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LowellArts announces \$40,000 in MCACA Minigrants for Fiscal Year 2018

LOWELL, MI – Through the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) Minigrant Program, LowellArts awarded **\$32,000** for **ARTS PROJECTS** to eleven local arts and cultural organizations and **\$8,000** for **PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT** to five 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 seventeen grant applications for **ARTS PROJECTS**, with a total of **\$61,796** in requests and **\$32,000** 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 twelve organizations received ARTS PROJECTS awards:

ORGANIZATION	COUNTY	GRANT AWARD
Croton Township Library	Newaygo	\$3,189
Grand Rapids Latin American Film Festival	Kent	\$3,972
Greenville Area Community Center	Montcalm	\$2,400
Hope Network – Big Rapids	Mecosta	\$3,560
Morton Township Library	Mecosta	\$3,200
Newaygo Area District Library	Newaygo	\$2,690
Newaygo County Council for the Arts	Newaygo	\$3,000
Rockford Community Band	Kent	\$2,400
Rockford Community Orchestra	Kent	\$1,589
stageGR	Kent	\$2,800
The Bach Chorale of Grand Rapids	Kent	\$3,200

In addition, LowellArts received nine grant applications for **PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**, with a total of **\$12,000** 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 six organizations / artist received PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT awards:

ORGANIZATION / ARTIST	COUNTY	GRANT AWARD
Artists Creating Together	Kent	\$1,500
Artworks: Big Rapids Arts and Humanities	Mecosta	\$1,500
Emily Najera – Artist	Kent	\$ 800
Grand Rapids Film Festival	Kent	\$1,350
Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts	Kent	\$1,500
West Michigan Center for Arts and Technologies	Kent	\$1,350