

About this list: *The following is a list of resources the Arts & Climate CA* research team identified during the Bay Area assessment phase of the project. This list is not comprehensive and represents a snapshot in time of resources active as of March 2025 that Arts & Climate CA felt were relevant to the Bay Area arts and culture community interested in learning about and engaging in the growing movement in the cultural sector taking action on climate change.*

*Arts & Climate CA is a research project addressing the lack of information on California's cultural sector's climate related needs. It started its assessment in the Bay Area, identifying the climate change needs of the region's cultural sector who serve frontline communities with the goal of contributing to better climate change resiliency and connecting the sector to existing resources to support this work.

Community Gathering + Learning Resources

- Bay Area
 - [San Jose Climate Art Program](#): Helping San José reach carbon neutrality through arts and culture by 2030. Its [Carbon Neutral Creative Network](#) program is focused on environmental and sustainability resilience, which involves fostering connections between organizations, businesses, and individuals who are passionate about using the arts to promote environmental protection and sustainability. This network can serve as a platform for collaboration, knowledge sharing, innovation, advocacy, leading to the development of creative solutions to environmental challenges.
 - [Art + Climate Action](#): Art + Climate Action is a San Francisco Bay Area collective dedicated to building a sustainable art world. A+CA unites museums, galleries, non-profit arts spaces, studios, art advisors, and arts patrons to better understand our sector's climate impacts and create the environmentally conscious arts community we need.
- National + International
 - [Julie's Bicycle](#): Julie's Bicycle is a pioneering not-for-profit, mobilising the arts and culture to take action on the climate, nature and justice crisis.
 - [Global Artivism](#): Global Artivism's mission is to champion cultural activism and kickstart a global movement by convening 1000+ people and organisations as a community of purpose around ARTIVISM — toward mutual learning, cross-disciplinary collaboration and urgent, sustainable action — led by, and in solidarity with, the Global Majority.
 - [Center for Cultural Power](#): The Center for Cultural Power is a women of color, artist-led organization, inspiring artists and culture makers to imagine a world where power is distributed equitably and where we live in harmony with nature. It supports artists through fellowships, training and opportunities for activation to create intersectional stories and content addressing issues of migration, climate, gender and racial justice.

Its program, [Climate Woke](#) centers the intersection of Black Liberation and Indigenous Sovereignty for global energy transition. It fosters creative activism in media through recognizing the historical resilience of Black and Indigenous communities of color in facing crises through cultural practices.

Technical + Capacity Building Resources

- [Gallery Climate Coalition](#): GCC is an international membership organisation working to create an environmentally responsible art world.
- [National Coalition of Arts Preparedness](#)
 - [Bay Area Arts Readiness Network](#): BAARN will engage artists in all disciplines throughout a ten-county region to provide preparedness training, networking and funding.
- [Craft Emergency Relief Fund](#): For 40 years, the Craft Emergency Relief Fund has provided emergency relief for craft artists. Building educational resources to empower craft artists to prepare for, navigate and thrive in the wake of emergencies and disasters, CERF+ remains a dedicated partner and advocate for craft artists and the craft community.
- [Nest Climate Resources for US Makers](#): Nest is proud to offer a slate of resources to US makers who may or have faced climate-related business challenges. These resources are intended to provide creative entrepreneurs, like you, with the tools and information you need to protect your small business and respond quickly if disaster strikes.
- [Philanthropy CA](#): A project supporting capacity building for nonprofits, community-based organizations, Tribes, and tribal organizations working in climate and disaster resilience across California.
- [NYFA Emergency Resources](#): Established in 1971, the mission of the New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) is to empower artists in all disciplines, as well as cultural workers, to achieve success on their own terms by providing critical support, resources, and opportunities. It compiles emergency response resources available to artists and organizations across disciplines.
- [Cal Recycle](#): California's Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) brings together the state's recycling and waste management programs to move the state towards a circular economy that reduces waste and reuses all materials. Through landmark initiatives like the Integrated Waste Management Act and Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act, California works toward a society that uses less, recycles more, and takes resource conservation to higher and higher levels.
- [Emerald Cities Collaborative](#): Emerald Cities Collaborative (ECC) is a national nonprofit network of organizations working together to advance a sustainable environment while creating sustainable, just and inclusive economies with opportunities for all — an approach they call "the high road."

ECC's Northern California team is partnering with Ava Community Energy on the Community Organizing and Capacity Building for Resilience Hubs program, which aims to understand the needs and opportunities for community-driven resilience hubs in Alameda & San Joaquin Counties. This could include technical assistance, opportunities

for funding, establishing a clean energy network of solar and storage, and more importantly, building relationships. To learn more fill out [this interest form](#).

Policy & Advocacy Resources

- [America is All In](#): America is All In is the most expansive coalition of leaders ever assembled in support of climate action in the United States. They come from thousands of U.S. cities, states, tribal nations, businesses, schools, and institutions of faith, health, and culture.
- [Californians for the Arts](#): California for the Arts (CA for the Arts) champions arts and culture as essential to vibrant California communities through statewide programming, services, and advocacy networks that foster public awareness and generate resources to cultivate an equitable and thriving arts and cultural workforce sector and creative industries.
- [California Jobs First](#): The California Jobs First Economic Blueprint is a statewide plan built with input from 13 regional plans to drive sustainable economic growth, innovation, and access to good-paying jobs over the next decade. The Blueprint is paired with \$125 million in funding to support new, ready-to-go projects, \$15 million for economic development projects for California Native American tribes, \$13 million to support the economic recovery and small businesses in the Los Angeles region, and \$92 million in funding for new apprenticeship and jobs programs.

Funding Resources

- Emergency + Preparedness
 - [National Independent Venue Foundation Emergency Relief Fund](#): The NIVF Emergency Relief Fund (ERF) is dedicated to providing recovery relief to independent, live performance venues and promoters, both for-profit and nonprofit, across the United States experiencing a critically severe emergency beyond their control.
- Artistic Work
 - [Anonymous Was A Woman Environmental Art Grants](#): The Anonymous Was A Woman Environmental Art Grants (AWAW EAG) provides grants of up to \$20,000 to environmental art projects led by women-identifying artists in the United States and U.S. Territories.
 - [The Doc Society - Climate Story Fund](#): The Doc Society Climate Story Fund supports compelling independent media storytelling and impact strategies from around that world that can help audiences envision the just transition, and activate them to make these visions a reality.
- Decarbonization
 - [Frankenthaler Climate Initiative](#): The Frankenthaler Climate Initiative (FCI) is a pioneering grantmaking program that provides visual arts institutions with the support and guidance required to undertake ambitious sustainability and energy efficiency initiatives.