Nevada County Arts Council, by resolution of Nevada County Board of Supervisors, is State-Local Partner with California Arts Council. We facilitate collaborative efforts that promote and sustain the visual, literary, and performing arts of Nevada County in order to advance the cultural, social, and economic life of our community.

**INCOME**

- State Funds: 47%
- Individual & Business Contributions: 18%
- School Districts (matching funds): 18%
- Other Agency Grants: 9%
- Admissions & Ticket Sales: 8%

**EXPENSES**

- Artists & Artists-in-Residence: 37%
- Program Expenses: 33%
- Personnel & Administrative: 30%

**ON THE COVER**

A full house at California Arts Council’s public meeting in June 2018, hosted by Nevada County Arts Council at the Miners Foundry Cultural Center in Nevada City. Photo: Kial James.

**KEY PEOPLE**

**2018 Board Members**
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- Eliza Tudor

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- Lissa Newton
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**Belonging**
- Ruth Chase
- Radu Sava

**Image Nation**
- Michael Llewellyn

**Picture This**
- Michael Llewellyn

**Yuba Lit**
- Rachel Howard

**Nevada County Poet Laureate**
- Molly Fisk

**Poetry Out Loud**
- Steve Hansen
- Chris Olander
- Julie Valin

**Dream A Difference**
- Chris Olander
- Kirsten Casey

**Truckee Arts Alliance**
- Lauren O’Brien
- Sara Smith
As we embrace all that 2019 promises, we also reflect upon a richly rewarding year past and the heroic support we’ve received from our community. During 2018 Nevada County Arts Council continued its unique programming; its support of artists, arts organizations and businesses; and was true to its aim to benefit the lives of those who live in our mountain home.

From providing hundreds of low income school children with free access to arts education; to exhibiting the photography of local veterans and creating our first online gallery to display and sell their work; to publishing our second annual Nevada County Visual Artist and Gallery Guide highlighting almost two hundred artists; to displaying the work of over thirty artists for our seminal ongoing program, Belonging, and to producing a film which has now screened at two important film festivals—these are just a few ways we’ve been ever present.

During 2018 we worked with Americans for the Arts to initiate the first countywide economic impact study of the arts, surveying close to a hundred entities engaged in arts programming, and over a thousand audience members. We simultaneously surveyed every public school in Nevada County in order to highlight creative flagship programs and identify gaps in standards or issues of access.

These surveys are a key component of countywide cultural planning. They recognize that Nevada County is unique in California as the only rural county home to two state-designated California Cultural Districts—Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District and Truckee Cultural District. They take into account the support for, and reinvigoration of, arts education in our schools—as well as the economic value of art and culture. In the context of planning, our surveys will assist local leaders across all sectors in making decisions that will affect future generations, our quality of life, the livability of our region, and the likelihood of investment in it in years to come.

Planning ahead, knowing that the California Cultural District Program is opening the doors to increased competition and brand new districts, we ask ourselves and you: what do we want and how do we make this happen?

As we complete the final touches of our 2018 Annual Report, we are close to publishing a very special digital map of our county’s cultural assets, and in early spring we’ll be publishing our Schools State of the Arts Report and launching our Nevada County Arts Economic Impact Study. With these tools we’ll be able to look more closely at our creative people, organizations, businesses and neighborhood resources—and how they connect with each other. So, too, our historical places and sacred spaces. With planning, we’ll be better placed to protect and nourish them, and to consider our home as both a place to live and a thriving destination.

Stay with us on this journey. Know how grateful we are for your support, companionship and participation. As you invest in our future, we invest in yours!

Eliza Tudor  
Executive Director

Jon Blinder  
Board President
BELONGING
During 2018 we worked with Artist-in-Residence, Ruth Chase, to complete a documentary film and community exhibition, together with a year’s worth of public art making workshops and dialogue. “Belonging”, the film, was celebrated at Nevada City Film Festival and the Wild & Scenic Film Festival. Now in year two of Belonging, I AM HERE explores how women find and maintain their sense of belonging in our changing rural landscape and by June, we’ll be mounting a public installation in downtown Nevada City.

YUBA LIT
This important reading series continues to thrive under its founder and producer Rachel Howard. Yuba Lit fosters our literary community by drawing on the wealth of serious writers who live here and on new perspectives and influences from Sacramento, the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond. During 2018 Yuba Lit presented nine accomplished Nevada County authors and celebrated five important authors from across California and beyond. Yuba Lit maintains a strict code of access to ensure a No One Turned Away For Lack Of Funds Policy.

NEVADA COUNTY COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
Each year Nevada County Arts Council, in partnership with InConcert Sierra, co-chairs an Arts & Culture induction for new and emerging leaders across all sectors. We offer an overview of regional arts infrastructures, their programmatic diversity and our unique place in California. Up to thirty of our regional arts leaders participate in panels, presentations and Q&A. New leaders participate in site visits—and a bit of improv—while learning about the social and economic value of the arts are and the impact it has on our local culture and lifestyle.

