

Los Angeles
County
**Arts &
Culture**



Investing in LA County's Cultural Life

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GRANT FUNDING | Since 1947, LA County has awarded more than \$80 million in grants to nonprofit arts organizations and cultural providers across the County. There is a rich diversity of organizations—they range in size, age, and focus.

ARTS EDUCATION | The Department of Arts and Culture has developed more than 70 school board-approved school district policies and strategic plans for arts education. It has granted \$5.4 million to support arts education in schools, with an additional \$14 million raised by the Arts Education Collective Funders Council for new initiatives.

COUNTY ART COLLECTION | LA County has over 400 accessioned art works that the Department of Arts and Culture manages and conserves, in an array of mediums, from renowned and emerging artists including Alison Saar, Cliff Garten, and Dora De Larios.

CIVIC ART | The Civic Art Program has completed 137 public art projects at over 90 facilities in LA County—parks, libraries, hospitals, community centers, and juvenile detention centers. This artwork includes murals, mobile and interactive sculpture, and video installations.

CAREER PATHWAYS | Nearly 2,500 interns have participated in the LA County Arts Internship Program, contributing approximately one million hours to cultural organizations in the field.

CROSS-SECTOR IMPACT | From the Department of Homeless Services to Libraries to Parks to Juvenile Services, the Department of Arts and Culture has partnered with County agencies and the private sector to develop creative solutions to civic challenges and increase access to culture.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | The Department of Arts and Culture has provided more than 2,000 professional development opportunities for the field, including individual sessions and 1,045 workshops hosted across the five County districts.

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION | Research and Evaluation helps ensure the department's programs are rooted in facts, based on evidence, and build on promising practices from the field. The division reports on aspects of the arts ecology including salaries and benefits in arts nonprofits, the relationship between arts education and creative employment, cultural equity and inclusion, and creative career pathway resources for young people in LA County.

CULTURAL EQUITY & INCLUSION | The Department of Arts and Culture released the Cultural Equity & Inclusion Initiative in 2017. This cultural plan, with 13 progressive recommendations to the LA County Board of Supervisors, ensures that everyone in LA County has equitable access to arts and culture.