

# Southwest Minnesota Arts Council

## Grant Calendar: July 2017-June 2018

*SERVING: Big Stone, Chippewa, Cottonwood, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, McLeod, Meeker, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Swift, and Yellow Medicine*

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### *Grants For Arts Organizations:*

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**Art Project Grants (3 rounds of funding):** *Provides organizations in the SMAC region with up to \$5,000 in matching funds to stimulate and encourage the creation, performance and appreciation of the arts (pre-packaged theatre residencies limited to \$750). 20% cash match required.*

- Round I deadline: July 26, 2017 (earliest start date: Sept 15, 2017)
- Round II deadline: December 20, 2017 (earliest start date: Feb. 15, 2018)
- Round III deadline: March 7, 2018 (earliest start date: May 15, 2018)

**Art Legacy Project Grants (3 rounds of funding):** *Provides organizations in the SMAC region with up to \$20,000 in matching funds to stimulate and encourage the creation, performance and appreciation of the arts through large-scale projects that will leave an arts legacy in southwest Minnesota. 20% cash match required.*

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- Round II deadline: December 20, 2017 (earliest start date: Feb. 15, 2018)
- Round III deadline: March 7, 2018 (earliest start date: May 15, 2018)

**Art Legacy Project Planning Grants (monthly):** *Provides organizations with up to \$2,000 to finalize the plans for a specific large-scale project or activity that will create or advance a strong arts legacy in Minnesota. 20% cash match required.*

- First-come, first-served monthly deadline until all funds have been expended; deadline is 1st of each month, 4:30 pm - August 2017 through November 2017 and January 2018 through April 2018 (earliest start date is the first day of the following month after board action)

**Arts Organization Development (monthly):** *Provides community-based arts organizations in the SMAC region with up to \$5,000 in matching funds to increase their long-term stability and capacity through organizational development and management projects. 20% cash match required.*

- First-come, first-served monthly deadline until all funds have been expended; deadline is 1st of each month, 4:30 pm - August 2017 through November 2017 and January 2018 through April 2018 (earliest start date is the first day of the following month after board action)

**Start Up Grants (monthly):** *Provides newly formed art organizations up to \$2,000 to develop articles of incorporation, by-laws, and apply for their 501(c)(3) status. NO cash match required.*

- First-come, first-served monthly deadline until all funds have been expended; deadline is 1st of each month, 4:30 pm - August 2017 through November 2017 and January 2018 through April 2018 (earliest start date is the first day of the following month after board action)

**Equipment/Facilities Grant (2 rounds of funding):** *Provides community-based arts organizations with up to \$4,000 in matching funds for the purchase of equipment items and facilities improvement that will improve the organization's capacity to serve the arts needs of the SMAC region. 20% cash match required.*

- Round I deadline: August 16, 2017 (earliest start date: October 15, 2017)
- Round II deadline: January 31, 2018 (earliest start date: March 15, 2018)

**Arts Organization Operating Support Grants:** *Two year grants for arts organizations that have been designated by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) for a minimum of three years.*

- Deadline: October 18, 2017 (Grants go into effect January 1, 2018)

**Cultural Bank Insurance:** *Provides up to \$400 in insurance support for projects which face possible loss of expected revenue; Apply as needed; Up to 28 days prior to event.*

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### Grants for Artists:

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**Individual Artist - Developing Artist Grants (2 rounds of funding):** Provides up to \$2,000 to aid emerging artists at an early stage of their career development. No match requirements.

- Special Summer deadline: July 19, 2017 (earliest start date: September 15, 2017)
- Round I deadline: September 13, 2017 (earliest start date: November 15, 2017)
- Round II deadline [Tentative, if funds available]: February 7, 2018 (earliest start date: April 15, 2018)

**Individual Artist - Established Career Artist Grants (2 rounds of funding):** Provides up to \$5,000 to aid established career artists in the advanced stage of their career development with projects that will advance their career. No match requirements.

- Special Summer deadline: July 19, 2017 (earliest start date: September 15, 2017)
- Round I deadline: September 13, 2017 (earliest start date: November 15, 2017)
- Round II deadline [Tentative, if funds available]: February 7, 2018 (earliest start date: April 15, 2018)

**Art Study Opportunity for Youth Grants:** Up to \$500 to aid in the development of young artists in grades 5 – 12 for an enrichment camp or specialty study. Standard weekly lessons are allowed only for those students who qualify for the federal free or reduced lunch program. No match requirements.

- Deadline: March 28, 2018 (earliest start date: May 15, 2018)
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### Grants for Schools:

**Arts in the Schools Grant (2 rounds of funding):** Grants to schools for artist residencies or arts-related field trips that include educator training and community involvement. Up to \$2500 (field trips), or \$4,000 (residencies). No cash match required.

- Round I deadline: November 1, 2017 (earliest start date: December 15, 2017)
  - Round II deadline: January 31, 2018 (earliest start date: March 15, 2018)
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### Special Awards:

**Prairie Star Award:** This award (\$5,000) was established to provide awareness and recognition every other year of one artist from southwest Minnesota whose body of work best exemplifies the highest quality of art in the SMAC region.

- Nomination Deadline: April 15, 2018

**2017 Prairie Disciple Award:** This award (\$500) acknowledges one person who has been instrumental in promoting the arts in the 18-county area of southwestern Minnesota. In 2018, SMAC is accepting nominations of teachers/educators only.

- Nomination Deadline: April 15, 2018

Grants from the Southwest Minnesota Arts Council are made possible by the voters of Minnesota, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund and through an appropriation from the MN State Legislature with money from the State's general fund. Additional funding for artist grants provided by the McKnight Foundation. Minnesota thrives when its artists thrive. The McKnight Foundation supports working artists to create and contribute to vibrant communities.