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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**ALAMEDA COUNTY ANNOUNCES GRANT AWARDS  
TO 157 NONPROFIT ARTS AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS**

(Oakland, CA) – Alameda County announces the distribution of \$900,000 to 157 Alameda County nonprofit arts and cultural organizations through the Arts Relief Grant Program. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act-funded grant program was established to assist organizations affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This program is managed by the Office of the Alameda County Arts Commission under the leadership of Alameda County Auditor-Controller Melissa Wilk and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

“The County recognizes that arts and cultural organizations are an essential part of our community and an instrumental aspect of our economic recovery,” said Melissa Wilk, Alameda County Auditor-Controller.

The grants were awarded to organizations throughout Alameda County and ranged in size from \$3,150 to \$15,750. All qualifying applicants were given a grant award. Award amounts were based on the organization’s operating budget size. The Arts Relief Grant Program was established to support the survival and sustainability of arts and cultural nonprofits throughout Alameda County with additional support provided to organizations located in the County’s unincorporated area. The arts and cultural organizations in Alameda County and nationally have been particularly hard hit as these venues were among the first to close and are among the last designated for re-opening. To learn more about the programs of the Alameda County Arts Commission, visit the website [www.acgov.org/arts](http://www.acgov.org/arts).

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