

# Arts in California Parks

## Grants Program Information

The Arts in California Parks Grants Program revitalizes local parks with diverse experiences that foster creativity, community connection, and transform them into vibrant hubs of art, culture, and nature.

In 2024, more than \$2.8 million was invested to support 31 grant recipients across California. These innovative programs will bring art and cultural activities to local parks, transforming them into dynamic spaces that celebrate California’s cultural heritage and provide memorable experiences for visitors and residents alike.

### **Regional Approach**

Parks California will use a regional approach to support equitable distribution of grant funds.

At least two projects will be funded per region shown on the 2025/26 Grants Program Regional Map. Proposals will be ranked within their region before moving to the next stage. This process will focus efforts on traditionally underrepresented regions, including the North Coast, Sacramento Valley, Sierra Nevada, Central Coast, Central Valley, Inland Desert, and California Native American tribes’ ancestral lands. The final selection process will ensure that recommendations represent regions across the state.

### **2025/2026 Grant Tracks**

Grant	Objective
Planning & Development Grants 8-month grant cycle from October 2025 – May 2026	Support early-stage project development; focus on building partnerships, artist selection and developing project plans.
Implementation Grants 12-month grant cycle from October 2025 – September 2026	Supports the execution of art and cultural programs with community engagement and a well-defined partnership.

### **Who is Eligible to Apply?**

501(c)3 organizations, California Native American Tribes, Native 7871 Organizations, Land Trusts, Fiscally Sponsored Community Organizations, Community Foundations, and Government Agencies (excluding California State Parks and Federal Lands).

In order to qualify for this grant program, projects must:

- Integrate art and nature as a catalyst for community connection in local parks.
- Be free and open to the public.

### **2025 Grant Timeline**

- Friday, March 14 at 5:00p.m.  
Letter of Intent deadline
- May 2025  
Invitations sent to approved Letter of Intent applicants to submit full proposals
- October 2025  
Grantee announcements