



MONTHLY NEWS

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GRANTS UPDATE



Join a 2024 Grant Review Committee!

Participate in one of the most sought-after benefits of membership. Recruitment for our 2024 Grant Review Committees (GRCs) is underway. If you've ever considered getting involved in selecting our grant finalists (or have served in the past), now's the time to register to do this fun, gratifying, and impactful work.

This will be an important and exciting time to serve, not only because 2024 will be our 15th year of grantmaking, but also because you'll be involved in piloting our new Encore Grant. Learn the latest [HERE](#).

The GRC process runs from January through April. Get full details about serving [HERE](#).

To confirm your spot, register [HERE](#) as soon as possible, but no later than **December 1**. If you have questions or need assistance, contact Registrar **Marcy Winget** at marcy@impact100sonoma.org.

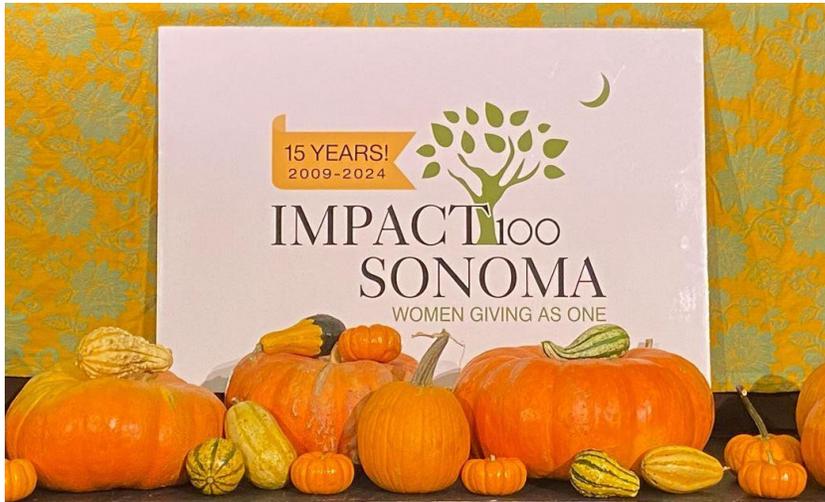


WHAT IS THE FRC?

The **Financial Review Committee** (FRC) acts as the fiduciary for Impact100 Sonoma, evaluating the financial statements and related data provided by nonprofits to ensure that they have the financial viability and stability needed to support their grant applications. **This critical process is distinct from the grant-focused qualitative assessments of the Grant Review Committees (GRCs).**

FRC work is intensely focused over a three-week period in January and involves two committee meetings, during which members review the financials of every vetted grant applicant. If you've served on an FRC before, you'll hear from its leaders shortly. If you have a strong financial background and are interested in serving, contact FRC Co-Chairs **Barbara Morrison** at barbara@tmcfunding.com or **Marney Malik** at marney.malik@gmail.com.

CO-PRESIDENTS CORNER



As we roll into November, the crispness in the air and the falling leaves remind us that Thanksgiving is around the corner and that we have much to be thankful for. We live in a very giving community and are especially grateful for all of you, our member donors. In fact, we begin every board meeting with gratitude, taking a moment to acknowledge the hard work that our leaders and committees do each day.

The 2023 Grant Recipient Update Meeting on October 21 was another celebration of gratitude. The garden setting for check-in and refreshments was lovely, and the weather was autumn perfect, a welcoming start to the wonderful, heartfelt presentations. It was impossible not to feel proud and thankful to be part of this organization and this community. We were awed, we smiled, and we even cried listening to the work these nonprofits do and the lives they touch.

For any guests considering joining as new members for 2024, and any past members weighing a return, these presentations should have sealed the deal. For current members, it's time to renew! Help us reach our highest ever number of members and largest ever amount of grant funds in our 15th anniversary year!

One final gratitude: We are pleased to welcome **Ann Arabian** to our board, joining **Sandee Crisp** and **Stephanie Chakmak** as Membership Co-Chairs. Some of you might remember Ann as a past president of Sonoma Valley Newcomers Club. We are grateful she has joined us and look forward to working with her.

We wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving with lots of joy! We hope to see you at an upcoming Spotlight Series event or around the Plaza.



Claudia Sims and Debbe Noto, Co-Presidents



Ann Arabian, Membership Co-Chair

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



Let's celebrate our 15th anniversary by making 2024 a record year! When you go to renew, you'll notice a few changes from years past. We've eliminated the membership levels and Member Plus designation, and enabled you instead to direct additional donations to a range of options. For example, contributing to the member sponsorship fund gives a wider cross-section of women the opportunity to participate while making more funds available for grants.

