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**CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS \$400,000 IN
CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS TO FOUR ARTS ORGANIZATIONS**

LOS ANGELES — The California Community Foundation (CCF) awarded nearly \$400,000 to four midsize, ethnic-specific, community-based arts and cultural organizations to help them become more effective and sustainable nonprofits. Each grant is about \$100,000 over two years and is part of the foundation's partnership with the James Irvine Foundation's Communities Advancing the Arts initiative to support regional arts efforts.

"These grants will help these groups develop their leadership, become more efficient and manage growth," said Antonia Hernández, president and CEO at the foundation. "That, in turn, will lay the groundwork for a thriving arts community in L.A."

Grant recipients are: **FilAm Arts**, to strengthen its leadership sustainability and increase resource development; **Khmer Arts Academy**, to strengthen its board and expand its programs; **The Robey Theatre**, to create a strategic plan, strengthen board governance, train staff and improve its technology; and **Social and Public Art Resource Center**, to strengthen its board and staff and improve organizational efficiency. A more detailed list of the grant recipients is below.

Founded in 1915, the California Community Foundation is one of the leading philanthropic organizations in Los Angeles County, managing more than \$1 billion in assets. Each year, it gives out more than \$100 million in grants to invest in the future of our local communities. The foundation partners with individual donors and actively supports nonprofit organizations to address diverse and dynamic needs of our communities. The expertise and commitment of CCF enables individuals, families and organizations to fulfill their charitable goals and dreams. To learn more, visit the foundation's Web site at www.calfund.org.

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SUMMARY OF GRANTS

Name of Organization	Mission & Area Served	Grant Amount	Purpose
FilAM Arts	<p>Advances understanding of the arts and cultural heritage of Filipinos in the U.S.</p> <p>Metro L.A.</p>	\$100,000	Two-year grant to provide leadership training and skill building for board and staff and increase resources to generate income.
Khmer Arts Academy	<p>Promotes Cambodian arts and culture and works with youth through the arts.</p> <p>Long Beach</p>	\$100,000	Two-year grant to create and implement a board expansion and development plan; and develop a teaching-artists residency.
Robey Theatre Company	<p>Promotes plays written by, for or about the Black experience and nurtures Black artists and writers.</p> <p>Metro L.A.</p>	\$99,985	Two-year grant to create a strategic plan, create new board committees, improve staff capabilities and upgrade computers.
Social and Public Art Resource Center (SPARC)	<p>Promotes public art as an organizing tool for addressing issues, fostering cultural understanding and promoting civic dialogue.</p> <p>Metro L.A.</p>	\$100,000	Two-year grant to revitalize board, create a succession plan and hire two additional staff members.
Total		\$399,985	

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