

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's Time to Vote!

On May 19 you should have received two emails from Electionbuddy about voting online for our 2018 grant recipients. Please note that one email is for the Impact Grant vote and the other is for the Community Grants - you need to respond to both emails to have all your votes counted. If you did not receive the emails contact vote@impact100sonoma.org. All voting is online and ends at noon on June 6. Details about voting procedures are in the Electionbuddy emails and also in the Members Portal of the website. Just click [HERE](#).

Annual Awards Celebration!

Don't miss this exciting gathering when the recipients of the Impact Grant and Community Grants will be announced and celebrated with members and guests. June 9, 2:00 - 4:30 pm, Hanna Boys Center. Mark your calendar and plan to join us. Register [HERE](#).

IMPACT100 SONOMA T-SHIRTS AND VISORS FOR SALE!



Get your very own Impact100 Sonoma T-Shirt and visor and sign up to wear it in the Fourth of July Parade! Shirts will be available for purchase at the [Annual Awards Celebration](#) on June 9.

IMPACT100 SONOMA HIGHLIGHTS:

Spring was a great time to meet other Impact100

Quick Calendar:

June 9 – Annual Award

Sonoma members and encourage friends to join us! Crush Beauty Bar hosted a fun recruitment event in April where members and their guests were treated to a glass of wine and a style update!

We continued our Tuesday Happy Hours at Bump Wine Cellars, with fun and casual socializing for members and guests.

Sonoma Plaza's Tuesday Night Farmers Market has started back up, along with our monthly Impact100 table where members, their families and friends gather to share food, wine and conversation. Don't miss our next table on June 26 (always the last Tuesday of the month)!

PRESIDENTS' LETTER

This is a special time for Impact100 Sonoma. The Grant Review Committees have completed their work. At our Meet the Finalists event on May 19 we had the pleasure of learning about the inspiring projects proposed for this year's grants. Now we are in the midst of voting, and soon it will be time for our Annual Awards Celebration (June 9 at Hanna Boys Center), at which we announce the recipients of \$305,000 in grant monies. It feels good to give away such a substantial amount of money to be used in our very own Sonoma Valley and we thank all of our 2018 members for contributing to this important gift to our community. If you have not yet voted, the two separate emails (one for the Impact Grant, one for Community Grants) should be in your inbox now. Make your vote count!

In June, our Impact100 board year will come to a close. We will say goodbye to board members who are rolling off, and welcome new ones. In July we hold our annual board retreat to begin planning for the year ahead—our tenth year as Impact100 Sonoma. If you have input, feedback or ideas for how to make our organization even better, email us at President@impact100sonoma.org. We welcome your thoughts.

We look forward to celebrating another great year with you at the Annual Awards Celebration. See you then - and don't forget to bring a friend who might be interested in joining!

Warmly,

Lynne Lancaster, Gera Vaz and Judith Walsh
Co-Presidents

**Celebration, 2:00 – 4:30 pm,
Hanna Boys Center
Auditorium.**

Come and find out which nonprofits will receive our 2018 grants. Bring a friend!
RSVP [HERE](#)

**June 18 - Appreciation Event
for Grant Review Committee
Members, 5:00 - 7:00 pm.**

Appreciation Happy Hour for Community Grant, Impact Grant and Financial Review Committee Members. Sonoma Plaza.

**June 26 - Tuesday Night
Farmers Market**

**Gathering, 5:30 - 7:00 pm,
Sonoma Plaza near the rose
garden.** Bring a friend, spouse or partner and stop by the Impact100 Sonoma table. Bring wine, a bite to share, or just your smile.

**July 4 - Impact100 Sonoma
in the Fourth of July Parade.**

**Join other women of
Impact100 in Sonoma's
Independence Day parade
around the Plaza.**

Sign up at the Annual Award Celebration, or email Sarah Carroll at scarrollis@gmail.com.

**July 12 - Conversation about
Cultural Understanding, 5:00
- 7:00 pm, at the home of
Cam McKinley.**

Watch for an invitation to this members-only event.

**August 18 - Summer Garden
Party, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, at the
home of Penny D'Allaird.**

It's not too early to mark your calendar. More information to follow.

[Details in the full calendar.](#)

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IMPRESSIVE LINEUP AT MEET THE FINALISTS



Our members enjoying an informative Meet the Finalists presentation.

Members who enjoy being informed voters gathered on a recent Saturday morning to hear from our three Impact and 14 Community Grant finalists at the annual Meet the Finalists meeting.

Over 140 women joined the nonprofit representatives to gain insight into their proposed programs, capital improvements and projects. Each speaker displayed enthusiasm and gave helpful context and detail to encourage the women of Impact100 Sonoma to support their proposal.



One thing is for certain: Members will face tough choices on their ballots, with a list of strong candidates for whom our collective grant dollars will make a big impact. Much of the credit for such a strong ballot goes to the dozens of women who sat on Grant Review Committees and did the work of reading, vetting, visiting and selecting the wonderful group of finalists.

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Below are short descriptions of the 2018 Grant Finalists. Head over to the [Members Portal](#) to find full descriptions and much more information about each of the finalists.

\$100,000 IMPACT GRANT:

One \$100,000 Impact Grant will be awarded, and the remaining finalists will each receive \$10,000. You will be asked to rank your choices from 1st to 3rd. Finalists are:

La Luz Center

Computer Literacy and Employment Services

This proposed program would expand La Luz's Computer Literacy & Employment Services to ensure that members of the community with the highest need, primarily Latinos, can gain 21st Century technology skills needed to qualify for high wage, high skill work; apply for and secure employment; master online access to financial systems, health and school portals and community engagement; and continue to live and thrive in Sonoma Valley.

