

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FOUNDATIONS
ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ARTS AND
ARTS EDUCATION PROGRAMS & PROJECTS**

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Funding Resources

The following are just a few of the possible foundations and organization that fund arts education in the Bay Area. The California Grantmakers Guide and the Foundation Center (citations below) offer many more option. Some of the following foundations and organizations award funds only to classified 5013c organizations (non-profits) while others will award funds directly to schools, districts and individual artists and teachers. When doing a full search make sure to read the eligibility requirements carefully.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Foundation Center
312 Sutter Street, #606
San Francisco, CA 94108-4323
Phone: (415) 397-0902, Fax: (415) 397-7670
Web Site: www.foundationcenter.org
Hours: Monday-Friday 10:00-5:00, Wednesday, open until 8:00pm
The Center is open and free to the public. No Appointment is Necessary

Guide to California Foundations

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CALIFORNIA GRANTMAKERS (unrestricted by geographical area or serving more than one area)

Bank of America Foundation

NC1-007-18-02
100 North Tryon Street
Charlotte, NC 28255
Phone: (888) 488-9802
Web site: <http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation>

The Bank of America Foundation is committed to improving lives by providing educational opportunities, building inclusive communities and promoting cultural outreach. The Bank of America Foundation has three primary areas of giving: 1. Providing educational opportunities 2. Building inclusive communities, and 3. Promoting cultural outreach. The Bank of America Foundation's commitment to providing educational opportunities is demonstrated through contributions that focus on preparing individuals to become productive employees, knowledgeable customers and participatory citizens. We place a special emphasis on student achievement in primary education and giving young children the support they need to succeed in school. The Foundation funds efforts that support literacy, school readiness, economic education, teacher preparation, need-based and merit scholarships and work readiness.

Bothin Foundation

Presidio Building 1016, Suite 300
Lincoln Boulevard and Torney Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94129-0906
Web Site: www.pacificfoundatinservices.com

The Bothin Foundation has traditionally chosen to support organizations providing direct services to low-income, at-risk children, youth and families, the elderly and disabled. To a

limited extent, grants may also be made to environmental agencies, arts organizations that serve youth predominately, and community-based capital campaigns. The Foundation prefers to make grants for capital, building, and equipment needs and adheres to the policy that a full three years elapse between grants. Grants are not made to individuals, endowment drives, events, general operating expenses, annual appeals, videos, medical research, scholarships, religious organizations, or educational institutions other than those which serve the learning disabled.

California Arts Council

1300 I Street, Suite 930

Sacramento, CA 95814

Phone: 916/322-6404

Web site: <http://www.cac.ca.gov>

The mission of the CAC is to make available and accessible quality art reflecting all of California's diverse cultures; to support the state's broad economic, educational, and social goals through the arts; to provide leadership for all levels of the arts community; and to present effective programs that add a further dimension to our cities, our schools, our jobs, and our creative spirit. This Arts In Education Program, the newest program opportunity at the CAC, is designed to expand the Council's leadership role in arts education by using artists and community arts resources in partnership with public schools. The Council's goal, like that of the California Department of Education, is the establishment of arts education for all students, including students with disabilities.

Walter and Elise Haas Fund

One Lombard Street, Suite 305

San Francisco, CA 94111-1130

Phone: 415/398-4474

Web Site: www.haassr.org

The Fund was established in 1952 by Walter and Elise Haas to provide support for charitable and cultural purposes consistent with the traditions and values that they held in regard. In creating the Fund, Mr. and Mrs. Haas sought to return to the community benefits that they felt fortunate to have enjoyed as part of their active careers. In Education, the Fund supports:

- professional development of teachers and administrators
- enhancing the teaching in K-12 public schools of three special curricular interests:
 - arts education
 - civic education
 - environmental education

Evelyn and Walter Haas Jr. Fund

One Market, Landmark, Suite 400

San Francisco, CA 94105

Phone: 415/856.1400, Fax 415/856.1500

Web site: www.haasjr.org

In 1953, Evelyn and Walter Haas Jr. started this foundation as a way to give back to their community -- the people of the San Francisco Bay Area. The Haas family's love and deep appreciation for the vitality and beauty of this place, its people and its culture are expressed through the Haas, Jr. Fund. Focusing its support in San Francisco and Alameda counties, the Haas, Jr. Fund is dedicated to celebrating and building community. This goal gives meaning and direction to all our work. We seek to create vibrant, safe neighborhoods that support the healthy development of young people and the wellbeing of their families. We also seek to

strengthen the bonds of mutual respect among people from all walks of life to pursue common interests and contribute to the larger community.

