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LowellArts announces \$42,000 in MCACA Minigrants for Fiscal Year 2019

LOWELL, MI – Through the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) Minigrant Program, LowellArts awarded **\$34,000** for **ARTS PROJECTS** to thirteen local arts and cultural organizations and **\$8,000** for **PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT** to six organizations and one artist.

LowellArts serves as one of the regional re-granting agencies for the MCACA for the counties of Barry, Ionia, Kent, Lake, Mecosta, Montcalm, Newaygo and Osceola.

In Fiscal Year 2018 LowellArts received twenty-one grant applications for **ARTS PROJECTS**, with a total of **\$73,485** in requests and **\$34,000** awarded. Organizations could request up to \$4,000 for locally developed, high quality arts and cultural projects, which are special opportunities to address local arts and cultural needs and increase public access to arts and culture. These grants support a broad range of artistic expression from all cultures through projects which preserve, produce or present traditional or contemporary arts and culture and arts education.

The following organizations received ARTS PROJECTS awards:

ORGANIZATION	COUNTY	GRANT AWARD
Community Circle Theatre	Kent	\$3,200
Croton Township Library	Newaygo	\$2,680
Ebony Road Players	Kent	\$2,000
Evert DDA	Osceola	\$2,800
Grand Rapids Film Festival	Kent	\$2,680
Grand River Watershed Arts and Music Council	Kent	\$2,600
Hope Network	Mecosta	\$2,185
Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce	Kent	\$2,800
Newaygo Area District Library	Newaygo	\$2,600
NIA Centre	Kent	\$3,000
San Juan Diego Academy	Kent	\$1,615
The Diatribe Inc.	Kent	\$2,130
Western Michigan Bengali Cultural Association	Kent	\$3,000

In addition, LowellArts received fourteen grant applications for **PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**, with a total of **\$20,977** in requests and **\$8,000** awarded. Organizations and professional artists could ask for up to \$1,500 to support a variety of nonprofit organizational and individual needs, which strengthen the capacity of the organization or artist. These dollars can be used to attend conferences, workshops, seminars or to hire short-term consultants.

The following organizations received PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT awards:

ORGANIZATION / ARTIST	COUNTY	GRANT AWARD
Artists Creating Together	Kent	\$1,385
Artworks: Big Rapids Arts and Humanities	Mecosta	\$1,500
Grand Rapids Community Media Center	Kent	\$1,200
The Diatribe Inc.	Kent	\$1,200
Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts	Kent	\$1,365
West Michigan Center for Arts and Technologies	Kent	\$1,350