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**OUR TOP STORY**

Welcome back, in-person events!

Arts Opportunities in Reopening and Relief

This summer we celebrate the re-opening of our museums, arts centers, and newly-released performing arts seasons! Along with that re-opening, many of organizations have posted **newly available jobs** (ranging from Director of Development for the Luther Burbank Center for the Arts to multiple positions at Californians for the Arts and more) – visit our Opportunities for more details [HERE](#).

Additionally, there are currently multiple opportunities for arts organizations and schools to receive pandemic relief funding through the federal government’s 2021 American Rescue Plan.

**GRANTS TO ARTS ORGANIZATIONS**

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)
Grants will be made directly to eligible organizations to support their own operations. All organizations intending to apply must register in Grants.gov by August 12, 2021. Organizations beginning with A-L apply August 19-25, 2021 and those beginning with M-Z apply August 27 – September 2, 2021.

Western States Arts Federation (WESTAF)
Awards will be made to organizations across the 13-state WESTAF region at an average level of $50,000 each, to 30+ awardees. Apply by July 15, 2021.

SCHOOL FUNDING

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III Fund (ESSER III Fund)
These funds are to be used to improve attendance and student engagement, as well as support social emotional learning and learning loss. In June, the Sonoma County Arts Education Alliance (AEA) advocated to local schools and districts to utilize 25% of that funding to support arts education and arts integrated curriculum to further the impact of the fund.

OUR WORK

Arts Education
June 2021 Blog
In June, the Sonoma County Arts Education Alliance (AEA) chose the Alexander Valley Film Festival youth film awards as the Student Arts Spotlight. Find out more about this month's spotlight in the June 2021 Arts Education Updates.

- CreateCA paid internship for high school activist - apply by July 9, 2021
- Seeking new Sonoma County Youth Poet Laureate - apply by July 15, 2021
- Peruse upcoming AEA events and save the dates for Fall 2021-Winter 2022!

Our Equity Commitment
After a board-driven process, the Creative Sonoma Advisory Board approved the Creative Sonoma Equity Commitment in May 2021. We were grateful to learn from many of our community organizations that are farther along in the process, as we continually learn and grow to build and foster equitable practices internally and community-wide.

We have published the Equity Commitment on our website, along with the County of Sonoma Land Acknowledgement, along with our progress to date and ongoing commitments.
Also on the page is the video from our 2021 Conversations on Equity with Veronica Vences of La Luz Center and José Soto, Director of Luther Burbank Center’s Youth Mariachi Ensemble. Enjoy their conversation on access to equitable youth arts education in Sonoma County.

Learn More

CREATIVE CALENDAR & OPPORTUNITIES

From our Creative Calendar:
Barn5400 (Petaluma) presents wknd fest, a curated artisan market on Saturday, July 31, 2021.

MORE Events

From our Opportunities:
Zoo Labs is offering grants to Bay Area BIPOC and BIPOC-led artist teams with a music-based project or business. Apply by August 19, 2021.
Creative Sonoma, 141 Stony Circle, Suite 130, Santa Rosa, California 95401, United States, 707-565-7170

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