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OUR TOP STORY



Recent Grantees, left to right: Museum of Sonoma County, Art Escape, and AVFilm

NOW OPEN: 2023 Arts Impact Grants for Organizations

Sonoma County nonprofit arts and culture organizations as well as culturally-specific organizations that produce arts and culture programs, services, and events are invited to apply for the 2023 Arts Impact Grants for Organizations. These grants are funded by the County of Sonoma and the National Endowment for the Arts.

This program is designed to help sustain Sonoma county's creative and cultural nonprofits and to advance their impact in our community. Grantees will expand arts and culture opportunities for County residents and visitors.

Given the urgency of Sonoma County's climate change challenges, applications for projects that also advance the community's awareness and understanding of environmental sustainability are encouraged.

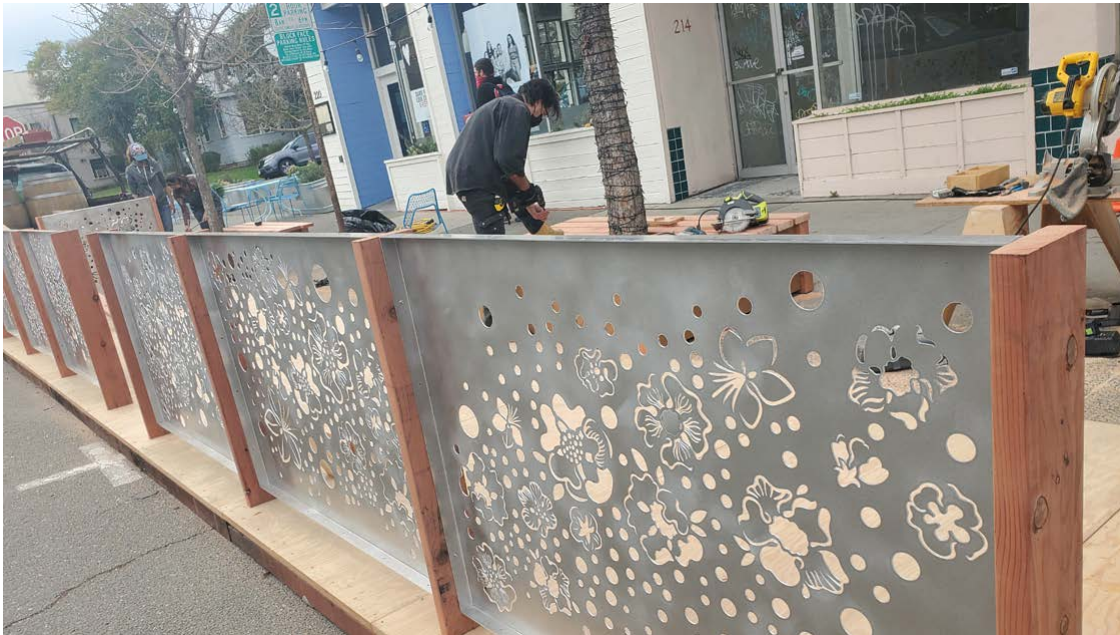
- Application Opens: August 3, 2022

- General Info & Application Workshop: August 24, 2022, 1:00pm PT. Register via the grant webpage.
- **Application DEADLINE: September 14, 2022**
- Funding Notification: Early October 2022
- Funding Period: January – December 2023 (12 months)

[Learn More](#)

OUR WORK

Community Surveys



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](#)

Survey from Our Partners at Sonoma County Tourism:

Sonoma County Tourism's (SCT) will be wrapping up a master planning process in mid-August and are now seeking input from residents to "understand how our community members feel about tourism is a foundational part of building a stronger, more resilient destination"

By completing and sharing the resident sentiment survey, you can help SCT learn about how the future of tourism could improve the quality of life and livelihood of all Sonoma Countians.

The survey is available in either [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

[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.

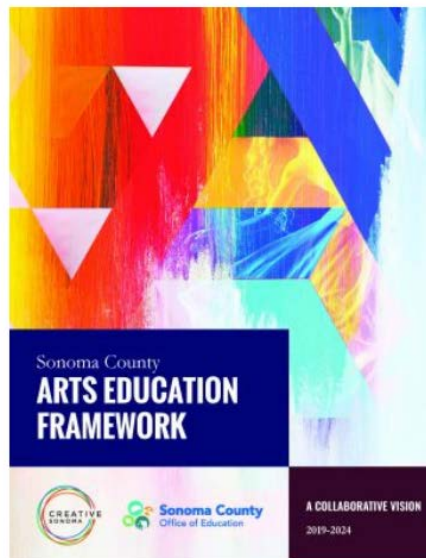
Application Opens: July 15, 2022, 12pm
Application Closes: August 15, 2022, 5pm
Grant Amount: Up to \$2,500

[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: carellefgrant.com

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

The application portal remains open until funds are expended - 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

A graphic for the Student Arts Spotlight. It features a blue header with white text: "Student Arts Spotlight" and "COMING SOON: Share your school's arts education accomplishments!". Below the header is a photograph of three silhouetted figures jumping against a blue sky with clouds. Overlaid on the photo is the text "YOUR ARTS FEATURED HERE..." in a bold, white, sans-serif font with a red outline. At the bottom of the graphic is a blue footer with white text: "This monthly feature celebrates excellence in local arts education. Read more and learn how to SUBMIT your school for the project: www.creativesonoma.org/artsed-news-august-2022 Brought to you by the Sonoma County Arts Education Alliance and Creative Sonoma".

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August 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:

Sebastopol Center for the Arts presents Guitarist/Composer David Jenkins ("El Oso") who will perform works inspired from his immersion in Spain's Andalusian flamenco.

August 21, 2-4pm.

MORE Events



From our Opportunities:

Chalk Hill Artist Residency is accepting applications for 2023. This residency program supports artists of all mediums in their creative process. Residency is in Healdsburg, CA. Apply by August 31.

MORE Opportunities



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