



# California Arts Council Grant Announcement **VETERANS INITIATIVE in the ARTS**

A grant opportunity for arts programs serving veterans, active military, and their families

**The California Arts Council**, a state agency, announces the availability of grants through its pilot Veterans Initiative in the Arts (VIA) program. VIA seeks to increase equity, access, and opportunities for veterans to participate in arts programming that is sensitive and responsive to their unique experiences. VIA provides project and partnership support for nonprofit arts organizations, local arts agencies, and veterans' assistance agencies to reach veterans, active military, and their families.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicant organizations must be one of the following:

- California-based nonprofit arts organization or local arts agency with a history of arts programming for a minimum of three years prior to the time of application.
- Veterans' assistance agencies: either a local unit of government or a California-based nonprofit organization with a primary mission of providing assistance to veterans and/or their families, and may include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - Veterans' Service Organizations, Vet Centers, local veterans' commissions, veterans' housing and medical facilities, and homeless and disabled veterans' support agencies.

## PROGRAM GOALS

### Partnerships

Increase partnerships with local veterans' assistance agencies.

### Arts Learning and Expression

Encourage and support arts learning and the artistic expression of veterans.

### Public Understanding

Contribute to public understanding of and appreciation for the diverse range of veterans' experiences.

### Access

Provide greater access to the arts for veterans, active military, and their families by reducing barriers to arts participation or exploring innovative strategies for new or increased participation.

## HOW TO APPLY

Accepting applications now!

**Application Deadline:** March 24, 2016

Program guidelines and application available at <http://arts.ca.gov/programs/via.php>

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