



Greetings Lenawee County resident:

Are you interested in obtaining funding for an arts project or for professional development for yourself or organization?

The Arts Alliance will be hosting a free, open workshop at Lenawee Now on Tuesday, June 13 from 2-3 p.m. walking through MCACA grant writing basics to help you and your organization attain programming and professional development funds through minigrants offered by MCACA for 2018. The workshop will help clarify question and processes in writing the 2018 MCACA Minigrant.

The Arts Alliance would like to invite you and/or your organization to apply for the **2018 MCACA Minigrants** available for Arts Projects or Professional Development (see info below) available to Michigan nonprofit organizations, schools and municipalities in Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe and Washtenaw Counties.

Arts Projects Minigrants

- Deadline to apply: August 3, 2017
- Project must take place between 10/1/2017 – 9/30/2018
- [FY18 Arts Project Minigrants Guidelines](#)
- Arts Projects Minigrants provide up to \$4,000 for locally developed, high quality arts and cultural projects

Professional or Organizational Development Minigrants

- Deadline to apply: August 3, 2017
- Development opportunity must take place between 10/1/2017 – 9/30/2018.
- [FY18 Professional or Organizational Development guidelines](#)
- Professional or organizational development minigrants provide up to \$1,500 to enable nonprofit organizations and arts professionals to acquire services or skills to strengthen the administrative infrastructure of the organization

How to Apply:

All applicants must use the MCACA on-line application process. The on-line application can be found at mcaca.egrant.net. Instructions for the eGrant system can be found [here](#) and the technical requirements for the eGrant system can be found [here](#). All applicants in the Operational Support program must participate in the CDP, which can be accessed through [DataArts' website](#), three years of data must be submitted.

What are Minigrants?

The Minigrant program is a partnership between the MCACA and 15 regional regranting agencies throughout the state. There are two components of the Minigrant program, Arts Projects and Professional Development grants. These are special opportunities to address local arts and cultural needs as well as increasing public access to arts and culture. Arts Projects Minigrants provide up to \$4,000 for locally developed, high quality arts and cultural projects. Professional Development Minigrants provide up to \$1,500 to assist nonprofit organizations and arts professional acquire services or skills to strengthen the administrative infrastructure of the organization.

Who decides?

Each minigrant application is reviewed and scored by a group of independent panelists according to the guidelines and criteria in your application packet. The panelists represent all six counties in Region 9 and come from a variety of arts backgrounds. The Arts Alliance does not have any say in which applications are funded. Minigrant funding decisions may not be appealed.

Serving on a Panel

Serving as a minigrant reviewer is a great way to give back to the community. It is also a great way to learn about grant writing and review from the funders' perspective. Reviewers read and score all completed grant applications and then serve on a panel of multiple reviewers to discuss the applications and allocation funds. Many reviewers have mentioned how serving on a panel was immensely helpful when they submitted future applications. Additionally, reviewing grants is a great way to learn more about local arts organizations, their projects and goals. People interested in serving on a grant review panel should reach out to me for more information.

If you or your organization is unable to attend the workshop and you have questions, please contact Arts Alliance at 734-213-2733. Natalie Hensel or Deb Polich will be able to assist you!