Mentoring Alliance

R3: Recovery through Recruiting & Resilience

This proposed program would solve two pressing issues: 1) End the persistent waitlist of mentees hoping to be matched with a mentor through implementation of a comprehensive marketing and outreach campaign to recruit more mentors, and 2) Ease the traumatic effects that the October 2017 fires have had on the mentee population through funding of professional resilience training and one-on-one counseling for mentors and mentees working through fire-related trauma together.

Sustainable Sonoma, a collaboration of nonprofit, government and business sectors

Sustainable Sonoma: The Time is Now

This proposed program would identify and prioritize Sonoma Valley's complex systemic challenges that threaten families, the environment and the economy by uniting business, social justice, environmental, community and other interest groups to work together to develop a set of near- and long-term goals that will ensure a more just, sustainable, equitable and thriving community. Sustainable Sonoma believes the timing is critical that this project is funded now while there is momentum built among these 25 organizations.

COMMUNITY GRANTS (PROGRAM AND CAPITAL):

A total of \$185,000 will be awarded in Community Grants, ranging in size up to \$20,000 and focusing on either program or capital. You will be able to

vote for eight organizations regardless of category. Finalists in each of the categories are:

PROGRAM:

Becoming Independent

Community Integrated Programs

This proposed program requests \$20,000 to increase the per-client dollar amount to \$150/day and to help fund/expand client-selected activities such as field trips, classes, supplies and activities.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Sonoma Valley

Triple Play: A Game Plan for the Mind, Body and Soul

This proposed program requests \$20,000 to help fund staff training in order to expand the multi-faceted K – 5 program by 200 additional youth daily, the majority of whom are low-income.

Cancer Support Sonoma (CSS)

Integrative Medicine Support Services for Cancer Patients

This proposed program requests \$20,000 for the Patient Assistance Fund to help clients dealing with cancer to receive low-fee beneficial complementary therapies that are rarely covered by insurance.

Jack London Park Partners (JLPP)

Nature's Design

This proposed program requests \$15,970 to expand the successful pilot program that offers an in-depth investigation of ecosystem dynamics and biodiversity to all Sonoma Valley 7th graders in fall 2018.

Kenwood Education Foundation

KIDS (Kenwood Investing in Dynamic Students) Campaign

This proposed program requests \$20,000 to fund KID's student enrichment programs for the 2018-19 school year after the fires prematurely ended the annual KIDS fundraising campaign, and all existing funds were, instead, given to fire victims in the community.

La Luz

Latino Mental Health Services

This proposed program requests \$19,960 to expand its culturally appropriate, bi-lingual mental health services to meet the higher-than-ever demand after the fires and amid immigration uncertainty.

Redwood Empire Food Bank (REFB)

Sonoma Valley Produce Pantry

This proposed program requests \$20,000 to provide, in two convenient Sonoma Valley locations, more than 133,300 pounds of fresh produce to our food-insecure neighbors.

Sebastiani Theatre Foundation

Expanding Programs for Latino Youth

This proposed program requests \$20,000 to fund 83 scholarships for Latino youth of low-income families to attend Sebastiani's after-school and summer performing arts camps.

Sonoma Overnight Support (SOS)

Expansion of Homeless Day Services

This proposed program requests \$20,000 to expand its free Day Services program to meet increased demand, and prevent it from having to cut back its hours.

Sonoma Valley Education Foundation

Valley Vibes Orchestra (VIVO)

This proposed program requests \$20,000 to support the expansion (from 50+ to 100 K – 12 students) of VIVO, an after-school and summer professional music instruction and orchestra program, that serves many at-risk socio-economically disadvantaged youth.

Vintage House

Research Study: Profile of Sonoma Valley Seniors and their Current and Anticipated Program and Service Needs

This proposed program requests \$20,000 to fund an external study of the Sonoma Valley senior population to determine their current and future needs in order to inform Vintage House's future programs and services.

CAPITAL:

Sonoma Community Center

Safety Improvements

This proposed program requests \$20,000 to upgrade aged and outdated safety features, and increase accessibility, in the historic 102-year-old building.

Sonoma League for Historic Preservation

Renovation of Maysonave Cottage

This proposed program requests \$20,000 to assist in renovation of the façade, structure and landscaping of this historic Victorian home as well as start a teaching garden and other upgrades.

Sonoma Valley Historical Society

Depot Park Museum Re-Roof

This proposed program requests \$20,000 to reroof this much-visited historical museum using modern non-flammable materials.



IMPACT TOURS SONOMA STATE PARK LANDMARKS



Impact100 Sonoma members and guests in front of Mission San Francisco Solano.

Under a blue sky with springtime flowers bursting, twenty-one Impact100 members and guests met outside Mission San Francisco Solano on April 19, the first stop on a special tour of Sonoma State Park Landmarks. State Park Interpreter Joleen Ossello, assisted by Yvonne Bowers from SPARKS, the Sonoma Petaluma Park System, shared the history as well as fascinating anecdotes about the early days of Sonoma, the valley and its residents.

The Mission courtyard, filled with 4th graders making candles, cooking and weaving baskets, the girls wearing long skirts and bandanas, was like taking a step back in time and a fun way to learn about the daily tasks of early residents. After the Mission, the group walked across the street and toured the Barracks, then the Toscano Hotel, kitchen and courtyard.

From the Plaza everyone traveled – by bike, on foot, in cars – to General Vallejo’s home and enjoyed a picnic in the upper garden on tables draped with cloths and set with rose-filled vases, thanks to member host Pam Gilbert. After lunch guides Joleen and Yvonne ended the memorable day with a tour of the grounds and General Vallejo’s home. Many thanks to all who made it such a special day.

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