

SV Creates

Grant Writing Demystified

Applying to the California Arts Council

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Resources for finding and researching grants

- Join mailing lists, so new grant opportunities come to you
 - SV Creates: <https://www.svcreates.org/contact/>
 - Silicon Valley Community Foundation: <https://www.siliconvalleycf.org/contact-us>
 - San José Office of Cultural Affairs: <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments-offices/cultural-affairs>
 - Center for Cultural Innovation: <https://www.cciarts.org/cgi/page.cgi/join.html>
 - California Arts Council: <https://arts.ca.gov/>
 - California Grants Portal: <https://www.grants.ca.gov/subscribe-to-updates/>
 - Western States Arts Federation: <https://www.westaf.org/news/>
 - National Endowment for the Arts: <https://www.arts.gov/>
 - San José Arts Advocates: <https://www.sjartsadvocates.org/>
 - Californians for the Arts: <https://www.californiansforthearts.org/>
 - Americans for the Arts: <https://www.americansforthearts.org/connect>
 - Small Business Administration: <https://www.sba.gov/>
 - California Lawyers for the Arts: <https://www.calawyersforthearts.org/>
- Watch who is funding organizations or artists that are similar to you (ie. similar art form, similar size, similar mission, similar geographic reach, similar community served)
 - Sponsor pages of programs at plays, concerts, festivals, etc.
 - Sponsor acknowledgements at galleries, museums, etc.
 - Grants and sponsorship pages of websites
- Grantmaker databases (It can be very difficult to successfully find new funders this way and you often have to pay for full access. Not recommended.)
 - Foundation Directory Online: <https://fconline.foundationcenter.org/welcome/quick-start>
 - Foundation Search: <https://www.foundationsearch.com/>
 - GrantStation: <https://grantstation.com/search/us-funders>
 - GrantScape: <https://www.thegrantscape.com/>
- If you're not sure if you're a good fit with a funder, see who they're funding already
 - Some funders will publish their current grantees on their websites
 - Look up their 990s for free on Guidestar: <https://www.guidestar.org/>