IMAGE NATION
Under national award-winning photographer Michael Llewellyn, we presented the work of nine veterans for a four-month exhibition at the Eric Rood Center in Nevada City, while creating an online e-commerce gallery where our veteran alumni can display and sell their work, with all profits benefiting them. We thank Larry and Brenda Hoyle for their generosity in funding this important phase of Image Nation, ensuring its legacy in perpetuity.

SIERRA POETRY FESTIVAL
In 2018 we presented our 2nd Annual Sierra Poetry Festival in capping National Poetry Month in the Sierra. National Book Award for Poetry prize-winner Robin Coste-Lewis attended as our keynote speaker alongside local, national and international poets, performers and presenters, and youth voices. Sierra Poetry Festival will again present poets, critics and visionaries for readings, slams, workshops, discussion and youth voices on April 27, 2019 at Sierra College.

NEVADA COUNTY VISUAL ARTIST & GALLERY GUIDE
During 2018 we published our second annual Nevada County Visual Artist & Gallery Guide, in collaboration with Sierra FoodWineArt. Our guide promotes approximately 200 local artists—whether in collectives, galleries or individual studios—from here to Reno, Chico, Sacramento, San Francisco, Napa, Sonoma and beyond.
NEVADA COUNTY POET LAUREATE PROGRAM
Designed to promote literacy and an appreciation of poetry in Nevada County, poet Molly Fisk held bi-monthly Poetry Hours in cafes and community spaces, free and open to the public. She continues to write poems to mark key community events and engaged the community in conversation in multiple ways. Molly also represents local writers as a headliner poet at Sierra Poetry Festival which—for the coming year—implies a “Passing of the Laurels” ceremony after two years of true community service.

STATE OF THE ARTS EDUCATION SURVEY
During 2018 we conducted a survey of all Western Nevada County public schools TK-12, in collaboration with Nevada County Superintendent of Schools and our School Districts. Our survey highlights unique and creative flagship programs, while identifying gaps in standards or issues of access, and is a key component of countywide cultural planning. It highlights the need for support for—and reinvigoration of—arts education in our schools.

TRUCKEE ARTS ALLIANCE
During 2018 we became fiscal sponsors for Truckee’s arts advocacy organization, Truckee Arts Alliance. Truckee Arts Alliance, in collaboration with Truckee Public Arts Commission, the Town of Truckee and Truckee Chamber, forged a successful application to the state for California Cultural District designation. Truckee Arts Alliance continues to support advocacy efforts for the arts community in Truckee, meeting monthly.

BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOPS
During 2018 we held three consecutive series of Business Engagement Workshops in collaboration with Nevada City Chamber of Commerce and Grass Valley Downtown Association. These were designed to better prepare our downtown merchants for our California Cultural District recognition, and to assist in more strategic marketing and social media use.

