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## MI Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs announces FY19 grant workshops

The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) today announced its grant program workshop schedule for Fiscal Year 2019 programs.

“As the arts and cultural field continues its unprecedented growth in Michigan, the grant programs we are offering to the field are becoming more competitive every year,” said MCACA Executive Director John Bracey. “These workshops, and the most amazing staff that facilitate them, offer organizations an opportunity to learn how to be successful at a grant review. To me this can’t be overstated, because the organizations that compete for, and then receive these grants, are then able to ensure families have opportunities to do things together, to learn about their heritage, to express themselves and think critically and just have some fun. Simply put, they make Michigan better.”

MCACA will be conducting free informational workshops on grant guidelines and the application process for potential applicants throughout the state in March in anticipation of the June 1, 2018 deadline. Workshop attendance is not required for grant applicants; however, updated guidelines and application process changes will be reviewed at each meeting, so attendance is encouraged. Pre-registration or RSVPs are not required.

### **Schedule**

March 19, 2018 – 9 a.m.

University Center  
800 Livingston Blvd.  
Gaylord, MI 49735

March 19, 2018 – 3 p.m.

Hessel School House  
3206 W. Cedar Rd.  
Hessel, MI 49745

March 21, 2018 – 9 a.m.

Michigan Technological University  
Rozsa Center for the Performing Arts  
1400 Townsend Dr.  
Houghton, MI 49931

March 22, 2018 – 2 p.m.

William Bonifas Fine Arts Center  
700 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., South  
Escanaba, MI 49829

March 26, 2018 – 1 p.m.

Michigan Economic Development Corp.  
300 N. Washington Square  
Lansing, Michigan  
(Live Streaming available - [click here](#))

March 27, 2018 – 9 a.m.

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center  
1516 S. Cranbrook Rd.  
Birmingham, MI 48009

March 28, 2018 – 9 a.m.

The Armory  
16 W. 9<sup>th</sup> St.  
Holland, MI 49423

March 29, 2018 – 9 a.m.

Anderson Enrichment Center  
120 Erza Rust Dr.  
Saginaw, MI 48601



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MCACA will offer grants through five programs:

- **Operational Support** – Provides specific operational support to arts and cultural organizations only. Municipalities, schools and non-arts nonprofit organizations are encouraged to apply in the Projects Support category. MCACA defines arts and cultural organizations as those organizations whose primary mission is to provide an experience, including a learning experience that is based in a specific arts or cultural discipline.
- **Project Support** – Provides funding for specific arts projects conducted by non-profit organizations, municipalities and educational institutions and other organizations that utilize the talents and creativity of professional artists or arts educators in all arts disciplines to advance the creative, cultural and economic environment of the state.
- **Capital Improvements** – Provides funding assistance to Michigan nonprofit arts organizations and municipalities for the expansion, renovation or construction of cultural facilities; upgrade of equipment and furnishing to provide a competitive and up-to-date environment; equipment and instrument acquisitions that are integral to the implementation of events and services.
- **Arts in Education** – Provides funding assistance to K-12 educational institutions for arts education school based arts learning projects designed to introduce or enhance student knowledge of and participation in a particular art form such as: dance, theatre, music, creative writing, storytelling, visual arts (including video and graphic design), or traditional folk arts.
- **Mini-grants** – A partnership between the MCACA and 15 regional re-granting agencies throughout the state. There are two components of the Mini-grant program, Arts Projects and Professional Development grants. These are special opportunities to address local arts and cultural needs as well as increase public access to arts and culture.

Michigan nonprofit organizations, schools and municipalities are eligible to apply for projects that would take place between October 1, 2018 and September 30, 2019. Information about specific grant programs as well as the guidelines is available on the web at [www.michigan.gov/arts](http://www.michigan.gov/arts).

MCACA serves to encourage, initiate and facilitate an enriched artistic, cultural and creative environment in Michigan. For more on its initiatives and programs, visit [www.michigan.gov/arts](http://www.michigan.gov/arts).

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