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Grants For Arts Organizations:

Art Project Grants (3 rounds): Provides organizations in the SMAC region with up to **\$7,000** in matching funds to stimulate and encourage the creation, performance and appreciation of the arts (pre-packaged theatre residencies limited to \$2,500). 20% cash match required.

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| • Round I — DEADLINE: July 25, 2018. | Earliest project start date: Sept 15, 2018. | Grantwriting webinar: Jun 21, 2018. |
| • Round II — DEADLINE: Dec 12, 2018. | Earliest project start date: Feb 15, 2019. | Grantwriting webinar: Nov 1, 2018. |
| • Round III — DEADLINE: Mar 20, 2019. | Earliest project start date: May 15, 2019. | Grantwriting webinar: Feb 7, 2019. |

Art Legacy Project Grants (3 rounds): Provides organizations in the SMAC region with up to **\$25,000** 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: Dec 12, 2019. | Earliest project start date: Feb 15, 2019. | Grantwriting webinar: Nov 1, 2018. |
| • Round III — DEADLINE: Mar 20, 2019. | Earliest project start date: May 15, 2019. | Grantwriting webinar: Feb 7, 2019. |

Art Legacy Project Planning Grants (monthly): Provides organizations with up to **\$2,500** to plan 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 - November 2018 and January - April 2019. Earliest project start date is the first day of the following month after board action.

Arts Organization Development (monthly): Provides 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 - November 2018 and January - April 2019. Earliest project start date is the first day of the following month after board action.

Start Up Grants (monthly): Provides arts organizations with at least two years of programming 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 - November 2018 and January - April 2019. Earliest project start date is the first day of the following month after board action.

Equipment/Facilities Grant (2 rounds): Provides arts organizations with up to **\$10,000** in matching funds for the purchase of equipment items and facilities improvement that will strengthen the organization's capacity to serve the arts needs of the SMAC region. 20% cash match required.

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| • Round I — DEADLINE: Aug 15, 2018. | Earliest project start date: Oct 15, 2018. | Grantwriting webinar: July 12, 2018. |
| • Round II — DEADLINE: Feb 13, 2019. | Earliest project start date: Apr 15, 2019. | Grantwriting webinar: Jan 3, 2019. |

Grants for Schools:

Arts in the Schools Grant (2 rounds): Grants to schools for artist residencies or field trips that include educator training and community involvement, juried student art exhibits, and prepackaged theater experiences. Up to **\$2,500** (field trips, juried exhibits, or prepackaged theatre), or **\$4,000** (artist residencies). 20% cash match for prepackaged theater only.

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| • Round I — DEADLINE: Oct 10, 2018. | Earliest project start date: Dec 15, 2018. | Grantwriting webinar: Aug 30, 2018. |
| • Round II — DEADLINE: Jan 23, 2019. | Earliest project start date: Mar 15, 2019. | Grantwriting webinar: Dec 13, 2019. |

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Grants For Artists:

Individual Artist—Developing Artist Grants (3 rounds): Provides up to **\$2,500** to aid emerging artists at an early stage of their career development with projects that will advance their career. No match requirements.

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| • Round I — DEADLINE: Sept 12, 2018. | Earliest project start date: Nov 15, 2018. | Grantwriting webinar: Aug 16, 2018. |
| • Round II — DEADLINE: Jan 9, 2019. | Earliest project start date: Mar 15, 2019. | Grantwriting webinar: Nov 29, 2018. |
| • Round III— DEADLINE: Mar 20, 2019. | Earliest project start date: May 15, 2019. | Grantwriting webinar: Feb 14, 2019. |

Individual Artist—Established Career Artist Grants (3 rounds): Provides up to **\$7,000** to aid established career artists in the advanced stage of their career development with projects that will advance their career. No match requirements.

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Individual Artist—Community Collaboration Grants (3 rounds): Provides up to **\$10,000** to artists to create a major new work while collaborating with the community, introducing community members to the arts in a new way. No match requirements.

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Grants for Youth:

Art Study Opportunity for Youth (1 round): Provides up to \$500 to allow young artists in grades 5-12 to attend 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.

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| • Round I — DEADLINE: Apr 3, 2019. | Earliest project start date: May 15, 2019. | Grantwriting webinar: Feb 21, 2019. |
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Special Awards:

2019 Prairie Disciple Award: This award (**\$1000**) acknowledges one person who has been instrumental in promoting the arts in the 18-county region of Southwest Minnesota.

- Nomination Deadline: April 15, 2019.

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