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.


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.


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 2019 and January - April 2020. Earliest project start date is the first day of the following month.

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 2019 and January - April 2020. Earliest project start date is the first day of the following month.

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 2019 and January - April 2020. Earliest project start date is the first day of the following month.

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.


Operating Support Grant (1 round): Two-year grants for arts organizations that have been designated by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) for a minimum of three years. For organizations with an average operating budget of less than $25,000, this grant provides up to 35% of the organization’s average operating budget each of the two years. For organizations with an average operating budget more than $25,000, the grant provides up to 15% of the organization’s average operating budget each of the two years.

- Required Pre-Application Deadline: Sept 18, 2019. Submit financial information to determine your request amount.
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.


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. Costs for standard weekly lessons are allowed for students who qualify for the federal free or reduced lunch program. Arts supplies costs are allowed for students attending a MN public arts high school. No match requirements.


Grants For Artists:

Individual Artist—Emerging Artist Grants (2 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.


Individual Artist—Established Career Artist Grants (2 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.


Individual Artist—Community Collaboration Grants (2 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.


Special Awards:

2020 Prairie Star Award: This award ($5,000) acknowledges an individual artist whose body of work has made a significant contribution to the arts over an extended period of time, who has been recognized by his or her artistic peers, and who has best exemplified the highest quality of work in the SMAC region.


2020 Prairie Disciple Award: This award ($1,000) acknowledges one person who has been instrumental in promoting the arts in the 18-county region of Southwest Minnesota.