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## **Sedona Arts Center Awarded Grant Support, Looks to New Vision for Creative Community**

Sedona Arts Center, one of the Verde Valley’s leading cultural institutions, has received new support grants from the City of Sedona, Arizona Community Foundation of Sedona and the Arizona Commission on the Arts. Over \$32,000 was recently awarded in support of the organization’s nonprofit mission, ongoing programs, and creative community efforts.

“We are grateful to these partners, for investing in the Arts Center and for helping us advance the creative life of Sedona,” said board president Kath Gilliam. “We serve tens of thousands of people each year, with classes, exhibitions, festivals, and cultural programs that are home grown for the Verde Valley. Generous funding and new support like this is helping Sedona Arts Center grow our creative community.”

The City of Sedona recently awarded a \$20,000 grant in support of the Arts Center’s programming. The Arizona Community Foundation of Sedona has provided \$2,200 in support of digital arts and programs such as the Summer Film Camp for Kids. The Arizona Commission on the Arts, which receives support from the State of Arizona and the National Endowment for the Arts, has confirmed a \$10,000 general operating support grant for this year.

“With ongoing support like this, and generous contributions from members and local sponsors, Sedona Arts Center is poised for growth, new ideas, and expanded community engagement,” said Gilliam. “We are grateful to all our creative partners, and to the thousands of people who activate our programs, services, and facilities.”

The Sedona Arts Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the creative life of Sedona and the cultural identity of Northern Arizona. Programs encompass arts education and the creative development of the individual, diverse gallery exhibitions by over 100 member artists, cultural events and community partnerships, annual festivals and celebrations, and much more. For more information about how you can participate in or support upcoming efforts, call 928-282-3809 or visit [SedonaArtsCenter.org](http://SedonaArtsCenter.org).