

Our Grants – Northwest Minnesota Arts Council

ARTS PROJECT GRANTS.

Arts Project Grants Are for Organizations.

This is the category for arts projects that would benefit from \$500 – \$3,000 in grant funds.

Examples: a specific theatrical play or the sponsorship of a few folk artists to entertain at your festival. Arts organizations may not receive more than \$3,000.00 in grant funds each fiscal year. This grant is not intended for use by school districts.

Cash Match: A 10% minimum cash match is required for all grant requests. If the project is to repeat sponsorship of an artist or group that has been sponsored with NWMAC funding in previous years then a 25% minimum cash match is required.

Arts Project Grants have 3 application deadlines a year. Funds are slightly divided between these application deadlines.

ARTS EQUIPMENT FOR SCHOOLS

Supported by general allocation funds from the Minnesota state legislature, schools can apply to purchase artistic equipment for their visual art, performing art, media arts, or creative writing departments. Grants are for up to \$3,000.00 with a 25% cash match. **Deadline is November 1** each year that it is offered. Equipment that is used solely for the pursuit of arts like a kiln or theater lights, or a band instrument has a better chance of being funded.

Two types of Project Grants

- **Regular** (up to \$3,000) Aug 1, Nov 1, March 1 deadlines
- **Arts Equipment** for Schools (up to \$3,000) Nov 1 deadline

[See Grant Guidelines](#)

ARTS LEGACY GRANTS

Arts Legacy Grants are for organizations or projects of individuals with a strong community focus. This is our main category for funding artistic activity within our region. Funding for these grants comes from the Minnesota State Legislature through the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment.

Cash Match: The regular grants are a maximum of \$10,000 with a 25% match.

This category is best suited for a series of projects and equipment expenditures that arts organizations will need to make. Main deadlines are August 1, November 1, and March 1; then on-going 1st of the month deadlines as funds remain.

Examples include cooperative groups of artists that have retail location or an artist focusing on offering workshops to community members. This is also the main category to fund public art projects within communities such as murals and sculpture.

Artist Residency in Schools. A category of Arts Legacy Grants is for artist residencies in schools. These grants are a maximum of \$2,600 to sponsor an artist for a traditional week-long residency. An extra \$400.00 may be requested for residencies with supplies. Schools are strongly encouraged to use our [teaching artist roster](#) or use a roster artist from [COMPAS](#).

General Operating Grants for non-profit arts organizations that are incorporated in our region are eligible for funding in this category.

3 Types of Legacy Grants

- **Regular** (up to \$10,000) (individuals can apply if very strong community component)
Aug 1, Nov 1, March 1 deadlines
- **Artist Residency in Schools** (\$2,600) first come, first served program
- **General Operating for Non-Profit Arts Orgs** (varies) Sep 1 deadline

Individual Artist Grants

Individual Artist Grants are awarded to individuals.

This is the main category that individuals use to support their artistic business or advance their technical skills. This category is for non-hobby artists.

Individual Artist Grants provide financial assistance for the exhibition, performance, or production of a specific creative work, mentoring with a more experienced artist, participation in not-for-credit arts experiences.

To be eligible you must be out of high school and at least 18 years of age and reside in the 7 county NW Minnesota region. College tuition is not an eligible expense.

Individual Artist Grants for \$5,000 have an annual deadline of **October 1** and grants for \$1,500 have a **November 15 deadline**. Four grants are awarded at each deadline. Support for this program comes from The McKnight Foundation.

Quick Turn Around Grants for Adult Artists

This grant has a primary purpose of helping artists secure a small amount of funds to attend a training or to purchase some equipment (that is used over and over again) that has proven essential to their professional advancement. We understand that opportunities come up quickly and this grant should help artists get quick access to funds.

Grants are for up to \$500.00. They are awarded on a first come, first served quarterly basis. Support for this program comes from the McKnight Foundation.

[Learn More](#)

3 Types of Individual Artist Grants

- **Individual Artist Grants** (\$5,000) (4 awarded each year) Oct 1 deadline
- **Individual Artist Grants** (\$1,500) (4 awarded each year) Nov 15 deadline
- **Quick Turn Around Grants** (\$500) first come, first served

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