William Randolph Hearst Foundations

The William Randolph Hearst Foundations
90 New Montgomery Street, Suite 1212
San Francisco, CA 94105
Phone: 415/543.0400, Fax: 415/243.0760
Web site: www.hearstfdn.org

The charitable goals of the Foundations are essentially the same, and reflect the philanthropic interests of William Randolph Hearst – Education, Health, Social Service and Culture. Within these four areas, the Foundations assist institutions in providing opportunities to underserved and underrepresented populations. Specific guidelines for each of these funding categories have been established by the Directors of the Hearst Foundations, and are described in each section. The Hearst Foundations support programs that enrich the lives of young people by engaging them in cultural activities, primarily through arts-in-education programs. Grants are awarded to major institutions and community organizations in the arts and sciences that address the lack of arts programming in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade curricula by providing comprehensive, on-site and/or outreach education activities.

McKesson Foundation

Community Action Team Fund
One Post Street
San Francisco, CA 94104
Phone: 415/983.8673, Fax: 415/983.7654
Web site: www.mckesson.com/wt/brochure.php

The Foundation funds a variety of social, civic, and cultural projects, with priority given to: youth programs, especially those that deal with the prevention of substance abuse, development of decisionmaking skills, exploration of career directions, after school community service projects, and intergenerational programs. The emphasis is on both preteen and adolescent age groups; and emergency services for families in crisis, including emergency food programs, services for runaway youths, and shelter for mothers and their children who are in a temporary crisis situation. Grants are made to nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organizations. Grants are not made to endowment campaigns, individuals, religious organizations for religious purposes, advertising or charitable publications, political organizations, and rarely to capital campaigns, film, or research projects. Grants are made only to organizations in the San Francisco Bay area in California and in communities where McKesson operates.

Bernard Osher Foundation

909 Montgomery Street, #300
San Francisco, CA 94133

The Bernard Osher Foundation, established in 1977, seeks to improve the quality of life for residents of the San Francisco Bay Area through programs in the arts and humanities and in K-12, post-secondary, and environmental education. Bernard Osher is a businessman and community leader whose philanthropy has benefited Bay Area organizations and the people they serve for more than two decades. His wife Barbro Osher serves as President of the Foundation.

David and Lucille Packard Foundation

300 Second Street, Suite 200
Los Altos, CA 94022-3632

Phone: 650/948.7658, Fax 650/948.5793

Web site: <http://www.packard.org/index.cgi?page=home>

The Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations in the following broad program areas: conservation; population; science; children, families, and communities; arts; and organizational effectiveness and philanthropy. The Foundation provides national and international grants, and also has a special focus on the Northern California Counties of San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and Monterey. We do not accept proposals to benefit specific individuals or that serve religious purposes. The Arts Program awards grants in four distinct areas: institutional support for nonprofit arts organizations, funding to institutions that support the arts, upgrading or renovating arts facilities, and improving arts education.

SAN FRANCISCO CITY & COUNTY

San Francisco Ed Fund
47 Kearny Street, Suite 200
San Francisco, CA 94108
Phone: 415/912.2929
Web site: www.sfedfund.org

SF Ed Fund is a nonprofit, community-based organization established to help improve and support San Francisco public schools so that all students in this diverse community have the education necessary for full participation in the economic, civic, and cultural life of our society. Our range of programs encourage teacher innovation and creativity in the schools, increase the scope of educational opportunities available to students, and promote parent and community support for public education. Since 1979, the Ed Fund has channeled over \$16 million into San Francisco public schools with support from corporations, foundations, and individuals.

