artists in this state, and we are incredibly grateful to our Governor and our Legislature for their support and sharing in a like-minded vision for a California where all people flourish with access to and participation in the arts."

Organizations were awarded grants across seven different program areas within Cycle A, focused on the CAC's efforts to address geographic equity, enable autonomy and sustainability for smaller organizations, and grow the strength of local arts agencies and their partnerships.

To view a complete listing of all California Arts Council grantees by county, [visit this link](#). For a complete listing of grantees by organization, [go to this link](#).

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The San Francisco Arts Commission (SFAC) is the City agency that champions the arts as essential to daily life by investing in a vibrant arts community, enlivening the urban environment and shaping innovative cultural policy. Our programs include: Civic Art Collection, Civic Design Review, Community Investments, Public Art, SFAC Galleries, and Art Vendor Licensing. To learn more, visit sfartscommission.org.

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. It supports local arts infrastructure and programming statewide through grants, initiatives, and services. The California Arts Council envisions a California where all people flourish with universal access to and participation in the arts.

Members of the California Arts Council include: Lilia Gonzáles-Chávez, Chair; Consuelo Montoya, Vice Chair; Gerald Clarke, Vicki Estrada, Jodie Evans, Ellen Gavin, Alex Israel, Phil Mercado, and Roxanne Messina Captor. Learn more at www.arts.ca.gov.

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