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LowellArts Announces \$43,500 in MACC Minigrants for Fiscal Year 2023 and \$10,000 available to preK – 12th Grade Schools for Arts Equipment & Supplies Grants and Busing Grants

LOWELL, MI – Through the Michigan Arts & Culture Council (MACC) Minigrant Program, LowellArts granted awards of **\$34,500** for **ARTS PROJECTS** to sixteen local arts and cultural organizations and **\$9,000** for **PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT** to six organizations and five artists.

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

For the Fiscal Year 2023 LowellArts received nineteen grant applications for **ARTS PROJECTS**, with a total of **\$68,300** in requests and **\$34,500** 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 sixteen organizations received ARTS PROJECTS awards:

| ORGANIZATION | COUNTY | GRANT AWARD |
|--|---------------|--------------------|
| Croton Township Library | Newaygo | \$1,086 |
| Earful of Fiddle Music and Dance Camp | Mecosta | \$2,172 |
| Evert Downtown Development Authority | Osceola | \$1,629 |
| Grand River Watershed Arts and Music Council | Kent | \$2,172 |
| Hope Network – Big Rapids | Mecosta | \$2,802 |
| Lake County Historical Society | Lake | \$2,802 |
| Mecosta Osceola Intermediate School District | Mecosta | \$2,802 |
| Morton Township Library | Mecosta | \$2,802 |
| Newaygo Area District Library | Newaygo | \$2,172 |
| Project ESME | Kent | \$1,798 |
| Rockford Community Orchestra | Kent | \$1,123 |
| San Juan Diego Academy | Kent | \$1,682 |
| Sparta Area Schools | Kent | \$1,682 |
| True North Community Services | Newaygo | \$2,802 |
| Vox GR | Kent | \$2,802 |
| West Michigan Flute Association | Kent | \$2,172 |

In addition, LowellArts received eleven grant application for **PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**, with a total of **\$13,218** in requests and **\$9,000** 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 eleven organizations / artists received PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT awards:

| ORGANIZATION / ARTIST | COUNTY | GRANT AWARD |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Alby Blazo – Artist | Kent | \$86 |
| Artists Creating Together | Kent | \$1,118 |
| Danielle Wyckoff – Artist | Kent | \$1,118 |
| Diatrube Inc | Kent | \$944 |
| Grand Rapids Cable Access Center | Kent | \$944 |
| Grand Rapids Children’s Museum | Kent | \$1,118 |
| Grandville Avenue Arts & Humanities | Kent | \$1,005 |
| Lowell Area Historical Museum | Kent | \$522 |
| Mandy Cano Villalobos – Artist | Kent | \$780 |
| Shannon Pinkster – Artist | Barry | \$360 |
| Tiffany Semis – Artist | Kent | \$1,005 |

MACC Grants for preK-12 Schools are currently available through LowellArts for the counties of Barry, Ionia, Kent, Lake, Mecosta, Montcalm, Newaygo and Osceola.

Two opportunities are available to Michigan preK-12 schools to assist with access to art through transportation and 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

Applications are available at <https://www.lowellartsmi.org/macc-minigrants>

LowellArts administers these grants through a regranting 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.