

2025 Arts in California Parks - Implementation Grant

Parks California

Implementation Grant - Full Application

We are thrilled to invite your organization to submit a full application for the Arts in California Parks program. Final rankings will be based solely on the score received on your full application.

Full applications are due on June 13, 2025, at 5 p.m.

Project Name*

Character Limit: 100

Organization Type

Please select your organization type from the options below.

If invited to submit a full application, nonprofit organizations will be asked to upload 501c3 status letter from IRS.

Choices

501(c)3 organization

California Native American tribe

Native 7871 Organization

Fiscally Sponsored Community Organization

Local Government Agency

Grant Request Amount

Character Limit: 6

Program Goals*

What are your **goals** for the project and the participant's experience?

Character Limit: 3000

Participant Experience*

Describe what **participants might observe, interact with, and/or participate** in during the program.

Character Limit: 3000

Concept Illustrations*

Provide visual or conceptual materials to **illustrate your concept**. These materials should align with your project's current stage of development. If artists have been selected, include relevant visuals; if artists are still being identified, provide materials that represent the project's vision.

All files should be clearly labeled with your project name and organization.

File Upload Options:

- **Images/renderings:** Up to 10 high-quality images (300dpi) with descriptions. Images may include previous work samples, conceptual sketches, or relevant visual references.
- **Video Links:** Provide a video link (YouTube, Vimeo) for performance or interactive elements, not exceeding 5 minutes.
- **Portfolio or Proposal PDF document (optional):** If preferred, applicants may submit a single PDF combining images with brief descriptions instead of visual uploads.

Note: Applicants are encouraged to provide clear narrative responses in the application. Required project details – such as vision, deliverables, artist qualifications, and process – will be addressed separately in text-based questions.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Access and Inclusion*

How does your project promote **access and inclusion**?

Character Limit: 3000

Community Benefit*

How will your project directly **benefit the local community**? Directly address the ways in which your project will bring art and nature together as a catalyst for community connection, health, well-being, and/or placemaking in local parks.

Character Limit: 3000

Collaboration*

How will the project **strengthen connections and collaborations** between community organizations, community and land managers?

Character Limit: 3000

Creative Development*

How will this project support **artists' career development** and/or strengthen the **regional creative economy**? Please describe specific strategies for artist mentorship, training, and/or equitable compensation.

Character Limit: 3000

Communication Strategy*

Describe your **strategy for communicating** with your community about your program, including how you will encourage involvement or keep people informed. What specific tools (social media, printed materials, mailings, newsletters, etc.) will you use to effectively engage your audience and promote participation?

Character Limit: 3000

Project Timeline*

Please provide detailed project timeline outlining **key milestones, deadlines, and deliverables**. The timeline should indicate when major activities will take place, starting as early as October 2025.

Character Limit: 3000

Organizational Capacity*

Describe your **organization's capacity** to implement the proposed project and the principal staff involved. Detail any anticipated needs for hiring new and/or limited term staff to complete the proposed project, including the roles they would fill and how they would contribute to the project's success.

Character Limit: 3000

Key Collaborators*

List the individuals, artists, organizations, and/or vendors outside your organization who will serve as **key collaborators**. Include their name and describe their roles in this project.

Character Limit: 3000

Potential Challenges*

What are some **anticipated challenges** (internal and/or external) that your organization may encounter when implementing your project/program plan? What are potential strategies for overcoming them?

Character Limit: 3000

Maintenance

If applicable, outline your strategy for **maintaining temporary or permanent art installations**, detailing the maintenance schedule, and alternative funding sources.

Please note, maintenance costs beyond the project period are not eligible expenses for this grant.

Character Limit: 3000

Environmental Sustainability*

How, if at all, will your project support artist development of **environmental sustainability** within their practices, encourage actions to control, and offset the harmful impacts of material use or fabrication methods?

Character Limit: 3000

Additional Project Details

Use this section to share any **additional project details** not covered in the previous responses that could help evaluate your proposal.

Character Limit: 2000

One Application Per Organization Confirmation

Is your organization involved in any other Arts in California Parks grant proposals?*

If you have selected "Yes", please specify in the text box below.

Choices

Yes

No

If Yes - Your Organizations is involved in other Arts in California Parks grant proposals:

How is your organization involved in other Arts in California Parks grant proposals? Please specify.

Character Limit: 1000

Are any of your partner organizations involved in other Arts in California Parks grant proposals?*

If you have selected "Yes", please specify in the text box below.

Choices

Yes

No

If Yes - Partner Organizations are involved in other Arts in California Parks grant proposals:

How is/are your partner organization(s) involved in other Arts in California Parks grant proposals? Please specify.

