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OUR TOP STORY



Melissa Andrade



Jesus Bravo



Ron Carter



Dianna L. Grayer



Skylaer Palacios



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2022 Arts & Cultural Equity Fellowship Grantees Announced

Creative Sonoma, in collaboration with [Kimzin Creative](#), a local arts and equity consulting group, is happy to announce the inaugural class of the Arts & Cultural Equity Fellowship Grantees. The fellows are emerging to mid-career artists and culture workers who work within, on behalf of, or to support Sonoma County's communities of color.

We look forward to working with these accomplished creatives this year:

- Melissa Andrade (Santa Rosa), Artist and Community Organizer
- Jesus Bravo (Boyes Hot Springs), Visual and Functional Arts
- Ron Carter (Santa Rosa), Visual Arts
- Dianna L. Grayer (Petaluma), Performing Arts
- Skylaer Palacios (Santa Rosa), Performing Arts
- Féven Zewdi (Santa Rosa), Visual Arts

Additionally, Panel Reviewers for the Arts & Cultural Equity Fellowship Grant chose five semi-finalists to highlight their excellent applications, as well as to serve as alternates should any of the Fellows not be able to accept their award. They include

Jorge Bolanos-Santillan (Santa Rosa), Mathew Bowker (Rohnert Park), Victor Ferrer (Sonoma), Isabel Lopez (Santa Rosa), Farrah McAdam (Santa Rosa).

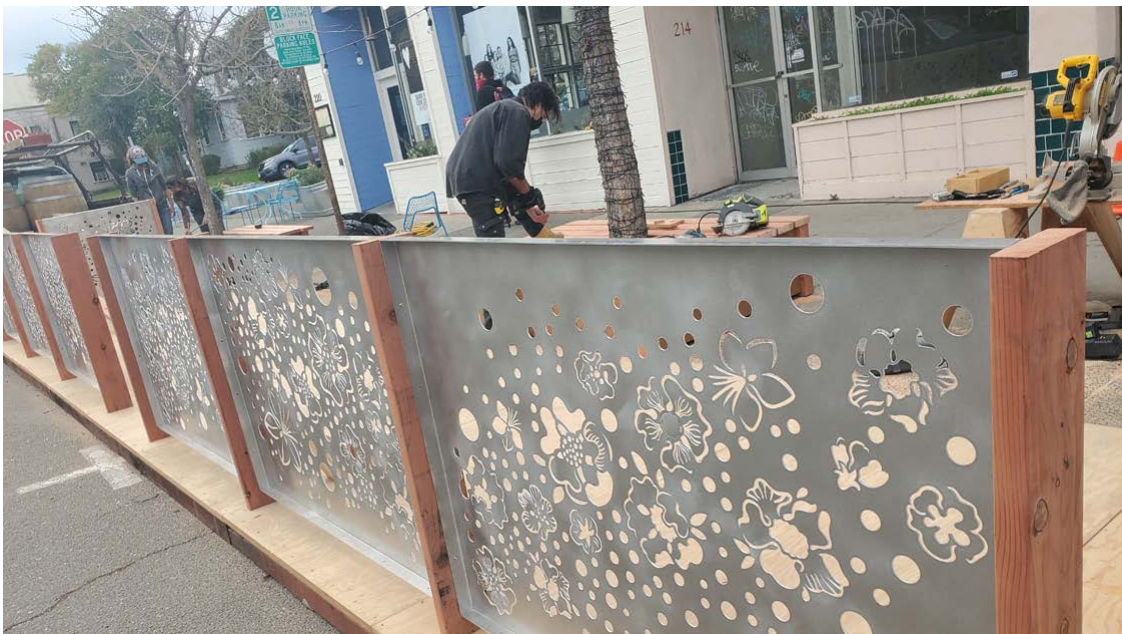
Click on Read More to learn more about the Fellows' professional development goals and how they will utilize their grant funding.

[Read More](#)



OUR WORK

Public Art



Creative ReOpening: Petaluma Parklets 2021

Take a Moment to Share Your Thoughts About Public Art in Sonoma County!

Creative Sonoma has embarked on a process to create a public art plan for Sonoma County. Recognizing that many artists, communities and organizations have already made public art a familiar part of Sonoma's visual landscape, this plan will consider what role the County can play in supporting and advancing those efforts.

We hope that you will take a moment to answer four quick questions. Your participation will help us immensely!

[Take Survey](#)

Grants



NEW: Artist Power Convenings Grants from Yuerba Buena Center for the Arts: Open to Sonoma County Artists Soon!

