

San Luis Obispo Museum of Art Awarded California Arts Council Impact Projects Grant

State funds support upcoming exhibition exploring the impact of fast fashion

(SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA) – The California Arts Council has announced a grant award of \$9000 to the San Luis Obispo Museum of Art as part of its Impact Projects program in its first round of funding for 2022.

With support from the California Arts Council, the San Luis Obispo Museum of Art will present an exhibition and associated programming examining the often-negative effects of fast fashion. The exhibition will debut on December 2, 2022 and run through February 27, 2023 in the museum’s Arne Nybak Gallery.

“According to a July 2020 report by the Princeton Student Climate Initiative, the fashion industry consumes one tenth of all the water used industrially to run factories and clean products,” stated Leann Standish, Executive Director of the San Luis Obispo Museum of Art. “Our project, curated by Courtney Davis, will explore the social, environmental, and economic impacts of fast fashion.”

The San Luis Obispo Museum of Art was featured as part of a [larger announcement](#) from the California Arts Council, with grant awards for its Cycle A programming totaling more than \$31 million across more than 1,100 grants supporting nonprofit organizations and units of government throughout the state. The dollar amount already marks the largest annual investment in the California Arts Council’s 46-year history.

“We are elated today to be able to say that, with this first round of funds, we are placing a historic amount of money into the very worthy hands of California’s arts and cultural workforce—and with more yet to come,” said California Arts Council Chair Lilia Gonzáles-Chávez. “We have long since understood the value of our artists in this state, and we are incredibly grateful to our Governor and our Legislature for their support and sharing in a like-minded vision for a California where all people flourish with access to and participation in the arts.”

Organizations were awarded grants across seven different program areas within Cycle A, focused on the CAC’s efforts to address geographic equity, enable autonomy and sustainability for smaller organizations, and grow the strength of local arts agencies and their partnerships.

To view a complete listing of all California Arts Council grantees by county, [visit this link](#). For a complete listing of grantees by organization, [go to this link](#).

About San Luis Obispo Museum of Art

The San Luis Obispo Museum of Art (SLOMA) is the heart of the California Central Coast art community and a vital link to the cultural life of the region. It is dedicated to providing and promoting diverse visual arts experiences for people of all ages and backgrounds through exhibitions, education, creation, and collaboration. Located at 1010 Broad Street, on the west end of Mission Plaza in San Luis Obispo, California, admission to this 501(c)(3) public benefit nonprofit arts organization is free to all. More information can be found at www.sloma.org.

About the California Arts Council

The California Arts Council is a state agency with a mission of strengthening arts, culture, and creative expression as the tools to cultivate a better California for all. It supports local arts infrastructure and programming statewide through grants, initiatives, and services. The California Arts Council envisions a California where all people flourish with universal access to and participation in the arts.

Members of the California Arts Council include: Lilia González-Chávez, Chair; Consuelo Montoya, Vice Chair; Gerald Clarke, Vicki Estrada, Jodie Evans, Ellen Gavin, Alex Israel, Phil Mercado, and Roxanne Messina Captor. Learn more at www.arts.ca.gov.

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