

# CREATIVE SONOMA

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## OUR TOP STORY



*Arts Impact Grants for Organizations: Sonoma Community Center received a grant to support their annual Trash Fashion Show programming (youth participants, above).*

# 2023 Grant Program Announcements

## AWARDED

### 2023 Arts Education Framework Grants

*Funded by The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Creative Sonoma, and the California Arts Council*

Congratulations to Bennett Valley Union School District, Santa Rosa City Schools, and Sonoma Valley Unified School District! Each district received a grant to increase arts education equity and access, joining a cohort of other local districts in using a strategic arts plan to create opportunity through the arts. Read more about the program [HERE](#).

### 2023 Arts Impact Grants for Organizations

*Funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, Creative Sonoma, and the California Arts Council*

Creative Sonoma is pleased to announce that a record 38 arts and cultural nonprofits will be awarded a total of \$200,000 to provide programs and services across the county this year. Funded projects cross all genres and disciplines, from poetry and music to film and design, and programs will occur in every corner of the county. Read the press release and full list of grantees [HERE](#).

## OPENING SOON

### 2023 Arts & Cultural Equity Fellowship Grants

*Funded by Creative Sonoma and the California Arts Council*

Creative Sonoma is pleased to announce the second year of this grant program! Up to six emerging to mid-career Sonoma County creative artists and leaders – who work within or on behalf of communities of color – will be provided grant funds and training to increase the impact of their work. See below or click [HERE](#) for more details and the important dates leading up to the **March 6, 2023** deadline.

[Learn More About Creative Sonoma Grants](#)

## OUR WORK

### Grants



## Arts & Cultural Equity Fellowship Grants Open for applications January 23 - March 6, 2023

Now in its second year, the Arts and Cultural Equity Fellowship will support up to six emerging to mid-career artists and cultural leaders – who work within, on behalf of, or to support communities of color – with \$5,000 in grant funding and a \$1,250 training stipend to increase the impact of their work.

A collaborative effort between Creative Sonoma staff, its advisors, and local arts and equity consulting group [Kimzin Creative](#), this program is designed to promote cultural awareness and understanding of the diverse racial and ethnic communities that comprise Sonoma County.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- **Application Opens:** Monday, January 23, 2023
- **General Info & Application Workshops (via Zoom):** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 – register for either 12pm or 7pm (simulcast Spanish interpretation provided for both sessions; recorded workshop will be posted the next day)
- **Open Office Hours (via Zoom):** Wednesday, February 22 and Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 11:00am-1:00pm – drop in any time to ask your application or grant-writing questions:
- **Application DEADLINE: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:59pm PT**

Click on [Learn More](#) for more details on the program, as well as the links to workshop registration and open office hours.

[Learn More](#)



Program Extended!

## CA Microbusiness COVID-19 Relief Grant Program



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

### APPLICATION WINDOW:

**Apply by June 30, 2023**

### MORE INFORMATION:

[SonomaEDB.org](http://SonomaEDB.org)

[EDBGrants@sonoma-county.org](mailto: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](http://careliefgrant.com)

## Artists, Creatives and Creative Small Businesses: CA Microbusiness Grants open through JUNE 30, 2023

The application portal has been extended - visit the Economic Development Board grant webpage to learn more and apply.

- **NEW Virtual Question & Answer Session:** Thursday, February 9, 2023, 12:00-12:30pm (recorded will be posted the next day) - register [HERE](#).
- **Application DEADLINE:** June 30, 2023

[Learn More](#)

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## Programs



# ARTSURROUND

## Creative Placemaking Program

Explore #ArtSurround to find 27 artists' events and installations throughout Sonoma County, Oct 2022 - June 2023!

Learn more about projects: [www.CreativeSonoma.org/ArtSurround](http://www.CreativeSonoma.org/ArtSurround)

### Ongoing from ArtSurround:

- Read about **Jane Ingram Allen, Kelly Gray, Michelle Hirsh, and Kenny Simeone's** works presented and installed at Pepperwood Preserve in December 2022 [HERE](#). Allen's and Hirsh's works are on still on exhibit at the Gallery, and visitors to Pepperwood programs are invited to view them.

[Learn More](#)

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## Arts Education

# STATE OF ARTS EDUCATION

INSPIRE! CELEBRATE! CONNECT!

**March 7, 2023 4:30-5:30**

**Reception following**

In-person at the Luther Burbank Center for the Arts

Spanish Interpretation available



**Sonoma County  
Arts Education Alliance**

[creativesonoma.org/opportunities/state-of-arts-ed](https://creativesonoma.org/opportunities/state-of-arts-ed)

## 2nd Annual State of Arts Education

Join the Arts Education Alliance for this annual event that celebrates the impact of arts education in the lives of Sonoma County students. Register soon to attend this FREE event!

[Learn More & Register](#)

# Student Arts Spotlight

Santa Rosa Symphony's Simply Strings  
Sheppard Elementary, Roseland



**This monthly feature celebrates excellence in local arts education!**

Learn more: [www.creativesonoma.org/artsed-news-january-2023](http://www.creativesonoma.org/artsed-news-january-2023)

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## January 2023 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:**

**Luther Burbank Center for the Arts** presents Rodney Strong Dance Series: Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo. January 17, 7:30-10:30pm at Luther Burbank Center for the Arts.

[MORE Events](#)



**From our Opportunities:**

BIPOC writer scholarship for full tuition (classes, panels, room and board) to the April 2023 **Sonoma County Writers Camp** is now OPEN for submission! Deadline to apply is February 14, 2023.

[MORE Opportunities](#)

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