Grant Opportunities for Fiscal Year 23
July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023
ARAC’s Service

The Arrowhead Regional Arts Council serves individual artists, nonprofit arts organizations, informal arts groups, community education organizations, and non-arts nonprofit organizations with annual operating expenses under $160,000, which reside in Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Lake, Koochiching, and St. Louis counties. This region includes Duluth as it’s urban center, but also serves a significant rural population. The region comprises 22% of the state’s geography and serves a population of approximately 340,000 people or 6% of the state’s total population.

As one of the 11 regional arts councils in Minnesota, ARAC’s funding is derived from appropriations from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the State’s general fund and Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund (Legacy Amendment) as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008. ARAC also receives a generous grant from The McKnight Foundation.
**ARAC Mission**
The Arrowhead Regional Arts Council’s mission is to facilitate and encourage local arts development. This mission statement grows from a conviction that the arts improve the quality of life in the region.

**ARAC Vision**
We believe that art strengthens communities, stimulates diversity of expression and communication, and commemorates communities and cultures. ARAC believes all people should have opportunities to engage in the arts. Accordingly, ARAC’s vision for the region is that:

- The arts are integrated into the social, political, and economic fabric and identity of every community in the region.
- Artists, arts organizations, and arts activities thrive and contribute to the regional economy.
- Community members and audiences are arts literate.
A Few Simple Rules

◇ You must live in one of the 7 counties of the Arrowhead Region of Minnesota. (Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, and St Louis)
◇ You must be 18 to apply.

Organizations eligible to apply:
◇ State-registered and federally recognized non-profit, tax-exempt organizations
◇ Accredited schools
◇ Tribal governments
◇ Units of government
Individual Artist Project Grant (Round 1)

Grant is open on June 17, 2022 – Deadline July 29, 2022
For projects starting September 1, 2022
Reviewed Monday, August 22, 2022; beginning at 1 p.m. and going no later than 5 p.m.
Board Approval August 29, 2022 (via email because of times constraints)
Applicant notification August 30, 2022

The Individual Artist Project Grant Program provides project grants of up to $4,000 to artists. The criteria for this program include artistic vision of both past and current work, the ability of the artist to complete the work, and the impact of the project on the artist’s career and the public.

https://www.aracouncil.org/individual-artist-project-grant
Individual Artist Project Grant (Round 2)

Grant is open on December 16, 2022 – Deadline January 27, 2023
For projects starting April 1, 2023
Reviewed March 7, 2023
Board Approval March 16, 2023
Applicant notification March 17, 2023

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Artist Access Grant (Round 1)

Grant is open on June 17, 2022 – Deadline July 29, 2022
For projects starting September 1, 2022 (Funds available at that time.)
Reviewed Thursday, August 25, 2022, beginning at 1 p.m. and going no later than 5 p.m.
Board Approval August 29, 2022 (via email because of times constraints)
Applicant notification August 30, 2022

The Artist Access program provides up to $1,000 to artists who have never received a grant from the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council. The funding is designed to allow you to carry out a well-planned project that will allow you to grow as an artist or to take advantage of an impending opportunity. Funding for projects that include out-of-state activities is prohibited in this program.

https://www.aracouncil.org/artist-access-grant
Artist Access Grant (Round 2)

Grant is open on December 16, 2022 – Deadline January 27, 2023
For projects starting April 1, 2023 (Funds available at that time.)
Reviewed March 9, 2023
Board Approval March 16, 2023
Applicant notification March 17, 2023

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Arts Learning (Teaching) Grant (Round 1)

Grant is open on August 19, 2022 – Deadline September 30, 2022
For projects starting December 1, 2022 (Funds available at that time.)
Reviewed November 4, 2022
Pending Board Approval November 17, 2022
Applicant notification November 18, 2022

The Arts Learning Project program provides funding of up to $5,000 to support arts learning activities in any arts discipline. This grant program is intended to support high-quality, age-appropriate arts education to increase knowledge, skills, and understanding of the arts. These projects may occur in a wide variety of community venues. Grant funding cannot be used for any activity that functions as graded school arts curriculum.