During the pilot phase of the California Cultural District Program Nevada County Arts Council has been hard at work supporting both Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District and Truckee Cultural District. Branding, marketing, surveying and public engagement continue as priorities, and in early 2019 we’ll be launching our Nevada County Arts Economic Impact Study in partnership with Americans for the Arts, our State of the Arts Education Survey, and our digital map of Nevada County’s cultural assets. Watch this space!
Altai Sierra School  
Art Works Gallery  
Bell Hill School  
Blue Oaks Farm  
BriarPatch Co-Op  
California Arts Council  
Chamis Youth Center  
Chicago Park School  
Clear Creek School  
Coldwell Banker Grass Roots Realty  
Cottage Hill School  
Deer Creek School  
Dignity Health  
Economic Resource Council  
Federal Inmates who Participated in ACTING UP  
Fidelity Brokerage Services  
Flour Garden Bakery  
Forest Charter School  
Gold Miners Inn  
Grass Valley Courtyard Suites  
Grass Valley School District  
Grass Valley Downtown Association  
Grass Valley Summer School and After School Programs  
Grizzly Hill School  
House of Print & Copy  
Jacobson Chiropractic  
Java John's  
Lyman Gilmore School  
Magnolia School  
Miners' Foundry  
Morrisson Hotel Gallery  
Nevada City Film Festival  
Nevada City School for the Arts  
Nevada County Facilities Management Division  
Nevada County Library  
Nevada Union High School District  
Peace Lutheran Church  
Penn Valley School District  
ReadySprings After School Programs  
Scotten School  
SevenHills School  
Sierra Montessori Academy  
Sierra Theatres  
SPD Markets  
Students of Washington and Grizzly Hill Schools  
The Book Seller  
The Stonehouse  
Three Forks Bakery & Brewery  
Union Hill School  
Volf Bros Automotive  
Washington School  
Williams Ranch School  
Womens Writing Salon  
Yuba River Charter School  
Zuri Coffee Company  
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Julia Amral  
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Jan Arsbuckle  
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James Berardi  
Melissa Berry  
Rick Berry  
Jeanine Billingham  
Valerie Birkoff  
Jude Bischoff  
Susan and Peter Blatchley  
Jon Elder  
Eileen Blodgett  
Carolyn Bloom  
Gretchen Bond  
Melinda Booth  
Lucy & Michael Botrell  
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Ryan Boudeaux  
Ruth Chase Boudreaux  
Sandra Boyd  
Wayne & Cindy Bradford  
Julie Bramkamp  
Catrinne Bramkamp  
Robert Branstorn  
Deborah Bridges  
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Lisa Calder  
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Colleen Chapman  
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Tom Coleman  
Jonathan Collier  
Liz Collins  
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Sharon Connor  
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Teena Coker  
Shelley Covert  
Virginia Covert  
George Crezee  
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Kim Culbertson  
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Colleen Dalton  
Steve Danner  
Hilary Dart  
Thomas Davis  
Lorena Davis  
Travis Davis  
Charles Dayton  
John Deadrick  
Eve Diamond  
Richard Downes  
Justin Drinkwater  
Jody Druze-Faker  
Laurence Dulmage  
Jeanne Durst  
Marc and Dick Ehlers  
William Ellerby  
Shanti Emerson  
Annika Emerson  
Tori England  
Charles and Gail Entrekine  
Jill Erickson  
Kimberly Ewing  
Charlie Faber  
Flo Fahrenheit  
Ivan Farmer  
Faerthen Felix  
Rod Fivelstad  
Sherry Flanagan  
Beth Frier  
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Deb Foxen  
Eric and Lorrie Fredericksen  
Karyn Sargans Fritz  
William Gainer  
Desmond Gallagher  
Sylviane Gaumer  
Celeste Generaux  
Janice Goldie George  
Laura Gerhart  
Lorraine Gervais  
Ken Getz  
Elizabeth Gillogly  
Dana Gioia  
Lance Goddard  
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Kristanne Heaton  
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Diane Helms  
Ann and Bill Hendricks  
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Catherine Lambert  
George Landsburg  
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Jonathan Lee  
Allison Lehman  
Cynthia Levesque  
Howard Levine  
SK Lindsey  
Gail Lipson  
Bo Littig  
Heather Llewellyn  
Michael Llewellyn  
Susan Lobb-Porter  
Jesse Locks  
Betsy Lombard  
Nancy Tieklen Lopez  
Heidi Lys  
Heather Madison  
Jill Mahanna  
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JoAnne Marie  
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Audrea Marshall  
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Luanne McKinnon  
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Carol Menaker  
Joey Merhotz  
Ken Meyers  
Susan Michalski  
Susan and Sharone Miller  
Margie Miller  
Steve Monaghan  
Amo Monax  
Sheriff Shannan Moon  
Indigo Moor  
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Coline Negrete  
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Bill and Paula Newton  
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Lisa Nowlan  
Jim O'Brien  
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Jude and Tom O'Toole  
Sharon O'Hara  
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Marla Weis  
Denise Wey  
Yolande Wilbur  
Mark Wilcox  
Juliette Morris Williams  
Peter Wilson  
Pamela and Tom Wolfe  
David Wong  
Alisa Wood  
Peggy Wright  
Kate Vernesi  
Janet Zeenip  
Bernie Zimmerman
ARTS EDUCATION IN CLASSROOM SETTINGS

During 2018 we worked with our teaching artists and coaches to partner with these schools and learning centers, thanks in part to matching funds from the California Arts Council:

- Bear River High School
- Bell Hill Academy
- Bitney College Prep
- Charis Youth Center
- Ghidotti Early College High School
- Grizzly Hill School
- Margaret G Scotten Elementary School
- NEO Youth Center
- Nevada Union High School
- Ready Springs School
- Sierra Academy of Expeditionary Learning
- Washington School
- Williams Ranch Elementary School

We created model arts lessons for 1st graders and served over 700 low-income 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade students weekly through seriously fun, creative lessons combining Visual Arts Standards and academic curriculum in science, math, English and social studies.

We provided professional development to entire school staffs on integrating arts into their classrooms.

We piloted Dream A Difference, coaching middle school students in poetry and connecting them with students in Uganda and Bangladesh. From among the smallest school districts in the US our students now form part of an emerging global community of young people who are gaining awareness and learning empathy for the way others live and, in the spirit of sharing the poetry they write in the form of song and recitation, will share their own experience of life in rural California.

Through Poetry Out Loud we exposed high school students to a National Recitation contest that, for us, begins right here in Nevada County classrooms, helping them master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about literary history and contemporary life.

We collaborated with NEO Youth Center to provide afterschool classes for middle and high school students in music, photography, painting and film making.

Through Picture This, we worked with Charis Youth Center to develop lesson plans and a project evaluation matrix towards a 30-week curriculum for young people whose lives have been affected by the juvenile justice system.

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BECOME A MEMBER

Members are the backbone of the Nevada County Arts Council. Please join us.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS
- Individual $40
- Family $60
- Business $100

VOLUNTEER

Our volunteer positions are as varied as our volunteers. Anyone of any age can become a volunteer at Nevada County Arts Council. We personalize our volunteer work based on your skills and your interests.

Nevada County Arts Council is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization and your contributions are tax-deductible by law. For your records, our Employment Identification Number (EIN) is 27-0314493.