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## **LowellArts Announces \$10,000 in Michigan Arts & Culture Council Grants to preK – 12th Grade Schools for Arts Equipment & Supplies and Busing**

LOWELL, MI – Through the Michigan Arts & Culture Council (MACC) Minigrant Program, LowellArts granted awards of **\$10,000** to preK-12 Schools for Arts Equipment and Supplies and for Busing. LowellArts serves as one of the regional regranteeing agencies for the MACC for the counties of Barry, Ionia, Kent, Lake, Mecosta, Montcalm, Newaygo and Osceola.

Two opportunities were available to Michigan preK-12 schools to assist with access to art through transportation and art supply funds.

- **Arts Equipment & Supplies Grants** provide up to \$1500 to Michigan preK-12 schools to pay for arts equipment (including repairs of arts equipment) or supplies being used within the classroom/school setting. Michigan preK-12 teachers in any arts discipline may apply for the grant, including; creative writing, film/video, music, visual arts, and theater.
- **Bus Grants** provide up to \$500 to Michigan preK-12 schools for the transportation cost of an arts or culture related trip.

**Applicants must be accredited Michigan preK-12 educational institutions:** Public or Non-Public School | Private School | Home School | School District | Intermediate School District | Regional Educational Service Agency | Accredited Head Start Program

### **The following ten schools received grant awards:**

#### **Hastings Area Schools (Barry County) – Busing Grant**

**\$500**

- A live performance was brought by TheatreWorks into the district's Hastings Performing Arts Center on October 11, 2022 for lower elementary school students. It is a play/musical with strong literacy connections to books commonly read by and to students in these grades.

#### **Godfrey Lee High School (Kent County) – Arts Equipment and Supplies Grant**

**\$1,500**

- The Art Department at Lee High School has added a Printmaking Class to its High School art program. The school purchased a Blick 906 Etching Press (and the necessary equipment that goes with it) to produce etchings, drypoints, engravings, collagraphs, linoleum block prints, and paper plate lithographs. This kind of equipment allows students to create 'portfolio worthy' art prints for college admission requirements.

#### **Kent City Elementary School (Kent County) – Busing Grant**

**\$500**

- The Grand Rapids Symphony will be performing a concert: Link Up - The Orchestra Moves, on February 8, 2023 with 90 students attending and participate in. After this performance the students will go to the Grand Rapids Public Museum and experience the displays and the planetarium.

#### **Lake Michigan Academy (Kent County) – Arts Equipment and Supplies Grant**

**\$839**

- Tempra paint and paint brushes with canvas. Construction paper, foam sheets and clay will be used for other art projects combining 2D and 3D art lessons. Other supplies will be used for texture and flair for larger installations on the school's bulletin boards.

- Newaygo Elementary School (Newaygo County) – Busing Grant** **\$500**
- 110 students will be attending, watching, singing, dancing, and performing musical selections on their recorders, along with 600+ other students, with the West Michigan Symphony at Muskegon Frauenthal Theater on May 9, 2023. Students will experience music from other cultures, time periods, and genres, as they prepare for and attend this concert.
- Potter’s House High School (Kent County) – Arts Equipment and Supplies Grant** **\$1,500**
- Sculpture supplies including clay, sculpting tools, beeswax and other accessories. By providing these sculpture supplies to these high school students, the students will engage in a truly hands-on activity and grow in creativity, improve academic performance, increase critical thinking abilities, and improve logical reasoning skills.
- Potter’s House K-8 School (Kent County) – Arts Equipment and Supplies Grant** **\$1,500**
- Painting Supplies including watercolors, tempera paint, pastels, paint brushes, and paper. At the Potter’s House, quality education includes visual arts instruction, providing arts education and exposure that changes the lives of the school’s students, their families, and the entire community.
- Thornapple Kellogg – Lee Elementary (Barry County) – Arts Equipment and Supplies Grant** **\$1,500**
- Bass Xylophone and Orff Instrument Stands. Having another bass xylophone will allow for many more students to get the opportunity to practice playing the resting tone (tonic) and other supporting harmonic notes through rhythmic patterns using the tonic and dominant of the scale. The Orff instrument stands will help students be more independent and allow for easier and safer moving of the instruments. The instrument stands also bring the bass instruments to a correct playable height that is ideal for elementary students.
- Thornapple Kellogg – McFall School (Barry County) – Arts Equipment and Supplies Grant** **\$1,072**
- Xylophones are instruments that can be easily used for students of all ages, meeting the school’s grade level expectations, learning to do some improv and proper instrument play. Students are able to create through exploration, improvisation, and composition with different instruments.
- Thornapple Kellogg – Page Elementary (Barry County) – Arts Equipment and Supplies Grant** **\$589**
- Frozen KIDS Performance Kit. Students will audition, prepare, and perform a musical in front of a live audience. The goals in preparing the musical include expression of music through movement, developing vocal singing technique, reading music scores, singing harmony, vocal/physical expression when acting, following a conductor, blending in an ensemble, storytelling, and constructive self-reflection. The production will also allow many students to have experience with creating a set and/or working behind the scenes to bring out set pieces. The goal of this production is that students tell a story through music and acting and gain the experience of doing a public performance.

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**LowellArts administers these grants through a regrating program through the Michigan Arts & Culture Council.** The State of Michigan Minigrant Program is a partnership between the MACC and fifteen regional re-granting agencies throughout the state.

**LowellArts Mission:** Connecting Artists and Audiences through the Visual and Performing Arts. **LowellArts stated purpose is:** to encourage the understanding, appreciation, and importance of the arts in the schools and communities we serve, and to provide expression and enjoyment of the arts to all segments of these communities. **LowellArts is a 501(c)3 designated nonprofit organization.** The purpose of a nonprofit is to provide programs and services identified by its community and defined by the nonprofit’s mission. LowellArts believes that the arts are an integral part of our quality of life and an important asset for the community it serves.