San Francisco Foundation
225 Bush Street, Suite 500
San Francisco, CA 94104
Phone: (415) 733-8500, Fax: (415) 477-2783
Web Site: <http://www.sff.org/>
E-mail: inq@sff.org

We reinforce communities through the thousands of grantees we support. We choose only nonprofit organizations with exemplary records for advancing social justice, promoting civic involvement, preserving the environment, enhancing public health, strengthening families, and building on diversity.

Every Child Can Learn Foundation

The Every Child Can Learn Foundation is a private, non-profit organization that works with the San Francisco Unified School District.
<http://www.sfusd.edu/ecclfext/index.html>

Reach-A-Star Foundation

To be eligible, projects must provide specific and direct benefits to students in kindergarten through 8th grade; provide specific and direct benefits to students in California's San Francisco, San Mateo, Marin, Alameda, and Contra Costa counties; and be a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization or public agency and not classified as a private foundation.
<http://www.reachastar.org/>

EAST OF SF

Berkeley Community Fund

2320 Shattuck Avenue
Suite A, Berkeley, CA 94704
Phone: (510) 843-5202, Fax: (510) 843-4421
Narsai M. David, President of the Board
E-mail: bcf@berkfund.org
Web site: <http://www.netwiz.net/~bcf/>

The Berkeley Community Fund makes grants to projects consistent with the Fund's mission. Both new and on-going projects will be considered for funding. Grants are made to entities with Federal 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. Grants may be up to \$5,000. Some examples of potential projects are as follows:

- Neighborhood improvement and community service projects
- Job training programs
- Child care programs
- Youth programs
- Welfare-to-Work assistance programs
- Community needs

Crockett Community Foundation

720 Second Avenue
Crockett, CA 94525
Phone: (510) 787-9708, Fax: (510) 787-1346
(no web site/no email)

East Bay Community Foundation

501 Wickson Avenue
Oakland, CA 94610-2727
Phone: (510) 836-3223, Fax: (510) 836-3287
Michael M. Howe, President
E-mail: info@eastbaycf.org
Web sites: <http://www.eastbaycf.org/>, <http://www.artsedeastbay.org/>.

Since 1928, the East Bay Community Foundation has provided funding to nonprofit organizations in the East Bay. Today, Foundation grants help improve the lives of children, youth and families by providing resources for education, health and human services, housing and homelessness, the arts and more. The following competitive grants are awarded:

- Mini-Grants (Education Mini-Grants and Neighborhood Mini-Grants).
- Responsive Grants
- Trustee-Approved Community Grants
- Arts Ed Grants

El Dorado Arts Council

El Dorado County Arts Council
330 Fair Lane, Building A
Placerville, CA 95667
Phone: 530/621.5350
Web site: http://www.visit-eldorado.com/arts_council.html
Email: edarts@co.el-dorado.ca.us

The El Dorado Arts Council supports the cultural development of El Dorado County by advocating for and creating the highest quality artistic and educational opportunities for residents and visitors. It serves as the County's umbrella organization for individual artists and art organizations, providing them with a variety of programs and services.

The Hayward Arts Council

22654 Main Street
Hayward CA 94541
Phone: 510/538.2787, Fax: 510/728.0178
Web site: www.haywardarts.org
Email: info@haywardarts.org

The Hayward Arts Council maintains four galleries in historic downtown Hayward. The Green Shutter Gallery and HAC offices are on Main Street between B and C Streets. The City of Hayward John O'Lague Galleria has exhibits curated by HAC. There are two "Phantom" co-op spaces on Foothill Blvd., the Phantom Fine Arts Gallery and the Photo Phantom Gallery. As an active presence for art and culture in the entire Hayward Area, The Hayward Arts Council embraces all forms of art. We offer scholarships to local high school students for excellence in fine art, writing, music and drama.