Learn the details here: [Renew Your Impact100 Sonoma Membership Now.pdf](#)

If you want to **share a membership** but haven't yet found a partner, the Membership Team can help. Contact **Sandee Crisp** at sandeeandrod@gmail.com.

JOIN/RENEW HERE

The deadline for Vote 2024 is December 31. If you experience difficulties or need assistance, contact info@impact100sonoma.org.

A few openings remain for our **New Member Orientation** on Thursday, November 9, from 5:00 to 6:30 PM in downtown Sonoma. See your invitation, register [HERE](#), or contact **Kathleen Ball** at kathleen@kathleenball.com for more information. Don't miss this opportunity to meet our leaders, ask questions, and learn how to get more involved.

VOLUNTEER OPENINGS



Events Team Members

Want to get more involved without ongoing commitments? The Events Team needs help with preparation details, setup, and breakdown for member parties and meetings. You'll receive only one email before each event that invites you to choose your assignment. So help out when you can and have fun doing it! For more information, contact **Karen Sherman** at ks@axlecom.com.

Impact100 Cares—About YOU!

If you or a member you know is going through a difficult life transition such as a family loss or serious illness or is celebrating a milestone event, the Impact Cares team is standing by to offer encouragement or cheer.

To reach out, contact **Mary Jane Stolte** at 415-518-3389 or mjstolte7@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Thursday, November 30, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

**Spotlight Series/Exploring Immigration Issues in Sonoma Valley
with Vicki Handron**

Gain new insights into the local immigrant experience and learn ways we can work together to build a more inclusive, supportive community. Speaker **Vicki Handron** is a Sonoma native who has practiced immigration law in the valley since 2017. With **Alondra Marroquin**, she co-founded Sonoma Immigrant Services (SIS), a Springs nonprofit providing accessible educational and legal services to immigrants.

Watch for your invitation for this free event at the Pueblo Serena Clubhouse on 5th Street West. **Bring a prospective member!**

Learn more about **Vicki Handron** [HERE](#).

Learn more about **Sonoma Immigrant Services** [HERE](#).



To suggest topics for future Spotlight events,
contact **Sherry Preiss** at shpreiss@aol.com.



Tuesday, December 5, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Annual Holiday Party

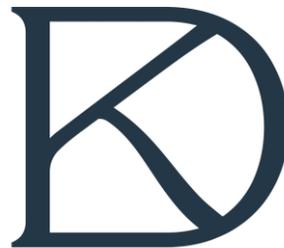
Lift your spirits—literally—and celebrate the season with fellow members and prospective members at our annual holiday party. We'll raise our glasses and usher in our 15th anniversary year at a very special venue. Join us at the beautiful **Hanson of Sonoma Distillery** tasting room on Burndale Road for small bites, wine, and a selection of enticing cocktails mixed especially for us by our generous hosts.

See your invitation or register yourself and your prospective member guests [HERE](#) for this limited-attendance event. \$25 for members, no charge for guests.

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OUT AND ABOUT

Grant Recipients Update Meeting Informs and Inspires

It was the anecdotes of individuals helped that most moved members, guests, and nonprofit partners who attended the Grant Recipients Update Meeting at the

Sonoma Community Center's Andrews Hall on October 21. A senior receiving rental assistance for the first time in her life. A free heart health screening serving 130 young people and identifying an above-average two in need of further care. High school students visiting a college campus and realizing a new world of possibilities. Unhoused residents moving into tiny homes. A mentee overcoming her fear of kayaking. A young client finding friendship and understanding in equine therapy.

These touching moments brought our record \$337,400 of 2023 funding to vivid life, with 14 full-grant recipients presenting recent results. "Your impactful stories made the event very powerful," wrote **Marcia Carruthers**, Grants Co-Chair. "It is a testament to the dedicated work that you do to make Sonoma Valley a better place."

"Thank YOU for your investment in the Sonoma Valley community," said **Katrin Ciaffa**, who presented on behalf of 10,000 Degrees. "It is an honor to be part of this amazing group of caring individuals and nonprofits!"

For more details, see the event program here:
[2023 Grant Recipient Update Meeting.pdf](#)



Megan Hansen, Sonoma Valley Mentoring Alliance



Diane Ching and Karen Kennedy, feeling renewed!



Linda Murphy, Elizabeth Wagman-Carlson, and Laurel Studebaker, catching up during a break.

See more photos by **Ann Iverson** [HERE](#).

