



## **CREATIVE SONOMA ADVISORY BOARD Program Reports July 2024**

### **PUBLIC ART**

#### **Fire Memorial**

Creative Sonoma launched the RFQ for the Fire Memorial Public Art Project. Please visit <https://www.creativesonoma.org/fire/> for more info and to see the full RFQ. Please share this opportunity with your artist/designer networks. The deadline to submit qualifications is July 19. As of 7/2, we have received 16 submissions.

#### **Public Art Plan**

Staff completed a revised draft of the Sonoma County Public Art Plan and along with public art consultant Todd Bressi, will present to the Board of Supervisors on July 16. Staff is seeking Board adoption of the Public Art Plan as well as input and direction for the subsequent Public Art Policy.

### **ARTS EDUCATION**

#### **Arts Education Framework Grantees**

All 5 school district grantees have requested extensions to complete their districtwide arts plans or showcase materials.

#### **Workforce Development Committee**

The Arts Education Workforce Committee met in June to identify what message and collateral are needed for an anticipated Careers in Arts Education campaign, focused on engagement with high school and college students. A marketing plan and repository for next steps will also be created. Connections for support have been established with North Coast School of Education and Patti Andrews, EDB, around JobLink opportunities. The Magnolia Project will partner with district arts leads to increase the number of arts apprenticeships this school year.

### **GRANT MAKING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

#### **2025 Arts Impact Grants for Organizations**

The next funding cycle of this program will open in August 2024. The funding pool for this program is \$150k from the regular Creative Sonoma budget, with an additional \$30k from the National Endowment for the Arts, to total \$180,000. Staff anticipates making up to 40 grants of \$3,000-5,000 each to support operating costs and programming.

**Professional Development**

A report of the impact of FY23-24 initiatives will be available in July 2024. Staff are currently pursuing new contracts with Professional Development Partners to provide training opportunities to our creative community in FY24-25.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: IN PERSON**

Wednesday, September 4

5:00 – 6:30 pm

Meetings are in-person at 141 Stony Circle, Santa Rosa unless otherwise notified.