Marin Community Foundation

17 East Sir Francis Drake Blvd, Suite 200
Larkspur CA 94939
Phone: 415.461.3333, Fax: 415.464.2555
Thomas Peter, Ph.D., President & CEO
Web site: <http://www.marincf.org/>

The MCF serves diverse communities of Marin with grant programs and resources for non-profits, including the Buck Trust, Stinson/Bolinas Community Fund, Earth Every Day Fund and the Fair, Issac Fund.

Oakland Cultural Funding Program

1025 Second Avenue
Oakland, Ca 94606-2212
Phone: 510/
Web Site: <http://www.oaklandculturalarts.org/main/culturalfundingprogram.htm>

The Cultural Funding Program, a program of the Craft & Cultural Arts Department (Office of the Mayor), supports the general operations and technical assistance needs of established Oakland-based nonprofit organizations, arts projects and residencies in community settings and Oakland public schools. Funding for the Cultural Funding Program comes from the City of Oakland's General Fund, and the Program annually distributes approximately \$1.5 million in awards through a variety of funding categories.

Oakland Unified School District, Grants Office

Craft and Cultural Arts Department
1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 9th Floor, City Hall
Oakland, CA 94612
Phone: 510/238-2103, Fax 510/238-6341
Web Site: <http://grantoffice.ousd.k12.ca.us/>

Information for Oakland USD schools about:

- Funding opportunities,
- Support in grant application development, including helping to integrate grant program planning with existing district programs and initiatives,

- Coordination of district signatures and letters of support for grant applications,
- Information about existing programs throughout the district,
- District data needed for evaluation of grant funded programs.

Performing Arts of Roseville

P.O. Box 141
 Roseville, CA 95678
 916/786.7380
 Cathy Macaulay
 (916) 786-2193

Established in 1992, Performing Arts of Roseville has two programs, the Music in the Park series and Performing Arts in the Schools. The Music in the Park series typically produces five concerts in Royer Park between May and September. In the Performing Arts in the Schools program, Performing Arts of Roseville brings professional performers into the public schools and also may assist with funding performing arts for the children participate in. This non-profit volunteer group is supported by the city and several area businesses. Members also raise funds by writing grants. They hope to expand in the future to produce Theatre in the Park.

Sacramento Regional Foundation

555 Capitol Mall, Suite 710
 Sacramento, CA 95814
 Phone: (916) 492-6510, Fax: (916) 492-6515
 Web Site: <http://www.sacregfoundation.org/>
 E-mail: SRF@SacRegFoundation.org

Founded in 1983, the Sacramento Regional Foundation is a community foundation that manages over 200 charitable funds primarily benefiting residents in Sacramento, El Dorado, Placer, and Yolo counties. As one of the largest supporters of charitable and cultural activities in the region, the Foundation annually distributes approximately \$2 million in grants and scholarships from individual charitable funds. These funds support a variety of concerns in the community. The Foundation has assets of \$34 million and has distributed more than \$20 million in grants and scholarships since 1983.

NORTH OF SF

Community Foundation of Napa Valley

433 Soscol Avenue, Suite B-151
 Napa, CA 94559
 Phone: (707) 254-9565, Fax: (707) 254-7955
 Patricia Struntz, Executive Director
 E-mail: pstruntz@pacbell.net
 Web site: <http://www.cfnv.org/>

The Community Foundation of the Napa Valley (CFNV) was founded in 1994 to serve a full range of public charitable purposes primarily through establishing a community-based endowment. By developing permanent funds that will promote the health and vitality of the local nonprofit sector, CFNV will serve, in perpetuity, all area residents.

Humboldt Area Community Foundation

P.O. Box 99
 Bayside, CA 95524-0099
 Phone: (707) 442-2993, Fax: (707) 442-3811

Peter H. Pennekamp, Executive Director

Web Site: <http://www.hafoundation.org/>

E-mail: hafound@hafoundation.org

Serving Humboldt and other communities on the North Coast with grants in numerous areas of community enrichment.

