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UCR ARTS RECEIVES GRANT AWARD FROM CALIFORNIA HUMANITIES

(RIVERSIDE, CALIF.) — California Humanities has recently announced the California Documentary Project grant awardees. UCR ARTS has been awarded \$15,000 for its OFF THE BLOCK summer documentary workshop.

The California Documentary Project (CDP) is a competitive grant program of California Humanities. CDP grants are awarded to support film, audio, and interactive media projects that add a new layer to a complex and growing portrait of California. Since 2003, California Humanities has awarded more than \$5 million in research and development, production, and public engagement grant awards to media makers who go deep and reach broadly to capture California in all its complexity.

Off the Block is an award-winning media literacy and documentary summer filmmaking workshop that started at UC Riverside ARTS in direct response to the profound need for youth arts initiatives in the Riverside, CA area. 2022 marks the 13th year of the program, with the current workshop titled *Conserving California* running in person at UCR ARTS July 5th through July 29th, 2022. During the workshop, students propose and produce a short-form documentary about local social, cultural, or natural history and think through how documentary films conserve and amplify those stories and histories. Off the Block is offered free of charge and the necessary filmmaking tools and supplies for documentary filmmaking are provided to students. Past students have won awards and received recognition from several film festivals and media organizations such as Sundance, PBS SoCal, Palm Springs International Film Festival and Adobe Youth Voices.

Program Director Nikolay Maslov remarks, “Students develop critical thinking, problem-solving, collaborative and team building skills, as well as positive self-expression through the arts.”

“The projects we are supporting through this year’s California Documentary Project grants represent the richness and range of our state and its people,” said Julie Fry, President & CEO of California Humanities. “We had such a large number of excellent proposals submitted and are pleased to be able to offer support to deserving projects such as OFF THE BLOCK that offer relevant, powerful, meaningful ways to connect and help us better understand the human condition.”

California Humanities, a nonprofit partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities, promotes the humanities – focused on ideas, conversation and learning – as relevant, meaningful ways to understand the human condition and connect people to each other in order to help strengthen California. California Humanities has provided grants and programs across the state since 1975. To learn more, visit calhum.org, or like and follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).