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Grant Calendar

July 2026 - June 2027

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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.

	Deadline	Earliest Project Start Date	Request Draft Review By
Round 1	July 15, 2026	September 1, 2026	July 1, 2026
Round 2	October 21, 2026	December 1, 2026	October 7, 2026
Round 3	January 20, 2027	March 1, 2027	January 6, 2027
Round 4	April 14, 2027	June 1, 2027	March 31, 2027

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.

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While Funds Remain	1st of the month, August 2026 - May 2027	1st day of the following month	One week before deadline

PUBLIC ART

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

	Deadline	Earliest Project Start Date	Request Draft Review By
Round 1	November 18, 2026	January 1, 2027	November 4, 2026
Round 2 (if funds remain)	March 10, 2027	May 1, 2027	February 24, 2027

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.

	Deadline	Earliest Project Start Date	Request Draft Review By
Round 1	December 9, 2026	February 1, 2027	November 25, 2026

Special Award

PRAIRIE DISCIPLE AWARD: Nominate a SMAC-region arts supporter/advocate by April 15, 2027.

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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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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.

	Deadline	Earliest Project Start Date	Request Draft Review By
Round 1	August 19, 2026	October 1, 2026	August 5, 2026
Round 2	February 17, 2027	April 1, 2027	February 3, 2027

ARTIST EQUITY

Provides up to **\$4,000** to aid artists at any career stage who are Black, Indigenous, or people of color, LGBTQIA2S+, people with disabilities, or veterans with projects that will advance their skills and artistic career.

	Deadline	Earliest Project Start Date	Request Draft Review By
Round 1	September 16, 2026	November 1, 2026	September 2, 2026
Round 2	March 17, 2027	May 1, 2027	March 3, 2027

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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