Mendocino County Community Foundation

605 S. State Street

Ukiah, CA 95482-4912

Phone: (707) 468-9882, Fax: (707) 468-5529

Shelly Arcand, Administrative Coordinator

Web Site: http://www.lccf.org/membs_profiles.html

E-mail: mccf@pacific.net

Sonoma County Community Foundation

250 D Street, Suite 205

Santa Rosa, CA 95404-4773

Phone: (707) 579-4073, Fax: (707) 579-4801

Kay M. Marquet, President and CEO

Web Site: <http://www.sonomacf.org/>

E-mail: kmarquet@sonomacf.org

Our goal as a grantmaker is to provide fair and open access for the community to the resources we hold in trust. We believe that one of best ways to ensure access from all aspects of the community is to offer a grantmaking program that is relevant to organizations of different sizes, capacities and scopes of service. SCCF provides a range of grants; from small and informal grant programs available to neighborhood groups, all the way to large, focused multi-year initiatives. Grants available to the community include competitive grants, competitive scholarships, donor-advised grants and initiative grants, as described below.

SOUTH OF SF

Arts Council of Silicon Valley

Four North Second Street, Suite 210

San Jose, CA 95113-1305

Phone: 408-998-2787

Fax: 408-971-9458

Web Site: <http://www.artscouncil.org>

Email: admin@artscouncil.org

Arts Council Silicon Valley is a nonprofit organization dedicated to building community by investing in the arts. Since 1990, Arts Council Silicon Valley has awarded more than \$5,500,000 to arts organizations, artists, schools, community groups and social service agencies. We are committed to the development of a robust local arts sector celebrating the rich variety of ethnic and cultural traditions as represented among the people of Santa Clara County. Arts Council Silicon Valley is a nonprofit organization dedicated to building community by investing in the arts. Since 1990, Arts Council Silicon Valley has awarded more than \$5,500,000 to arts organizations, artists, schools, community groups and social service agencies. We are committed to the development of a robust local arts sector celebrating the rich variety of ethnic and cultural traditions as represented among the people of Santa Clara County.

Community Foundation of Silicon Valley

60 South Market Street, Suite 1000

San Jose, CA 95113-2336

Phone: 408/278.2200, Fax 408/278.0280

Community Foundation Silicon Valley is more than just a grant making organization or a depository for charitable contributions. Our goal is to build a stronger community. The Community Foundation seeks to:

- Respond to community needs;
- Convene community members, including those in the nonprofit, government and business sectors, and men and women from diverse communities;
- Be an advocate for philanthropy and nonprofits.

Los Altos Community Foundation

Community House

183 Hillview Avenue

Los Altos, CA 94022

Phone: (650) 949-5908, Fax: (650) 949-3395

Roy Lave, Board Chair

Web Site: <http://www.losaltoscf.org/>

Email: lacf@losaltoscf.org

Los Altos Community Foundation supports the community by making grants for local programs, building an endowment for the future, and managing philanthropic funding for other organizations and individuals.

Peninsula Community Foundation

1700 South El Camino Real, Suite 300

San Mateo, CA 94402-3049

Phone: (650) 358-9369, Fax: (650) 358-9817

Sterling K. Speirn, President

Web Site: <http://www.pcf.org/>

E-mail: sterling@pcf.org

Since 1964 the Peninsula Community Foundation has helped people on the San Francisco Peninsula and throughout Silicon Valley invest in Bay Area communities and beyond. The Foundation, its donors, and its partners in philanthropy provide nonprofit and public organizations with funding in support of children and families, education, housing, health and human services, the environment and community arts and culture. We serve as a means through which individuals and corporations carry out their charitable goals.

BAY AREA ARTS COUNCILS & COMMISSIONS

Alameda Arts Commission

The Alameda County Art Commission was established in 1965 by ordinance of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. The mission of the Alameda County Art Commission is to improve the quality of life in Alameda County, to encourage a thriving environment for the arts and cultural activities, to promote economic stability for Alameda County's artists and arts organizations, to promote employment situations for Alameda County artists, and to encourage the County's continuing economic development.

Northern California Council for the Arts

A California Arts Council Local Partner Serving the Citizens of Butte, Colusa and Glenn Counties.