Yuerba Buena Center for the Arts (YBCA) will soon be accepting proposals from within Sonoma and Solano Counties for the Artist Power Convenings, a new community investment strategy to build the capacity of artists and artist-led organizations in service of their communities.

With the Convenings, YBCA wants to support artists getting together, virtually or in-person, to imagine, create, and lift up each other across our region.

Who should apply?

Artists and artist-led organizations seeking opportunities to fuel their ability to host a convening (or series of convenings!) that brings artists and their communities together to connect and share knowledge, ideas, inspiration, and resources.

NEXT WEEK Info Sessions: July 7, 2022, 10am or 6pm (register [HERE](#))

Application Opens: July 15, 2022, 12pm

Application Closes: August 15, 2022, 5pm



Grant Amount: Up to \$2,500

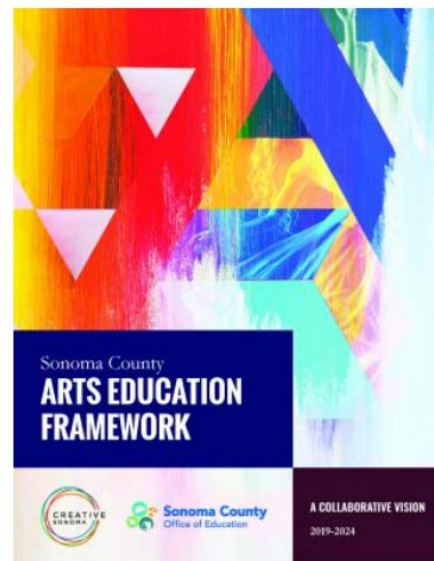
[Learn More](#)

Arts Education Framework Grants

Application opens June 1, 2022

Apply by October 12, 2022

-  Sonoma County Public School Districts, new applicants and previous Framework grantees, are invited to apply.
-  Get the help your district needs to make arts education an essential and exciting part of a better future for students!



NOW OPEN!

Sonoma County Public School Districts may apply to Creative Sonoma for up to \$7,500 to develop or implement their strategic arts plans. The 2022-2023 grant cycle is made possible by funding from The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

The application portal for this grant is open early, so that school personnel who would like to begin working on their applications now may do so.

An Application Workshop will be held on **August 25, 2022 at 5pm**. Register for the session via the links on grant webpage.

[Learn More](#)



NEW CA Microbusiness COVID-19 Relief Grant Program



*Artists and Creatives are invited
to apply for a \$2,500 grant!*

APPLICATION WINDOW:
Opens April 1, 2022
Closes May 1, 2022
or until all funds exhausted.

MORE INFORMATION:
SonomaEDB.org
EDBGrants@sonoma-county.org

*Microbusiness means less than 5 full-time equivalent employees and includes individual artists and creatives, in all disciplines and crafts, who own their creative business.



BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Sonoma County owned and operated
- Significant negative Impacts to operations as a result of COVID-19
- Generated less than \$50,000 in business revenue in 2019
- Open/operating prior to Dec. 31, 2019
- Microbusiness is the primary source of income for the business owner
- Did not receive a grant from the California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program
- Not a business excluded from participation in the California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program: careliefgrant.com

Artists, Creatives and Creative Small Businesses: CA Microbusiness Grants STILL OPEN

JUNE UPDATE: The application portal remains open - visit the Economic Development Board grant webpage to learn more and apply.

[Learn More](#)

Networking



Add Your Profile: Creative Sonoma Artist & Creatives Directory

Get found! Through our free, online Artists & Creatives Directory, creatives have been offered jobs and gigs, been featured in media stories, and found collaborators.

We're currently working on a project to update and refresh the directory. Click on the button to get started or to log in, or if you have additional questions, please email CreativeSonoma@sonoma-county.org.

[Learn More](#)

Arts Education

Student Arts Spotlight

McDowell Elementary School, Petaluma

Baile Folklórico



This monthly feature celebrates excellence in local arts education.

Learn more: www.creativesonoma.org/artsed-news-july-2022

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July 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.

[Learn More](#)

CREATIVE CALENDAR & OPPORTUNITIES



From our Creative Calendar:

Paper-Pencil-Pen presents **How the Body Speaks: Gentle Yoga & Writing**, an in-person workshop, using gentle yoga to prompt our writing.

July 30, 1-4pm at Blue Door Yoga & Wellness Studio, Penngrove, CA

MORE Events



From our Opportunities:

Join the amazing, local artisan + maker community at **Barn5400, who is offering an artisan studio to rent** as a retail shop and workshop space. Flexible Lease Terms.

Petaluma, CA

MORE Opportunities





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