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Alaska State Council on the Arts Awards Grants to Alaska Artists and Arts Organizations

The Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA) awarded over \$540,215 in grants to Alaska arts organizations and artists in its first funding quarter of the year. The grants support arts education activities, strengthening the quality of life in communities, increasing access to cultural resources, programs for underserved communities, and much more.

ASCA awarded \$398,405 in Operating Support grants, \$92,660 for Artists in Schools Round 1 grants, \$37,750 in Community Arts Development grants, \$5,900 in Career Opportunity grants and \$2,500 in Workshop grants.

One artist was added to the Statewide Teaching Artist Roster: Hanna Craig of Anchorage. The Alaska Arts and Culture Foundation also awarded \$3,000 for Helen Walker Performing Arts Fund grants.

In addition, ASCA purchased eleven new artworks created by Alaskan artists for acquisition into the Alaska Contemporary Art Bank. The Alaska Contemporary Art Bank is a collection of over 700 artworks that are lent out for display in state buildings across Alaska, as well as in the offices of our federal legislators in Washington, DC.

The Alaska State Council on the Arts is funded by the Alaska State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts, with support for arts education grants from the Rasmuson Foundation. All grant funding is contingent on the State of Alaska’s appropriation.

For a complete list of the projects, or grants by community, contact ASCA at 907.269.6610 or 1.888.278.7424. Grants are also posted at: <http://education.alaska.gov/aksca/>

Award Recipient	Community	Award
Operating Support - Annual Grants (\$67,314 awarded)		
49 Writers, Inc.	Anchorage	\$4,235
Alaska Arts Education Consortium	Juneau	\$9,600
Alaska Children’s Institute for the Performing Arts	Kenai	\$4,000
Alaska Design Forum	Anchorage	\$6,239
Alaska Youth Orchestras	Anchorage	\$2,430

Anchorage Classical Ballet Academy	Anchorage	\$4,400
Anchorage Community Theatre	Anchorage	\$7,260
Cyrano's Theatre Company	Anchorage	\$3,000
Denali Arts Council	Talkeetna	\$11,000
Fairbanks Drama Association and Fairbanks Children's Theatre, Inc.	Fairbanks	\$6,000
Fairbanks Shakespeare Theatre	Fairbanks	\$3,000
Greater Sitka Arts Council	Sitka	\$3,150
Juneau Dance Theatre Inc.	Juneau	\$3,000
Operating Support—First Year Biennial Grants (\$162,901 awarded)		
Alaska Dance Theatre, Inc.	Anchorage	\$11,506
Anchorage Concert Association	Anchorage	\$19,250
Anchorage Museum Association	Anchorage	\$21,000
Anchorage Symphony Orchestra	Anchorage	\$9,145
Bunnell Street Art Center	Homer	\$8,525
Fairbanks Symphony Association	Fairbanks	\$16,500
First City Players	Ketchikan	\$7,750
Homer Society of Natural History, Inc.	Homer	\$21,000
Juneau Jazz & Classics	Juneau	\$9,900
Ketchikan Area Arts and Humanities Council	Ketchikan	\$14,300
North Star Dance Foundation	Fairbanks	\$3,025
Perseverance Theatre, Inc.	Douglas	\$21,000
Operating Support—Second Year Biennial Grants (\$168,190 awarded)		
Alaska Arts Southeast, Inc.	Sitka	\$17,636
Alaska Junior Theater	Anchorage	\$8,450
Alutiiq Heritage Foundation	Kodiak	\$16,000
Anchorage Concert Chorus	Anchorage	\$2,640
Anchorage Opera Company	Anchorage	\$11,564
Fairbanks Arts Association	Fairbanks	\$18,920
Fairbanks Concert Association	Fairbanks	\$21,000
Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival	Fairbanks	\$14,400
Homer Council on the Arts	Homer	\$13,000
Juneau Arts & Humanities Council	Juneau	\$14,553
Juneau Symphony	Juneau	\$8,320

Kodiak Arts Council	Kodiak	\$10,600
Sitka Summer Music Festival	Sitka	\$11,107
Artist in Schools Round I Grants (\$92,660 awarded)		
Adak Public School	Adak	\$2,880
Benny Benson Secondary School	Anchorage	\$2,000
Bering Strait School District	Bering Strait School District	\$15,000
Bunnell Street Art Center	South Kenai Peninsula	\$12,000
Delta Elementary School	Delta Junction	\$2,380
Fairbanks Arts Association	Fairbanks North Star Borough	\$15,000
Gustavus School	Gustavus	\$3,480
Hoonah City Schools	Hoonah	\$5,640
Juneau Arts & Humanities Council	Juneau	\$15,000
King Cove School	King Cove	\$2,700
Kodiak Island Borough School District	Kodiak Island Borough	\$13,650
McNeil Canyon Elem School	Homer	\$2,930
Community Arts Development - 1st Quarter Grants (\$37,750 awarded)		
Alaska Center for the Book for Poems in Place	Anchorage	\$2,500
Anchorage Community Concert Band	Anchorage	\$500
Anchorage Museum Association	Anchorage	\$5,000
Beringia Center of Culture & Science - Kawerak	Nome	\$5,000
Museums Alaska	Homer	\$4,000
Palmer Museum of History & Art	Palmer	\$3,000
Peninsula Artists in Motion Dance Company	Kenai	\$2,000
Seldovia Arts Council	Seldovia	\$3,500
Southeast Alaska State Fair	Haines	\$750
The Island Institute, Inc.	Sitka	\$5,000
Valley Performing Arts, Inc.	Wasilla	\$3,000
Wrangell Mountains Center	Kennicott	\$3,500
Career Opportunity - 1st Quarter Grants (\$5,900 awarded)		
Carmel Anderson	Ketchikan	\$910
Constance Baltuck	Juneau	\$750
Barbara Craver	Juneau	\$820
Olena Kalytiak Davis	Anchorage	\$840

Eleanor Jensen	Anchorage	\$1,000
Mary MacNaughton	Juneau	\$580
Peter Porco	Anchorage	\$1,000
Workshop – 1st Quarter Grants (\$2,500 awarded)		
Alaska Photographic Center	Anchorage	\$1,000
Alaska Watercolor Society	Anchorage	\$1,500
AACF Helen Walker Grants (\$3,000 awarded)		
Anchorage Community Concert Band	Anchorage, Seward	\$1,000
Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival	Fairbanks, Salcha, Kenny Lake, Delta, Bethel, Denali, Ester, Minto/Manley	\$1,000
Southeast Alaska State Fair	Haines, Klukwan, Skagway, Gustavus, Craig, Wrangell, Petersburg, Hoonah, Sitka, Ketchikan, Juneau	\$1,000
Alaska Contemporary Art Bank Acquisitions		
Deland Anderson	Homer	
Wayde Carroll	Anchorage	
Julie Drake	Anchorage	
Annie Duffy	Fairbanks	
Peter Lind	Homer	
Gail Niebrugge	Palmer	
David Rosenthal	Cordova	
Maria Shell	Anchorage	
Mary Stroud	Barrow	
Mark Tetpon	Eagle River	
Sheila Wyne	Anchorage	

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The mission of the Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA) is to foster the development of the arts for all Alaskans through education, partnerships, grants and services.

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