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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 24, 2019. | Earliest project start date: Sept 1, 2019. | Grantwriting webinar: Jun 11, 2019. |
| • Round II — DEADLINE: Dec 11, 2019. | Earliest project start date: Feb 1, 2020. | Grantwriting webinar: Oct 29, 2019. |
| • Round III — DEADLINE: Mar 25, 2020. | Earliest project start date: May 1, 2020. | Grantwriting webinar: Feb 13, 2020. |

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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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.

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| • Round I — DEADLINE: Sept 11, 2019. | Earliest project start date: Nov 1, 2019. | Grantwriting webinar: Aug 1, 2019. |
| • Round II — DEADLINE: Feb 12, 2020. | Earliest project start date: Apr 1, 2020. | Grantwriting webinar: Jan 2, 2020. |

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.
- DEADLINE: Oct 16, 2019. Earliest project start date: Jan 1, 2020. Grantwriting webinar: July 16, 2019.

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. The McKnight Foundation supports working artists to create and contribute to vibrant communities.

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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.

- Round I — DEADLINE: Oct 9, 2019. Earliest project start date: Dec 1, 2019. Grantwriting webinar: Aug 29, 2019.
- Round II — DEADLINE: Jan 22, 2020. Earliest project start date: Mar 1, 2020. Grantwriting webinar: Dec 10, 2019.

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.

- Round I — DEADLINE: Apr 1, 2020. Earliest project start date: May 1, 2020. Grantwriting webinar: Feb 20, 2020.

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.

- Round I — DEADLINE: Aug 14, 2019. Earliest project start date: Oct 1, 2019. Grantwriting webinar: July 2, 2019.
- Round II — DEADLINE: Jan 8, 2020. Earliest project start date: Mar 1, 2020. Grantwriting webinar: Nov 26, 2019.

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.

- Round I — DEADLINE: Aug 14, 2019. Earliest project start date: Oct 1, 2019. Grantwriting webinar: July 2, 2019.
- Round II — DEADLINE: Jan 8, 2020. Earliest project start date: Mar 1, 2020. Grantwriting webinar: Nov 26, 2019.

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.

- Round I — DEADLINE: Aug 14, 2019. Earliest project start date: Oct 1, 2019. Grantwriting webinar: July 2, 2019.
- Round II — DEADLINE: Jan 8, 2020. Earliest project start date: Mar 1, 2020. Grantwriting webinar: Nov 26, 2019.

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.

- Nomination Deadline: April 15, 2020.

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.

- Nomination Deadline: April 15, 2020.