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**OUR TOP STORY**

**It's Grant Season:**

*Opportunities for creative individuals and nonprofits now open!*

Creative Sonoma has a grant open, and so do most of the arts funders in our region! Check out the opportunities below to see if you or your organization are eligible to apply. Many deadlines occur in early March, so please share with others soon!

**Need help?** Most of the programs below provide webinars or help sessions - visit their websites to learn more. We are providing assistance for two programs:

- Creative Sonoma's Arts and Cultural Equity Fellowship Grants - Virtual Open Office Hours on February 15 & 22, 2022
- California Arts Council Cycle A Grants: Roundtable for Sonoma County Applicants on February 16, 2022

*Learn more and register for the above assistance by scrolling to Our Work, below.*

**FOR INDIVIDUALS**

**CERF+: Get Ready Grants**

Micro grants for individual artists working in craft disciplines to conduct activities that will help safeguard their studios, protect their careers, and prepare for emergencies. Apply to this cycle by **February 22, 2022**.

**Creative Sonoma: Arts and Cultural Equity Fellowship Grants**

See more information in Our Work below. Apply by **March 1, 2022**.

**Center for Cultural Innovation: CALI Catalyst**
Grants to individuals whose actions challenge oppressive, unfair, or untenable circumstances in the arts and culture sector. The application will be open in three cycles: the first will be March 1 – April 29, 2022, followed by cycles two and three in May and July 2022.

COMING SOON: California Arts Council: **Individual Artist Fellowships**
This program application will open later this spring, but before then, the Council is requesting feedback from artists and cultural practitioners on the program to help shape it - [take the survey HERE](#).

FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Sonoma County Vintners Foundation: **Arts and Culture Grants**
For 2022, arts funding will target programs or projects that explore the arts and creative expression as a form of healing. Apply by March 4, 2022.

California Arts Council: **Multiple Grant Programs (Cycle A)**
Five programs are currently accepting applications: Arts & Cultural Organizations General Operating Relief, Cultural Pathways, Impact Projects, JUMP StArts, and Reentry Through the Arts. Apply by March 9, 2022. [See below for our Roundtable that takes place on February 16!](#)

California Natural Resources Agency: **California Museum Grant Program**
Museums (all types) and art centers may submit proposals. Organizations severely affected by COVID-19 and that serve underserved communities or students are prioritized. Apply to the first round by March 11, 2022.

INDIVIDUALS AND NONPROFITS COLLABORATE

Hewlett Foundation: **Hewlett 50 Arts Commissions**
In the final of five years of awarding 10 performing arts commissions per year, Bay Area arts nonprofits are invited to create new work in partnership with commissioned artists in the Media Arts discipline. Submit Letter of Inquiry by March 8, 2022.

Haas Fund and Hewlett Foundation: **Creative Work Fund**
Bay Area artists and nonprofit organizations create new works together; all disciplines and genres are eligible to apply in 2022. Submit Letter of Inquiry by May 18, 2022.

As we learn about new grant opportunities, we post them in our online Opportunities. [Click on Learn More to visit the listings.](#)

Learn More

OUR WORK

Grants
Sonoma County Applicant Roundtable for Organizations Applying for California Arts Council Grants

The California Arts Council (CAC) has announced two grant cycles for this winter/spring: the first five grant programs (Cycle A, mentioned above) to which arts and other nonprofit organizations can apply are now open with a deadline of March 9, 2022.

In order to help Sonoma County based applicants gain insights and write compelling applications, Creative Sonoma is hosting a free Roundtable for past and potential applicants on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 from 4:00 – 5:00pm via Zoom.

Learn More & Register

Arts and Cultural Equity Fellowship Grants

This program will support up to six emerging to mid-career artists and cultural leaders – who work within, on behalf of, or to support and advance communities of color – with $5,000 in grant funding and a $1,250 training stipend to increase the impact of their work.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Open Office Hours (via Zoom): Tuesday, February 15 & 22, 2022, 11:00am-1:00pm – drop in any time to ask your application or grant-writing questions
- Application DEADLINE: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 11:59pm PT

Click on Learn More to access the Application Packet and Flyer (both available in English or Spanish) and for links to the Open Office Hours.

Learn More & Apply
Arts Advocacy

North Bay Regional Conversation
*Presented by Californians for the Arts, in partnership with Arts Council Napa Valley, Creative Sonoma, and Marin Cultural Association.*

You're invited to the 2022 North Bay Regional Conversation! Join us on **February 15, 2022** at 2:00pm (via Zoom). This conversation will include updates on state, local, and federal arts advocacy priorities, including how individual artists and arts organizations can get involved. Attendees will have a chance to share ideas, questions, and concerns with the Californians for the Arts team and most importantly, each other. This event is for the regional areas of Marin, Napa, Solano, and Sonoma Counties and is free to attend.

Register

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Arts Education

**Sonoma County Arts Education Alliance Recommends:**

Learn about how the California Arts Education Framework supports students' artistic literacy and provides equitable arts education for each and every student, as well as how to implement the California Arts Standards for grades PK-12. Virtual launch on **Tuesday, March 1, 2022** at 3:30pm.

Learn More & Register
February 2022 ArtsEd Blog

The Arts Education Alliance's Student Arts Spotlight shares the good news of the arts making a difference throughout our county each month. Share YOUR school or district's accomplishments! Visit the blog for more on how to contribute to the Spotlight, and for links to other timely arts education resources.

Read the Blog

CREATIVE CALENDAR & OPPORTUNITIES
From our Creative Calendar:
**Sonoma Community Center** presents “**In Deep Water**”, an exhibition of papermaking and printmaking art project by Jane Ingram Allen and Jami Taback, through Feb. 23.

MORE Events

From our Opportunities:
**Transcendence Theatre Company** is offering apprentice opportunities to high school students and young adults. Positions in every department. Learn more [HERE](#).

MORE Opportunities