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Community Coalition to Receive \$15,000 Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts

LOS ANGELES — National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Jane Chu has approved more than \$80 million in grants as part of the NEA’s second major funding announcement for fiscal year 2018. Included in this announcement is an Art Works grant of \$15,000 to Community Coalition for 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 Art Works category is the NEA’s largest funding category and supports projects that focus on the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement with diverse and excellent art, lifelong learning in the arts, and/or the strengthening of communities through the arts. “The variety and quality of these projects speaks to the wealth of creativity and diversity in our country,” said NEA Chairman Jane Chu. “Through the work of organizations such as Community Coalition in South Los Angeles, NEA funding invests in local communities, helping people celebrate the arts wherever they are.”

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.

For more information on projects included in the NEA grant announcement, visit arts.gov/news.

ABOUT COMMUNITY COALITION:

For nearly 28 years, Community Coalition has provided a hub to elevate South LA’s voice and empower residents to take control over the future of their neighborhoods. Community Coalition works with residents to build a prosperous and healthy South LA with safe neighborhoods, quality schools, and a strong social safety net. The Coalition continues to work on positive economic development that reduces crime, poverty and substance abuse in South LA through resident organizing, direct advocacy and community support services.

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