Character Limit: 1000

Attachments

Partnership

List your project partner organization(s) and include the names and titles of the key people who will work closely on the project.

If invited to submit a full application, letters from your project partners explaining their roles will be required.

Character Limit: 1000

Project Partner Letters*

Provide **letters from your project partners** that detail their roles in the project, including how they will contribute to the project's success. Letters should clearly outline the nature of the partnership, the responsibilities each partner will take on, and any specific resources or expertise they will provide.

If need be, please add any additional information about your project partners in the textbox below.

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Primary Local Park

Please list the name and address of the primary local park where the project will take place.

Example: Rainbow Park, 800 Capitol Drive. Arcadia, CA, 97356

Character Limit: 250

If your program has more than one primary park location:

Please list the names and addresses of the additional local parks here.

Character Limit: 1000

Coordination with Primary Land Manager*

If you are not the primary local park land manager, please provide what type of agreement is in place between the applicant and landowner.

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Additional Park Locations (if applicable)

If your project takes place at more than one park, list the additional park names and addresses, land manager, and provide the types of agreements in place between the applicant and landowner. Please ensure these agreements are combined into a single, submittable file.

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Project Budget*

Upload a detailed **project budget** using the Arts in California Parks, Grant program budget template, which includes a built-in budget narrative section. The budget should outline all project expenses, specifying how the Arts in California funds will be used and identifying any external funding sources.

Within the **budget narrative** section of the template, provide a brief explanation for each cost category, detailing how expenses align with project objectives and distinguishing between grant-funded and externally funded costs.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Photo Release*

Provide an example of your organization's **participant photo release form**. Parks California and California State Parks may request photos of your program for reporting, marketing, and/or storytelling purposes.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Financial Documents - Statement of Financial Position*

Submit your organization's current **Statement of Financial Position** (a.k.a. Balance Sheet) by account. If you are submitting an application for a fiscally sponsored project or community organization, please also submit the Statement of Financial Position of the fiscally sponsored project or community organization.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Financial Documents - Statement of Activity*

Submit your organization's year-to-date **Statement of Activity** (a.k.a. Income Statement) by account. If you are submitting an application for a fiscally sponsored project or community organization, please also submit the Statement of Activity of the fiscally sponsored project or community organization.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Attachments, Cont. (Non-profits)

IRS Form 990*

Provide a copy of the organization's 2024 IRS Form 990. If you are submitting an application for a fiscally sponsored project or community organization, please submit the 990 of the fiscal sponsors.

If you are not able to submit the 2024 IRS Form 990, please provide the 2023 IRS Form 990 and explain why the 2024 form is not available.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Audited Financial Statements

If your organization has an audited financial statement, please submit the most recent Statement. Please note, this is not a required document. **See example of an audited financial statement here.**

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Attachments, Cont. (Fiscally Sponsored)

Fiscal Sponsorship*

If your organization is fiscally sponsored, provide a copy of a letter from your organization's fiscal sponsor to confirm that your organization/group has an active working relationship with the fiscal sponsor at the time of application.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Additional Information

Please estimate how long it took you to complete this proposal and suggest any improvements.

Your feedback will help us enhance grant cycles and will not affect funding decisions.

Character Limit: 200



Implementation Full Application Scoresheet

Scoring Category	Value %
<p>Alignment with Program Goals</p> <p>Demonstrates alignment with the <u>Arts in California Parks</u> program goals.</p>	25%
<p>Partnerships</p> <p>Partnership(s) demonstrate substantial and effective collaboration that contributes to the success of the project.</p>	15%
<p>Cultural Relevancy</p> <p>Integrates inclusive community engagement strategies in the development of art and culture programming to enhance cultural and social relevance.</p>	10%
<p>Access & Inclusion</p> <p>Projects are inclusive and accessible to all, with a focus on economic and physical access for underrepresented communities.</p>	10%
<p>Support for Artist and Creative Economy</p> <p>Supports artists through career development opportunities, including equitable compensation, mentorship, and initiatives that contribute to strengthening the regional creative economy.</p>	10%
<p>Communication and Outreach Strategy</p> <p>Conveys the effectiveness of the project’s communication and outreach strategies, including methods to engage the community, encourage participation, and keep stakeholders informed through accessible and inclusive tools and practices.</p>	10%
<p>Deliverables, Capacity, and Budget</p> <p>Details project scope, objectives, and budget, demonstrating a clear plan for execution, organizational capacity to manage the project, and effective use of Arts in California funds to achieve key milestones.</p>	20%

Bonus Scoring Opportunities	Points
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<p>Environmental Sustainability</p> <p>Promotes sustainable artistic practices and reduce the environmental impact of materials and fabrication.</p>	5
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