

# Scoring Criteria: Equipment & Facilities Improvement FY2024

## Feasibility of the Project, 15% of total score

- The organization has chosen a reasonable course for the equipment purchase or improvement.
- The application illustrates a clear plan with reasonable time lines.
- Participating personnel are capable and committed to the project.
- The budget is clearly itemized, responsible, and meets the needs of the project.

## Merit of the Organization and Artistic Quality of Its Programs, 32% of total score

- The organization shows that it plays an important role in the artistic development of its community, and in turn, receives support from the community.
- The organization demonstrates that its projects and activities are of high artistic quality and merit.
- The applicant is able to identify the underserved and/or underrepresented groups in their community and attempts to reach one or more of those groups to enable them to participate in their activities.
- The organization is making an effort in regard to ADA accessibility.
- The information provided about the applicant's governance indicates a strong organization.

## Impact on the Organization, 53% of total score

- The purchase or improvement will strengthen the organization's ability to provide future high-quality activities.
- The project will challenge and stretch the organization while building on its mission and programming.
- 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. Providing a sample evaluation tool is optional.

## 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