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Endowment Board convenes in Los Angeles, approves funding for 13 projects

SACRAMENTO — The California Cultural and Historical Endowment Board met May 18, 2005 at the Ronald Reagan State Building in Los Angeles to approve funding for 13 of the 33 projects for which the Board had reserved funding in December 2004. This is one of the major phases in the Endowment's first cycle distribution of Proposition 40 bond funds.

At the conclusion of the May 18 in Los Angeles meeting, the Board approved funding for the following projects:

Endowment Finalist	Awarded Funds
California Museum for History, Women, and the Arts	\$375,000
City of Santa Monica	\$113,241
Imperial Valley College Desert Museum Society	\$244,642
City of Watsonville	\$300,074
Bay Area Electric Railroad Association	\$310,520
Monterey County Redevelopment Agency	\$380,060
Mojave Desert Heritage & Cultural Association	\$499,500
Angels Flight Railway Foundation	\$996,350
City of Brentwood	\$819,839
Knight Foundry Corp.	\$50,000
San Diego Natural History Museum	\$2,887,500
Cesar E. Chavez Foundation	\$2,500,000
Capital Unity Council	\$2,200,000
TOTAL	\$11,676,726

The 13 applicants to whom the Endowment Board awarded funds were selected from 276 total Endowment grant applicants. The finalists most clearly demonstrated the Endowment's purposes and goals.

AB 716, the California Cultural and Historic Endowment Act, called for the creation of the California Cultural and Historical Endowment to support the "acquisition, development, preservation, and interpretation of buildings, structures, sites, places, and

artifacts that preserve and demonstrate culturally significant aspects of California's history and for grants for these purposes." To carry out the Act's mandate, the Endowment will, over the cycles established by its Board, distribute \$122 million of \$276 million in Proposition 40 funds.

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