



2019 Arts Education Innovation Grantees

6th Street Playhouse	<p>The "Heritage Project" sends teachers into schools with underserved populations and brings students back to the theatre to complete an arts experience that is innovative, comprehensive and meaningful. This project focuses on empowering students to find their own creative voices in creating their own original theatre work.</p>
Art Escape	<p>Teen Art Intensive is a program for underserved Sonoma Valley youth, ages 15-18, to provide a deep dive into less-commonly experienced art forms. Each session consists of five hours of education and practice in Art Escape's studio culminating in a day trip to an art center for a tour, workshop, and discussion with professional artists working in that medium.</p>
Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Sonoma County	<p>Through an 8-week session, Ballet Folklorico will work with the members of Boys & Girls Clubs to learn the history of traditional Latino dance, learn about tempo and rhythm, and learn to dance in a group. This program serves as an interactive means of connecting youth to their cultural heritage in a fun and engaging way. The program concludes with a live performance in front of the whole Roseland community at our Youth of the Year event.</p>
California Poets in the Schools	<p>Seven Teaching Artists introduce students in eight underserved, primarily low-income, bilingual, bicultural schools to a multi-disciplinary approach to appreciating and writing poetry. Students discover their own unique, self-empowered voices and give form to their thoughts and feelings while exploring poetry through word, sound, movement and image to create a body of their own poetic works.</p>
Cazadero Performing Arts Camp	<p>A three-day sleep-away music camp retreat in the redwoods of Western Sonoma County will serve middle school musicians of all socio-economic levels from Sonoma County public schools. High-school mentors and in-residence music educators work closely with young musicians to develop creativity and musicianship.</p>
Children's Museum of Sonoma County	<p>ArtJam! is a 10-month visiting artist series in Ella's Art Studio where families are invited to create art with a different visiting artist each month. Community groups and artists working in various genres will demonstrate their craft and facilitate a project with visitors.</p>
Fire Circle Theater	<p>Fire Circle Theater workshops at Roseland University Prep use art to help students critically and creatively refine and express their own personal narratives through performing and literary arts. Created art will be shared at ReVerberation: The Fire Circle Festival of Community Voices.</p>

Luther Burbank Center for the Arts	<p>Dancers Unite is a dance integration residency for young students (Grades TK-3) to learn skills to manage emotions, establish positive relationships, and make responsible decisions as teaching artists guide them in hip-hop, modern, creative movement, and Afro-beat dance experiences. Classroom teachers receive professional development in order to retain dance education teaching tools for future classroom integration.</p>
Play it Forward Music Foundation (PIFMF)	<p>PIFMF Music Program with New Horizon School collaborates on maximizing each student’s potential at each individual’s own learning pace in learning to play a musical instrument. New Horizon School and Learning Center offer programs that integrate: educational therapy, remedial assistance, creative expression, and self-esteem building by utilizing holistic multi-disciplinary approaches to foster development of each student’s unique learning potential.</p>
Play Marimba	<p>This project will purchase marimba keys for 30 instruments and work with music students to build the frames, teaching them basic woodworking skills. These instruments will then be used by the growing student body to practice with at home and succeed in the program.</p>
Raizes Collective	<p>A visiting anthropologist from the National Museum in Mexico City presents her research; students then expand by doing their own culture exploration project. Finally, local artists present their work and inspirations and becomes a resource for the planning and creation of group art projects that interpret an element of the cultural exploration the students have done.</p>
Sonoma Community Center	<p>The Innovative Youth Clay Institute will provide hands-on, cross-disciplinary art workshops in three fields across the 2019-2020 academic year: Collaborative 3D Printing Projects, Wild Clay Workshops, and the Pedal-Powered Pottery Wheel Project. The projects will serve the constituents of our project partners, Teen Services Sonoma and The Sonoma Valley Regional Library, whose students have limited access to high-quality arts education.</p>
Sonoma Valley Education Foundation	<p>The Valley Vibes Youth Orchestra (ViVO) provides socio-economically disadvantaged students with the opportunity to participate in an El Sistema based youth-development orchestral music program with a mission to change lives through music. Students receive intense daily after-school music instruction, creating skilled musicians and student leaders.</p>
Success Centers (formerly Imagine Bus Project)	<p>Youth Studio will provide four weekly 90-minute workshops year round at Los Guilicos Juvenile Justice Center and Sonoma Probation Camp teaching evidence-based, life-skill curriculum and artmaking instruction for incarcerated youth</p>