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MI Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs announces FY20 grant workshops

The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) today announced its grant program workshop schedule for Fiscal Year 2020 programs.

“The grant programs MCACA offers to the field are proving to be a necessary and valued part of the programming for organizations across the entire state,” said MCACA Director Alison Watson. “These workshops are the first step in crafting a successful grant application, and offer organizations an opportunity to be face to face with the staff that oversee the programs. MCACA is proud to be supporting art and culture across the state, and to be ensuring that every citizen in every county have access to those programs.”

MCACA will be conducting free informational workshops on grant guidelines and the application process for potential applicants throughout the state in March and April in anticipation of the June 1, 2019 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 – Ironwood (9-12pm)
Ironwood Theatre
113 E Aurora St
Ironwood, MI 49938

March 20 – Marquette (9-12pm)
Marquette Arts And Culture Center
217 N Front St
Marquette, MI 49855

March 21 – Sault St. Marie (2-5pm)
Lake Superior State University Art Center
Circle Drive
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

April 1 – Detroit (10 – 1pm)
Detroit Historical Society
5401 Woodward Ave
Detroit, MI 48202

April 2 – St. Joseph (10 – 1pm)
Krasl Art Center
707 Lake Blvd
St Joseph, MI 49085

April 3 – Lansing (10 – 1pm)
Michigan Economic Development Corp
300 N Washington Sq
Lansing, MI 48913
([Click here for instructions to join this meeting online](#))

April 8 – Alpena (9 – 12pm)
Art in the Loft
109 N 2nd Ave # 300
Alpena, MI 49707

April 9 – Manistee (9-12pm)
Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts
101 Maple St
Manistee, MI 49660



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MCACA will offer grants through six 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.
- **New Leaders** – Provides funding assistance to organizations in Michigan associated or connected to an established youth/teen council or young professionals group (or for the formation of a new teen/youth council or group) and for arts-related projects led by a young person between the ages of 14 - 30.
- **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, 2019 and September 30, 2020. Information about specific grant programs as well as the guidelines is available on the web at 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.

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