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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:

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<td>Grand Rapids African American Museum and Archives</td>
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<td>Grand River Watershed Arts and Music Council</td>
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<td>Hope Network – Big Rapids</td>
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<td>Lake County Historical Society</td>
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<td>Western Michigan Bengali Cultural Association</td>
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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:

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<td>Artworks: Big Rapids Arts and Humanities</td>
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<td>Joseph Wilcox – Artist</td>
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<td>Newaygo County Council for the Arts</td>
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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.