

Sacramento Poderosas

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Alianza Sacramento and La Familia Counseling Center Awarded \$15,000 for Mural Honoring Latina/Chicana Trailblazers in Sacramento Valley

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Sacramento, California— California Humanities and the SMUD Shine Program recently announced their awardees. Alianza Sacramento and La Familia Counseling Center were awarded \$5,000 for their project entitled “Sacramento Poderosas” from California Humanities and \$10,000 from the SMUD Shine Program.

The Humanities For All Quick Grant is a competitive grant program of California Humanities that supports locally initiated public humanities projects that respond to the needs and interests of Californians, encourage greater public participation in humanities programming, particularly by new and/or underserved audiences, and promotes understanding and empathy among all our state’s peoples in order to cultivate a thriving democracy.

The goal of the SMUD Shine Program is to build inclusive community collaborations and partnerships, provide equitable support to enhance neighborhoods and support community-based nonprofit partners. With specific attention to physical, cultural, and social identities, the SMUD Shine Program hopes to strengthen the connections between quality of life for the people in our region and the sustainability of the places they share.

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Chicana/Latina trailblazers have contributed immensely to the health, well-being, and advancement of our communities. They, as leaders, have shaped our understanding of gender and race, and they are uniquely positioned to lead us into a better future because of their lived experiences.

“These projects will bring the complexity and diversity of California to light in new ways that will engage Californians from every part of our state, and, will help us all understand each other better,” said Julie Fry, President & CEO of California Humanities. “We congratulate the grantees whose projects will promote understanding and provide insight into a wide range of topics, issues, and experiences.”

California Humanities, a nonprofit partner of the National Endowment of the Humanities, promotes the humanities – focused on ideas, conversation and learning – as relevant, meaningful ways to understand the human condition and connect us 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 follow California Humanities on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

SMUD’s Shine program, which enters its fifth year of serving Sacramento in 2022, funded 36 nonprofits with \$650,000 to launch quick-action projects that focus on reinvigorating neighborhoods, engaging youth, restoring habitats, lifting local business, beautifying common areas and inviting all residents to participate in the 2030 Clean Energy Vision. The complete list of grantees can be viewed at [SMUD's Shine invests \\$650000 into local projects](#).

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