Arts and Culture Commission of Contra Costa County

The Arts and Culture Commission of Contra Costa County (AC5) is dedicated to advancing the arts in a way that promotes communication, education, appreciation and collaboration throughout Contra Costa County so that we may grow creatively as a community that preserves and celebrates our diverse cultural expression.

Danville Arts Commission

El Dorado Arts Council

The El Dorado Arts Council supports the cultural development of El Dorado County by advocating for and creating the highest quality artistic and educational opportunities for residents and visitors. It serves as the county's umbrella organization for individual artists and arts organization, providing them with a variety of programs and services.

Humboldt Arts Council

The Humboldt Arts Council, is a private non-profit corporation, funded in part by members and the California Arts Council. Celebrating 33 Years! 1966 - 1999

Livermore Cultural Arts Council

The Livermore Cultural Arts Council was founded in 1966 as an association of educational and cultural organizations in the City of Livermore. The purpose of these organizations and of the LCAC is to promote educational and cultural activities within the Livermore community. The LCAC assists Livermore groups in presenting cultural and educational programs, studies the educational and cultural needs of Livermore, and strives to heighten community awareness and appreciation of the arts.

Marin Arts Council

To enhance the overall cultural life of Marin by serving as the central arts resource and service agency. Programs & Services include Grants to artists and community arts projects; Artists Dialogue, a quarterly journal for and by artists; Marin Open Studios; exhibits at the Frank Lloyd Wright Civic Center and other community locations; "A" is for Art, a Directory of Arts Providers and Resources for all teachers in Marin County; Scholarships, Awards and Sponsorships throughout the community; ARTSDAY at the Marin County Fair; Technical Assistance; Information and Referral.

Arts Council of Napa Valley

City of Palo Alto Arts and Culture

"To instill passion for the arts in all its forms"

Arts Council of Placer County

The Arts Council for Placer County is a not-for-profit agency involved in promoting the arts in the County of Placer. As the catalyst for the arts in the County of Placer, the arts council encourages excellence and expansion of visual, musical, theatrical, literary, media- and dance-arts endeavors. The Arts Council serves the rapid growing population of residents, businesses, artists and visitors. The Arts Council produces Perspectives, a bi-

monthly arts newsmagazine and calendar of events, covering arts and cultural related subject around the county.

San Francisco Arts Commission

This site is part of our commitment to improving San Franciscans' access to the arts. I invite you to explore these pages to learn more about the Arts Commission.

San Jose Office of Cultural Affairs

The San Jose Arts Commission promotes the development of San Jose as a regional arts center that nurtures the artistic expression of all its diverse peoples.

Arts Council of San Mateo County

This site is designed to make arts organizations and experiences more accessible to the public. It is designed to serve the membership and the public at large by offering an easy way to communicate about events and opportunities in our community.

Arts Council Silicon Valley

The Arts Council Silicon Valley champions the arts in Silicon Valley by supporting organizations and individuals to achieve and excel in artistic production and by joining with others to support and advocate for the arts in Silicon Valley.

Stockton Arts Commission

Website of the Stockton Arts Commission, the official arts promotion agency for the City of Stockton.

Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County

The purpose of the Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County is to sponsor and encourage existing and new cultural and educational activities in Santa Cruz County and surrounding areas.

Solano County Arts Council

Cultural Arts Council of Sonoma County

The Cultural Arts Council of Sonoma County stimulates and nurtures artistic enrichment, creative expression, cultural heritage and economic development through the community. The rich and diverse Sonoma County arts environment is growing rapidly, and in order to meet the needs of the many challenges, the Cultural Arts Council is committed to ensuring that the cultural arts are actively positioned and professionally represented with dedication and expertise. In partnership with the California Arts Council since 1983 our organization serves as the county-wide coordinating agency for cultural arts information programs, services, technical assistance, and communication.

Western States Federation

WESTAF, the Western States Arts Federation, is a non-profit arts service organization dedicated to the creative advancement and preservation of the arts. Focused on serving the state arts agencies, arts organizations and artists of the West, WESTAF fulfills its mission by engaging in innovative approaches to the provision of programs and services, and focuses its efforts on strengthening the financial, organizational, and policy infrastructure of the arts in the West.