

June to July 2025 CIG Applications Summary

- The Common Ground Society Specialized Support for Families with Children 5 and Under grant application from Common Ground Society requests \$2,472 for a series of accessible meetup opportunities for families with children facing unique needs. The meetups provide a welcoming and safe environment for families to connect, share resources, and build support networks. Common Ground Society provides vital connection points for families navigating the challenges of raising a child with a disability, medical complexity, or unique need. Recognizing the isolation that these families often experience, our project aims to create a supportive and inclusive community.
- The Community Lantern Workshops grant application from Santa Rosa Urban Arts Partnerships requests \$2,500 to support community lantern building workshops that will take place during September 2025. These lantern building workshops are in response to the multitude of requests they get every year at their annual WinterBlast Festival, and it will provide an avenue for folks to get creative and play with possibilities. After WinterBlast they would like to partner with neighboring businesses to display these illuminated creations. SR Urban Arts Partnership believes that the arts have the power to transform communities, foster meaningful connections, and create a true sense of place.
- The Drawing Games at Winterblast grant application from Sonoma County Sketchbook Club requests \$2,500 to host a participatory art booth during Winterblast. This booth will offer free, interactive drawing games for all ages and abilities—including a jumbo exquisite corpse activity on large paper rolls, a collaborative community mural, scheduled drawing game sessions, and a blind contour drawing station. The mural will be a free standing black and white design on plywood (not painted on a building) Their goal is to cultivate joy, creativity, and spontaneous connection among community members through low-pressure, accessible artmaking. They aim to create an inclusive space that encourages both artists and non-artists to collaborate and connect, strengthening neighborhood bonds through creative expression.
- The Vince Harper's South Day & Night 2025 Festival grant application from EFZM Engage requests \$2,500 to host a festival designed to offer on-site health and wellness services while connecting families with essential resources. This year, they will be relocating the event to the Santa Rosa Veterans Building since MLK Park will be undergoing renovations. The festival aims to enhance community knowledge by educating the public, providing resources, and celebrating the vibrant South Park neighborhood. Now, more than ever, it is vital for the community to be informed about the services available from various agencies.