



**Economic Development Collaborative
Creative Sonoma Update
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ARTS EDUCATION

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Arts Ed Symposium – April 14

Promotion continues for the April [Arts Ed Symposium](#). The majority of our school districts did not yet spend their Prop 28 funding. This event aims to help school districts spend appropriately, as well as connect with local partners. Information will be provided about the new county arts plan and International Reggio Children's Exhibit, as well as the Arts Educator of the Year Award. SRJC will present about their new Arts Educator Assistant Certificate.

CTA: [Ask your local school leaders how you can help](#) and recommend this Symposium to school leaders and arts orgs and teaching artists.

College & Career Pathways in the Arts

[College and Career Pathways in the Arts](#) was postponed from an in-person event to a webinar that took place on March 10th. High school, community college, and university students were invited to learn more about careers in the arts, arts education and the creative economy. The [recorded webinar](#) is available on Creative Sonoma's website.

Arts Educator of the Year

Creative Sonoma partnered again this year with LBC to offer the [Arts Educator of the Year Award](#). Out of 22 nominations submitted, 11 nominees completed the application and were evaluated by a review panel. The winner and honorable mentions will be honored at the upcoming Arts Ed Symposium on April 14th.

GRANT MAKING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

District 5 Community Public Art Project Grants

The application deadline was March 3rd and 25 submissions were received. A grant review panel is currently evaluating submissions and grant awards will be announced in early April. This [grant program](#) is intended to enable creative projects in the Fifth District that demonstrate the power of the arts to contribute to the social cohesion of our communities through beautification of downtown areas or neighborhoods. This program is made possible with support from Board of Supervisors Chair and Fifth District Supervisor, Lynda Hopkins, through community infrastructure funding.

2025 Arts Impact Grants for Organizations

We have completed contracts with the 45 grantees for this year's grant cycle. A [formal announcement](#) of the 2025 Arts Impact Grant for Organizations program was published on March 4th.

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