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**FEDERAL CARES ACT FUNDS AWARDED TO MONTEREY COUNTY ARTS ORGANIZATIONS**

**(Seaside, CA - January 12, 2020)** The Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) recently partnered with the California Arts Council to re-grant funding to local arts organizations and cultural groups serving socially vulnerable populations within our community that are not eligible for the direct stimulus CARES Act funding. The California Arts Council was awarded \$710,400 from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act via the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and distributed these funds to the 54 Arts Council's State-Local Partner grantees.

Arts4MC supports artists, programs, and organizations that preserve culture, create community, promote arts as a universal language, and stimulate the creative economy. Their overarching strategy is to advance social equity through the arts by supporting artists, programs, and organizations that are emerging, under-resourced, or underrepresented.

The Arts Council awarded these operating support funds to five organizations that are led by or serving people of color, including First Night Monterey (Monterey), Palenque Arts (Seaside), Sol Treasures, Inc. (King City), Xinampa (Salinas) and Urban Arts Collaborative (Salinas).

“Since 1985 the Arts Council has been an intermediary for our county to re-grant to local nonprofit arts organizations and cultural groups. We have extensive experience in re-granting and were pleased to partner with the state organization to provide this much-needed operating support to these local organizations. Last year, the Arts Council strengthened the ability of more than 100 artists, cultural groups and arts organizations with approximately \$400,000 in grants, to effectively serve Monterey County residents through the arts,” states Jacquie Atchison, Arts4MC Executive Director.

Please visit [arts4mc.org/grants](https://arts4mc.org/grants) for more information or future grant opportunities.

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