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### **LowellArts announces \$40,000 in MCACA Minigrants for Fiscal Year 2020**

LOWELL, MI – Through the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) Minigrant Program, LowellArts awarded **\$32,000** for **ARTS PROJECTS** to fifteen local arts and cultural organizations and **\$8,000** for **PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT** to eleven organizations and one artist.

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

For the Fiscal Year 2020 LowellArts received twenty-one grant applications for **ARTS PROJECTS**, with a total of **\$75,158** 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 fourteen organizations received ARTS PROJECTS awards:**

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>GRANT AWARD</b>
Earful of Fiddle Music and Dance Camp	Mecosta	\$3,200
Grand Rapids African American Museum and Archives	Kent	\$3,000
Grand River Watershed Arts and Music Council	Kent	\$2,200
Hope Network – Big Rapids	Mecosta	\$3,200
Lake County Historical Society	Lake	\$1,395
Michigan Dance Council	Kent	\$2,280
Morton Township Library	Mecosta	\$2,400
Newaygo Area District Library	Newaygo	\$2,200
Rockford Community Band	Kent	\$2,035
Rockford Community Orchestra	Kent	\$1,120
San Juan Diego Academy	Kent	\$1,920
The Diatribe Inc.	Kent	\$3,000
Western Michigan Bengali Cultural Association	Kent	\$1,250
White Cloud Community Library	Newaygo	\$2,800

In addition, LowellArts received seventeen grant application for **PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**, with a total of **\$21,680** 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 twelve organizations / artist received PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT awards:**

<b>ORGANIZATION / ARTIST</b>	<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>GRANT AWARD</b>
Artists Creating Together	Kent	\$825
Artworks: Big Rapids Arts and Humanities	Mecosta	\$223
Circle Pines Center	Barry	\$675
Grand Rapids Cable Access Center	Kent	\$825
Grandville Avenue Arts & Humanities	Kent	\$750
Great Lakes Chorus	Kent	\$640
Joseph Wilcox – Artist	Kent	\$655
Newaygo County Council for the Arts	Newaygo	\$257
St. Cecilia Music Center	Kent	\$900
The Diatribe Inc.	Kent	\$675
Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts	Kent	\$675
West Michigan Center for Arts and Technologies	Kent	\$900

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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.