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## **More Than \$82 Million Awarded for Arts Projects Nationwide**

*Includes \$10,500 awarded to Community Coalition*

**LOS ANGELES**—National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Jane Chu has approved more than \$82 million to fund local arts projects across the country in the NEA’s second major funding announcement for fiscal year 2017. Included in this announcement is an Art Works award of \$10,500 to Community Coalition to host its annual all-day music and art festival, South LA Power Fest, which acts as a platform for South LA residents, artists and activists to connect and leverage art and music to create transformative change.

The NEA received 1,728 Art Works applications and will make 1,029 grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000. “The arts reflect the vision, energy, and talent of America’s artists and arts organizations,” said NEA Chairman Jane Chu. “The National Endowment for the Arts is proud to support organizations such as Community Coalition, in serving their communities by providing excellent and accessible arts experiences.”

Since 2012, Community Coalition has organized its “South LA Power Festival” free summer concert at Martin Luther King Jr. Park in South LA. Over 1,500 residents attend this all-day festival to enjoy live music, experience art installations curated by local artists, and join discussions about creating the changes residents envision for their community. The goal of Power Fest is to use art as a tool to educate, inspire, activate, and on-ramp thousands of South LA residents into a social and racial justice movement.

To join the Twitter conversation about this announcement, please use **#NEASpring17**. For more information on projects included in the NEA grant announcement, go to [arts.gov](http://arts.gov)

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**About Community Coalition:**

Community Coalition works to help transform the social and economic conditions in South LA that foster addiction, crime, violence and poverty by building a community institution that involves thousands in creating, influencing and changing public policy.