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ANNOUNCING the KDA CREATIVE CORPS

Enrich life in Central California through the ARTS

The KDA Creative Corps is a project of KDA, funded through a \$4.2 million grant from the California Arts Council.

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Kern Dance Alliance receives \$4.2 million to support the arts in Central California

KDA selected to administer the California Creative Corps in region

Bakersfield, Calif. (Sept. 7, 2022) – [Kern Dance Alliance](#) (KDA) announced today that it was awarded \$4,223,447 by the [California Arts Council](#) (CAC) to administer the [California Creative Corps](#) program throughout the Central Valley and Eastern Sierra region of the state.

The California Creative Corps is a pilot program designed to promote community and civic engagement, spread awareness about water and energy conservation, climate change, emergency preparedness, relief and recovery through the arts. Thirteen organizations, including KDA, were selected statewide to regrant funds in their region to arts and social service organizations, individual artists, and cultural workers.

“We are ecstatic to help pilot the California Creative Corps and support the social, cultural, economic, and physical well-being of our communities,” said KDA President, Andrea Hansen. “This investment is a monumental occasion, and we’re excited to work with the artists, organizations and creatives who are improving health and quality of life in Central California, one of our state’s most disadvantaged regions.”

The KDA Creative Corps will regrant funds to arts and social service organizations, individual artists, and cultural workers throughout 14 counties in the Central Valley and Eastern Central region of the state. From south to north, they include Kern, Kings, Tulare, Inyo, Fresno, Madera, Mono, Merced, Mariposa, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, San Joaquin, Calaveras and Amador counties.

The \$4.2 million California Arts Council grant will be used exclusively for regranting and administration of the KDA Creative Corps. It will not be used to fund KDA’s existing programs,

which will continue to operate alongside the KDA Creative Corps. KDA will continue to need funding and community support to meet its daily and annual operating needs.

“KDA has pioneered creative and innovative ways to enrich our community through the arts for almost a decade,” said Assemblyman Vince Fong. “Their selection to help pilot the California Creative Corps is recognition of their leadership and capability to create true impact. I look forward to seeing how the KDA Creative Corps helps improve the quality of life for everyone living in the Central Valley and Eastern Sierras.”

KDA will release a Notice of Funding Opportunity and solicit grant proposals for the KDA Creative Corps beginning in Fall 2022. Individuals and organizations interested in learning more about the KDA Creative Corps can sign up to receive email updates at KDACreativeCorps.org.

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ABOUT KERN DANCE ALLIANCE

Kern Dance Alliance (KDA) is a nonprofit advocacy organization that offers arts-related opportunities throughout the Central Valley. Since 2015, KDA has supported the arts through grantmaking, programs, and services. KDA services provide social, emotional, physical, and financial support for creatives and the greater Kern County community.

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