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Jurupa Area Recreation & Park District Receives Arts in California Parks Grant

Jurupa Area Recreation & Park District awarded funding from Arts in California Parks initiative, joining statewide movement to expand arts access in parks

Jurupa Valley, Calif. — **Jurupa Area Recreation & Park District** today received **$25,000** in grant funding from Arts in California Parks, a partnership between California State Parks, the California Arts Council and Parks California to support artists, culture bearers, California Native American tribes and local groups in creating art and cultural experiences in outdoor spaces.

Launched in 2024 and managed by Parks California, Arts in California Parks grants initiative expands access to the arts in outdoor spaces, supporting artists, California Native American tribes and local groups to help keep parks welcoming and inclusive for all. The five-year pilot initiative has invested more than $8.2 million to support 94 organizations and more than 300 community arts events across California. Projects show how arts and culture can transform parks into vibrant gathering spaces, celebrating local histories, elevating Indigenous and community knowledge, supporting artists and culture bearers and creating new ways for Californians to experience and connect with parks.

"We are thrilled to have been awarded the "Arts in California Parks Grant," said **Colby Diuguid, General Manager of Jurupa Area Recreation & Park District**. "At **Jurupa Area Recreation & Park District**, we understand the importance of helping more Californians connect with nature, with one another and with the shared stories that make our state so special."

"At Parks California, we believe public lands are for everyone," **said Kindley Walsh Lawlor, CEO and president, Parks California.** "At the heart of Arts in California Parks is connection

and belonging. By supporting artists, culture bearers and communities, the program has and continues to help make every park a place where creativity flourishes and every visitor can feel welcome. We're grateful for this partnership that has helped shape a future where arts and nature go hand in hand across the state."

Throughout the year, **Jurupa Area Recreation & Park District** will:

- **Develop the New Jurupa Multi-Cultural Festival:** Begin planning and establishing the Jurupa Multi-Cultural Festival as a new community event focused on celebrating the diversity, traditions, heritage, and cultural identity of Jurupa Valley residents.
- **Promote Participation in the Jurupa Cultural Festival:** Encourage local cultural groups to participate in the Jurupa Cultural Festival by providing information about vendor opportunities, performances, exhibits, and other ways to showcase their traditions and contributions to the community.
- **Build Partnerships for the Multi-Cultural Festival:** Collaborate with local organizations, community leaders, schools, businesses, and cultural representatives to identify potential partners, performers, exhibitors, and sponsors for the new festival.

Learn more about the funded projects at **Parks.ca.gov/Arts**.

About Arts in California Parks
Launched in 2024, Arts in California Parks was developed in partnership with California State Parks, the California Arts Council and Parks California. The program aligns with statewide initiatives including Outdoors for All which was signed into law in September 2026, and California State Parks' Reexamining Our Past Initiative. By leveraging public and private partnerships, the program increases access to the arts and reduces barriers for participation in parks. Through grants, Arts in California Parks supports culture bearers, tribes and local nonprofit organizations to create community art experiences that are accessible and inclusive.

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About Jurupa Area Recreation & Park District
The Jurupa Area Recreation and Park District ("JARPD") was formed in 1984. Our charter was simple: To provide parks and recreational facilities for current and future families in the 91752 and 92509 zip code areas. (Map)

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The California Department of Parks and Recreation, *popularly known as State Parks, and the programs supported by its Office of Historic Preservation and divisions of Boating and Waterways and Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation provides for the health, inspiration and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation. Learn more at parks.ca.gov.*

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About California Arts Council
Culture is the strongest signifier of California's identity. As a state agency, the California Arts Council supports local arts infrastructure and programming statewide through grants, programs and services. The agency's mission is to strengthen arts, culture, and creative expression as the tools to cultivate a better California for all. Learn more: arts.ca.gov.

About Parks California
Parks California, created by the State of California to expand the reach and impact of its parks system, strengthens our public lands and inspires all people to experience these extraordinary places. As a public-private partner, we work alongside California State Parks, public lands agencies, tribal nations, community and nonprofit organizations to design solutions that make these spaces more inclusive, climate-resilient and sustainable. Together, we're advancing a new partnership model that supports healthy communities and ecosystems to meet the needs of a changing California.

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