



CREATIVE SONOMA

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OUR TOP STORY



NEW OPPORTUNITY: *Become one of our* Professional Development Contract Partners

Creative Sonoma seeks nonprofit arts and culture **partners to present professional development** workshops or trainings for their members or local stakeholders. Our intention is to reach and impact a wide range – geographically, culturally, and demographically – of arts and culture workers throughout Sonoma County with access to professional skills training.

Creative Sonoma provides:

- \$1000-\$5,000 per contract (\$1000 to produce a single workshop, up to \$5,000 for a series or multiple events)

Nonprofit Partner provides and manages:

- Selection and hiring of the presenter(s) or facilitator(s), scheduling the event(s), and providing space and supplies for the workshops or trainings, to take place by June 30, 2024.

Together we provide:

- Co-branding, as well as co-promotion of the workshops or trainings, as appropriate

Who's Eligible: Sonoma County nonprofit arts and culture organizations and nonprofit culturally-specific organizations are eligible to partner with us for this opportunity. Click on Learn More for more details and how to submit proposals!

[Learn More](#)

OUR WORK

Grants



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 2024 Arts Impact Grants for Organizations. This program is 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 14, 2023
- General Info & Application Workshop: August 22, 2023. Recording available on the webpage.
- **Application DEADLINE: October 2, 2023**
- Funding Notification: November 2023
- Funding Period: January – December 2024 (12 months)

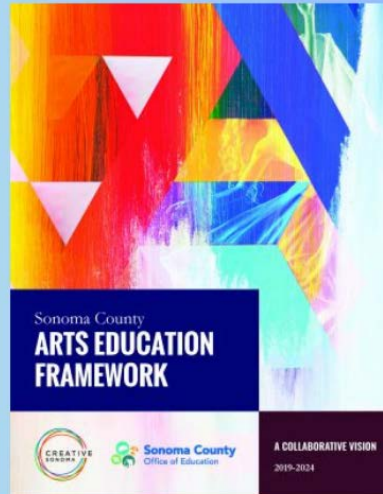
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Arts Education Framework Grants

Application opens August 14, 2023
Apply by September 25, 2023

★ Sonoma County Public School Districts are eligible for either a planning grant or an arts showcase grant.

★ Get the help your district needs to make arts education an essential and exciting part of a better future for students!



(Recording link on webpage) Sonoma County Public School Districts are invited to apply to the fourth annual Arts Education Framework Grants. These grants are funded by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

For this round of funding, districts may apply to one of two options: those that currently have a strategic arts plan can apply for funding to support a district or regional Showcase with an option to include a local artist, and those without a strategic arts plan can apply for support to write a plan with a district leadership team and consultant.

- Application Opens: August 14, 2023
- General Info & Application Workshop: August 29, 2023. Recording available on the webpage.
- **Application DEADLINE: September 25, 2023**
- Funding Notification: October 2023
- Funding Period: January – June 2024 (6 months)

[Learn More](#)

Public Art



Ongoing from ArtSurround:

ArtSurround Artists Katie Nealon and Mirka Knaster and Katie Nealon are installing their works (Nealon's "Brave Butterflies" left, Knaster's "Art for Peace" right) in collaboration with the Geyserville Sculpture Trail. A public installation celebration will take place on **Sunday, October 1, 2023**, 4:30--7:30pm at 20355 Geyserville Ave, Geyserville, CA.

As ArtSurround projects are installed or presented, they are added to our project webpage, CreativeSonoma.org/ArtSurround-Projects/. Multiple projects are underway, with some extended into early fall 2023 - watch the page as well as follow Creative Sonoma's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for more details.

[Learn More](#)



Fire Memorial Public Art Project

Fire Memorial Email List Sign Up Form

If you are interested in any opportunities to participate in the Fire Memorial project - from community meetings or surveys, to artist opportunities and more - please fill out this brief interest form. Emails will only be sent as opportunities arise.

- Complete the English and Spanish Bi-Lingual Sign Up Form [HERE](#).

[Learn More](#)

Arts Education



**Teaching Artist
Training Course***

A 4-Part Series with Focus 5, Inc.
Sept. 27–Jan. 10
In-Person & Online

**with optional Teaching Artist Practicum
offered in partnership with Creative Sonoma*

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Attention Artists!

Get the Skills You Need to Head to the Classroom!

With more than **\$9 million** going to Sonoma County schools **every year** from Prop 28 for more arts education, the need for a workforce of arts educators is greater than ever! Prop 28 will provide support for arts programs, so that students have the opportunity to learn arts disciplines that are required by our state education code - **visual art, music, theater, dance** - in grades 1-12. Schools are required to use the funding to address current gaps in their arts education programs.

To know about this Course:

- Instruction provided by [Focus 5, Inc.](#)
- 4-part series with a mix of self-paced online course work and live class sessions
- Only \$30 for the Course!

[Learn About The Course](#)

Student Arts Spotlight

Chop's Teen Club
Summer Artist Series



This monthly feature celebrates excellence in local arts education!

Learn more: www.creativesonoma.org/artsed-news-september-2023

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ArtsEd BLOG

Read the monthly Arts Education Blog for more information on this month's Student Arts Spotlight, as well as for local resources available in the field of arts education.

[Read the Blog](#)

Arts Education Newsletter

Do you want to receive more information on local arts education news and events? The [Sonoma County Arts Education Alliance](#) newsletter is published monthly. Click on the Sign Up button to stay in the know about arts education initiatives in Sonoma County!

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CREATIVE CALENDAR & OPPORTUNITIES



From our Creative Calendar:

Western Hills Garden is offering a workshop: Curiosity in the Garden: Nature as Muse. Access the power of the garden to open ourselves to curiosity and creative inquiry. **September 16** in Occidental.

MORE Events



From our Opportunities:

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS: **City of Santa Rosa Public Art Program** is seeking an artist or team of artists to design, fabricate, and install site-specific public art at a new fire station. Submit by **September 11**.

MORE Opportunities



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