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California Arts Council and Yerba Buena Center for the Arts announce California Relief Fund for Artists and Cultural Practitioners

April 25, 2022 - As a response to the ongoing economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts (YBCA) and the California Arts Council (CAC) have partnered to create [The California Relief Fund for Artists and Cultural Practitioners](#). This opportunity is for individual artists based in California, with selected artists receiving an unrestricted, one-time payment of \$1,000.

Both YBCA and CAC view individual artists as the backbone of arts and culture—exhibitions and performances, educational arts programming, community-anchoring cultural enterprises, and social impact-based creative entrepreneurship—and they need financial help to remain in our communities and contribute to making the state artistically and culturally vibrant.

Grants will be distributed to reflect the cultural and geographic diversity of our golden state, including those with an artistic practice deeply rooted in historically underserved communities who are especially vulnerable financially due to this economic crisis. Although not factors in grant decisions, we strongly encourage the following to apply: Those of historically marginalized communities, which may include, but are not limited to, African and African American, Arab, Asian and Asian American, Latinx, Middle Eastern, Native American and Indigenous, Pacific Islander; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,

Queer, Transgender and Gender-Variant people; people with disabilities; women; and those who are low-income, have high debts, have difficulty obtaining or retaining sources of income, or live in rural or immigrant and refugee communities.

We encourage you to apply today! Applications will remain open through May 20th.

For more information and applications, visit : <https://ybca.org/california-relief-fund/>