

## Press Release

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### Lake County Arts Council Awarded California Arts Council Artists in Schools Grant

*State funds support P<sup>3</sup> (Poets and Poetry Program). Lake County Arts Council, in partnership with Lake County Office of Education, will provide the Poets and Poetry Program (P<sup>3</sup>), a comprehensive series of workshops teaching students how to read, write, and recite poetry culminating in live performance and career readiness for Lake County students.*

Lakeport, CA – The California Arts Council has announced a grant award of \$24,538 to Lake County Arts Council as part of its *Poets and Poetry Program (P<sup>3</sup>)* program in its second round of funding for 2022.

P<sup>3</sup> starts in January 2024 and runs over the next two years. This pilot program has teaching artists in 11th grade classrooms teaching a series of 10 (ten) one hour classes to students. Classes cover styles/genres of poetry, well known poets, diverse voices in poetry, and how to read/write/perform your own poems. Students will come out of these sessions with a greater knowledge and love for poetry, completed works of their own and potentially a resume and portfolio to start readying them for the world of work once they leave high school. We also hope this encourages students to participate in our other poetry related programs; Poetry Out Loud and our Youth Poet Laureate Program.

“It is amazing to see the support in Lake County for the Literary Arts. P<sup>3</sup> is a great opportunity where poets can share their passion and expertise directly with youth.” explained Barbara Clark, Executive Director for the Lake County Arts Council. “This is a pilot program that we hope can grow to serve all of the high schoolers in Lake County.”

Lake County Arts Council was featured as part of a [larger announcement](#) from the California Arts Council, with grant awards for its Cycle B programming totaling more than \$41 million across more than 900 grants supporting nonprofit organizations and units of government throughout the state.

All told, the projected sum of grants to be awarded for 2022’s regular program funding cycle is more than \$72 million—the biggest annual investment in the California Arts Council’s 46-year history, largely supported by the [\\$40 million one-time boost in support for the agency’s creative youth and arts education development programs](#).

“The resilience and creativity of California’s arts and cultural field in these last three years has been remarkable,” said California Arts Council Director Jonathan Moscone.

“We are proud to be able to support the great work that California's artists, culture bearers and cultural workers are doing within our communities as an indelible part of our state's identity.”

Cycle B's programs include five funding opportunities for arts education and creative youth development, and related arts workforce development. Additionally, the cycle offered funding opportunities for administering organizations to regrant funds for folk and traditional arts and individual artists fellowship programs. Operational support for statewide and regional arts service organizations and networks was also available during this round of grant funding.

To view a complete listing of all California Arts Council Cycle B grantees by county, visit [this link](#).

For a complete listing of Cycle B grantees by organization, go to [this link](#).

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Lake County Arts Council is proud to be the State Local Partner to the California Arts Council since 1981. The purpose of the Lake County Arts Council is to encourage and develop the arts and cultural activities in Lake County by coordinating, developing, sponsoring and providing assistance in all artistic and cultural endeavors.

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](http://www.arts.ca.gov).