https://www.aracouncil.org/arts-learning-grant
Arts Learning (Teaching) Grant (Round 2)

Grant is open on February 17, 2023– Deadline March 31, 2023
For projects starting June 8, 2023 (Funds available at that time.)
Reviewed May 5, 2023
Pending Board Approval May 18, 2023
Applicant notification May 19, 2023

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https://www.aracouncil.org/arts-learning-grant
Art Project Grant (Round 1)

Grant is open on August 19, 2022– Deadline September 30, 2022
For projects starting December 1, 2022 (Funds available at that time.)
Reviewed November 10, 2022
Pending Board Approval November 17, 2022
Applicant notification November 18, 2022

The Art Project program provides funding of up to $5,000 to support relevant, meaningful arts activities with value to the community your organization serves. Support may be used to create, perform, exhibit, or publish artistic works; or to present arts events by contracting the services of other organizations or individuals.

https://www.aracouncil.org/arts-learning-grant
Art Project Grant (Round 2)

Grant is open on February 17, 2023 – Deadline March 31, 2023
For projects starting December 1, 2023 (Funds available at that time.)
Reviewed May 11, 2023
Pending Board Approval May 18, 2023
Applicant notification May 19, 2023

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https://www.aracouncil.org/arts-learning-grant
Rural and Community Art Project Grant (Round 1)

Grant is open on August 19, 2022 – Deadline September 30, 2022

For projects starting December 1, 2022 (Funds available at that time.)

Reviewed November 8, 2022

Pending Board Approval November 17, 2022

Applicant notification November 18, 2022

The Rural and Community Art Project program provides funding of up to $5,000 to support relevant, meaningful arts activities with value to the community your organization serves. Support may be used to create, perform, exhibit or publish artistic works; or to present arts events by contracting the services of other organizations or individuals.

https://www.aracouncil.org/rural-and-community-art-project-grant
Rural and Community Art Project Grant (Round 2)

Grant is open on February 17, 2023– Deadline March 31, 2023
For projects starting June 8, 2023 (Funds available at that time.)
Reviewed May 9, 2023
Pending Board Approval May 18, 2023
Applicant notification May 19, 2023

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https://www.aracouncil.org/rural-and-community-art-project-grant
Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant

Grant is open on December 16, 2022 – Deadline January 27, 2023
For projects starting April 1, 2023 (Funds available at that time.)
Reviewed March 3, 2023
Pending Board Approval March 16, 2023
Applicant notification March 17, 2023

The Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant Program provides funding of up to $4,000 to individuals or organizations for projects that support arts activities with both community significance and authenticity to the community represented in the art. This program supports artistic traditions that come from and are rooted in the cultural life of a community. Community members may share a common ethnicity, geographic or regional identity, occupation, language, or tribal affiliation. These arts are learned and passed on through community-based systems of training and education where younger generations learn and attain mastery of a form by observation and practice or through apprenticeships with elders.

https://www.aracouncil.org/arts-and-cultural-heritage-grant
Operating Support Letter of Intent (LOI)

Grant Opens July 1, 2022
Deadline: September 30, 2022

This program offers operating support for regional nonprofit arts organizations. The Operating Support grant is awarded on a one-year-plus-one-year formula. Grants of up to $8,000 will be made based on an organization’s relative score and size. Actual amounts may be significantly less depending on how many qualified organizations apply.
Small Grants

Application deadlines are the first of each month.

The Small Grants—Educational Opportunity Program provides grants of up to $750 for artists to attend an extraordinary educational opportunity within Minnesota.

The Small Grants — Professional Development Program provides grants of up to $750 for artists to attend a rare professional development opportunity.

The Small Grants—Emergency Program (Individuals) provides grants of up to $750 for artists and organizations to help recover from failure of, damage to, or theft of equipment or other things related to their artistic discipline.

https://www.aracouncil.org/small-grants

Please note: $7500 in the program at the beginning of the fiscal year until it is depleted.
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