Southwest Minnesota ARTS Council

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Grant Calendar: July 2025 - June 2026

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Grants For Organizations:

ART PROJECT

Provides organizations with up to **$10,000** to stimulate and encourage the creation, performance and appreciation of the arts. Activities could include classes, exhibits, performances, events, etc. Arts orgs may also include limited operating expenses in their request.

	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3
Request Draft Review by	July 9, 2025	Oct 29, 2025	Mar 4, 2026
Application Deadline	**July 23, 2025**	**Nov 12, 2025**	**Mar 18, 2026**
Earliest Project Start Date	Sept 1, 2025	Jan 1, 2026	May 1, 2026

QUICK SUPPORT FOR ORGANIZATIONS

Provides organizations with up to **$2,500** for activities such as planning for a Public Art project, strategic planning or board training, costs to apply for 501(c)(3) status, small equipment purchases, or small arts projects.

MONTHLY DEADLINES (while funds remain)	
Request Draft Review by	One week before deadline
Application Deadlines	**1st of the Month, August 2025– May 2026**
Earliest Project Start Date	1st day of the following month

PUBLIC ART

Provides organizations and city, county, or tribal governments with up to **$20,000** for large-scale physical public art projects that will leave an arts legacy in southwest MN. The project should result in sustainable arts access in the community, with a continuing impact over several years. *20% cash match required.*

	ONE ROUND
Request Draft Review by	November 26, 2025
Application Deadline	**December 10, 2025**
Earliest Project Start Date	February 1, 2026

EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT

Provides arts organizations with up to **$10,000** for the purchase of equipment items and facilities improvements that will strengthen the organization's capacity to serve the arts needs of the SMAC region.

	ONE ROUND
Request Draft Review by	January 14, 2026
Application Deadline	**January 28, 2026**
Earliest Project Start Date	March 1, 2026

Special Awards:

PRAIRIE DISCIPLE: EDUCATOR AWARD Nominate a SMAC-region arts educator by April 15, 2026.

PRAIRIE STAR AWARD Nominate an outstanding SMAC-region artist by April 15, 2026.

All applications due by 4:00 pm on the deadline date.

Find guidelines, tutorials, and workshop dates at swmnarts.org

All grants on this calendar are contingent upon funding from the MN State Legislature and the McKnight Foundation.

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Grants For Schools & Youth:

ARTS IN THE SCHOOLS

Provides public schools with up to **$4,000** for projects such as artist residencies, arts field trips, juried student art exhibits, etc.

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ART STUDY OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH

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 low-income students.

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Grants For Individuals:

ARTIST GROWTH

Provides up to **$4,000** to artists at any career stage for projects that will advance their skills and artistic career.

	ROUND 1	**ROUND 2**
Request Draft Review by	Oct 1, 2025	April 8, 2026
Application Deadline	**Oct 15, 2025**	**April 22, 2026**
Earliest Project Start Date	Dec 1, 2025	June 1, 2026

ARTIST EQUITY

Provides up to **$4,000** to aid Black, Indigenous, and other artists of color at any career stage with projects that will advance their skills and artistic career.

	ROUND 1	**ROUND 2**
Request Draft Review by	Sept 3, 2025	Jan 28, 2026
Application Deadline	**Sept 17, 2025**	**Feb 11, 2026**
Earliest Project Start Date	Nov 1, 2025	April 1, 2026

QUICK SUPPORT FOR ARTISTS

Provides artists with up to **$1,000** for activities such as purchasing supplies, attending classes, and small artist-led community projects.

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