

# Scoring Criteria: Arts in the Schools Grants FY2024

## **Feasibility, 15% of total score**

- The application illustrates a clear plan with reasonable time lines.
- The budget is clearly itemized, responsible, and meets the needs of the project.
- If the school has received grants from SMAC in the past, it has a history of successfully completed projects. All reporting requirements for SMAC grants have been followed.

## **Artistic Quality and Merit, 53% of total score**

- The project's activities have high artistic merit, with the potential for participants to develop knowledge, skills, and understanding of the arts.
- The quality and professionalism of selected artists or arts institutions are at a high level, as shown through the provided artist resumes, work samples, or information on arts institutions.

## **Impact on the Participants, 32% of total score**

- The project shows a high degree of depth in engaged student learning and the scope is age-appropriate.
- The project supplements or enhances (not substitutes for) regular school arts programming.
- The project's activities are open and accessible to all who might wish to participate.
- There is some level of community involvement in the project plans.
- The applicant has identified specific proposed changes to take place as a result of their project and a plan to measure or prove whether those changes have taken place.

## **Priority Points**

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 people from an underserved/underrepresented community
  - People who are Black, Indigenous, or other people of color (BIPOC). In the SW MN region, this could include those who are Black, Dakota/Lakota, Hispanic/Latinx, Hmong, Karen, Micronesian, Somali, etc.
  - People who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, intersex, asexual, or two-spirit (LBGTQIA2+).
  - People with disabilities
- Applicant from a county that has received three or fewer SMAC grants in the last fiscal year