

EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS – FY 2021
Scoring Criteria

FEASIBILITY OF THE PROJECT (scores from 0-5, 15%)

- The organization should show that they have chosen a reasonable course for the purchase or improvement.
- The application should illustrate a clear plan with reasonable time lines.
- Participating personnel should be capable and committed to the project.
- The budget should be clearly itemized, demonstrate fiscal responsibility, and accurately reflect the needs of a carefully thought out project.

MERIT OF ORGANIZATION & ARTISTIC QUALITY OF ITS PROGRAMS (scores from 0-11, 32%)

- The organization should show that it plays an important role in the artistic development of its community, and in turn, receives support from the community.
- The organization should demonstrate that their projects and activities are of high artistic quality and merit.
- The applicant should identify the underserved and/or underrepresented groups in their community and attempt to reach one or more of those groups to enable them to participate in their activities.
- The organization should be making an effort in regard to ADA accessibility.
- The information provided about the organization's board and finances should indicate a strong organization.

IMPACT ON THE ORGANIZATION (scores from 0-18, 53%)

- The purchase or improvement should strengthen the organization's ability to provide future high quality activities.
- The project should challenge and stretch the organization while building on its mission and programming.
- The applicant should have chosen appropriate MN Arts Outcomes for their project and connected those outcomes to realistic, specific, and measurable changes to occur as a result of the project.
- The applicant should have a clear, workable plan to measure or prove that their chosen outcomes have been achieved. Providing a sample evaluation tool is optional.

Applicants will also be awarded one additional percentage point for each of the following criteria they meet: First time SMAC applicant; Applicant organization led by or primarily serving BIPOC or LGBTQIA2S+ communities or people with disabilities; Applicant from a county that has received three or fewer SMAC grants in the last fiscal year.