



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Michigan Arts and Culture Council's (MACC) Grant Guidelines and Application Process

1. How do I apply for a MACC grant?

Applications are submitted online through the MACC [SmartSimple](#) system. Follow the step-by-step instructions in the grant guidelines to complete the grant application.

2. Who is eligible to apply for a grant from the Michigan Arts and Culture Council (MACC)?

Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, Prek-12 schools, universities, local government agencies, and tribal governments. Applicants must be based in Michigan and demonstrate alignment with MACC's guidelines.

3. What Category do I apply in, Mission or Experience?

Applicant status is based on NTEE code.

Mission Support is designed for organizations whose main mission is arts and culture related.

Experience Support is designed for organizations whose main mission is NOT arts and cultural related.

Please see grant guidelines for further details.

4. How much funding can I apply for?

Grant amounts depend on the category listed below. Consult the grant guidelines for further details on each funding category.

Maximum requests for each MACC grant program:

- Operational Support (up to \$25,000)
- Facility Improvement & Equipment (up to \$30,000)
- Professional/Organizational Development (up to \$1,500)
- Field Trip (up to \$1,500)
- Arts Education (up to \$10,000)
- Project Support (up to \$20,000)

5. What types of projects are eligible for funding?

MACC supports a variety of arts and cultural projects, including performances, exhibitions, workshops, community arts programs, and preservation initiatives. Specific project types may vary depending on the grant program. Please refer to the grant guidelines for a complete list of eligible and ineligible expenses.

6. Are individual artists eligible for funding?

Individuals are not eligible to apply for MACC grants.

7. What is the application deadline?

The deadline to apply is Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 5pm ET. MACC encourages applicants to begin their application early to avoid missing the grant deadline. This is a firm deadline. Extensions will not be considered for any reason.

8. What is the grant period?

All granting activities must be completed between January 1, 2027 and December 31, 2027.

9. What reporting is required if my project is funded?

Grant recipients must submit a final report documenting how funds were used, including financial records, proof of programming (which is unique to each grant program), and project outcomes. The final report is due no later than 30 days after the December 31st 2027 grant period end date.

10. Do I need to provide matching funds for my project?

Yes. A 25% cash match to a grantees entire grant request is required. In-kind contributions are not allowed as a match. This is tallied automatically by the grant system.

11. Can I apply for more than one grant in the same fiscal year?

No, you may only apply for one grant in a fiscal year.

12. What expenses are considered ineligible for funding?

MACC maintains a complete list of eligible and ineligible expenses listed in the guidelines. Please consult the list before planning a project.

13. How are grant applications evaluated?

Applications will be reviewed by MACC staff and recommendations for funding is compliance based. If the applicant provides all appropriate compliance documents and lists eligible programming and expenses, the grant application will be recommended for funding.

14. When will I be notified if my application is approved?

Notification of funding status (awarded/not awarded) will be sent out to all applicants via email following the approval of the funding plan by MACCs Governor Appointed Council. A Council meeting will be scheduled following the grant deadline specifically to approve the funding plan.

15. Can I get assistance with my application?

Yes, MACC staff are available via email and phone and will host virtual office hours. Further information is available on the MACC website.

16. How do I know if I've provided the correct compliance documents?

MACC has provided examples of all compliance documents required to apply in the Guidelines Appendix. Applicants should compare their documents to those examples provided in the appendix and be sure they match exactly. Any deviation will not be accepted.

17. What happens if I don't complete my project as planned?

Recipients must notify MACC immediately of any significant changes to the project. Failure to comply with grant terms will result in repayment of funds and/or ineligibility for future grants. If your program or project requires any adjustments, please contact your program manager as soon as possible to discuss what, if any, adjustments can be made to the grant agreement.

18. Why don't I see the "Complete Profile and Start Application" button?

If the "Complete Profile and Start Application" button is not appearing at the bottom of the Organization Profile page you may need to clear your cache in your web browser. Google Chrome is the recommended web browser for SmartSimple. Below are the steps to clear your cache in Google Chrome.

Steps on a Computer

1. Open **Google Chrome**.
2. Click the **three vertical dots** (More) in the top-right corner.
3. Select **Delete browsing data**.
4. Choose a **time range** (like *All time*) from the drop-down menu.
5. Check the box for **Cached images and files**.
6. Uncheck other items if you do not want to delete your history or passwords.
7. Click **Delete data**.  Google Help +5

19. What do I do if my organization is not showing up in the Attorney General's Charitable Entity Search Database?

If your organization has received email confirmation that you've completed the Attorney General's Charitable Solicitation Registration successfully, but you can't find the organization listed on their website database, try searching using **ONLY** the registration number on the document (with no other information in any other fields). If this doesn't work, contact the Attorney General's office directly at 517-335-7571.