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Opportunity Grants for Summer Arts Youth Programs

Funds Made Available by County Supervisors

SONOMA COUNTY, Calif. – We are pleased to announce that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors has allocated \$100,000 for summer art youth programs, to occur during the summer of 2016. For the second year, the program will be administrated by Creative Sonoma, a countywide arts initiative through the County’s Economic Development Board.

Grants will be available to nonprofit organizations and to individuals who have fiscal sponsors to provide children aged 7 to 18 with opportunities to participate in high quality cultural arts summer programs. Eligible projects can incorporate any creative discipline from photography and writing to theater, graphic design, crafts, filmmaking and more. The deadline for applications is Friday, June 3, 2016.

“The Board of Supervisors launched this grant program last year and the funds ultimately served nearly 1500 young people across the County,” said Supervisor Efren Carrillo, Chair of the Board of Supervisors. “We are encouraged by the work of our local creative community to open the windows of opportunity for our youth through the arts.”

Summer Arts Youth Program Grants are designed to support our creative organizations who are fostering creativity in our local youth while giving them oportunites to maintain learning while school is out of session. In 2015, grants were made to 12 Sonoma based arts organizations who collectively provided 1450 hours of arts programming, leveraged an additional \$200,000 toward the programs, and offered 110 artists part-time work.

Grant guidelines outlining eligibility and application forms are available at <http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/edb/>.

An applicant Q&A session is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the Creative Sonoma offices at 141 Stony Circle, Suite 110, Santa Rosa. Applicants may also dial in to the session at 707.565.8996. Applicants should rsvp for the session at: <http://tinyurl.com/saypg>.

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