

Michigan Arts & Culture Council Minigrants

2024 MACC Minigrants: Round 1 FUNDING PLAN

PROFESSIONAL OR ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

All-Of-Us Express Children's Theatre

Project: This project is to pay for Nina Crumpton, new Artistic Director of All-of-us Express Children's Theatre, to attend the American Association of Community Theatre's National Directors Conference.

Award: \$1,500

Capital Harp Ensemble

Project: Capitol Harp Ensemble provides instruments for our classes. We keep multiple harps in our classroom at Edgewood United Church. Most of the harps are loaned to us rent-free as in-kind-donation from our donors, and it is our responsibility to maintain those instruments as best as we can. CHE plans to use the grant to conduct a harp maintenance training session in a weekend in the fall semester.

Award: \$750

MariaLuz Arambula

Project: Asociación Nacional de Grupos Folklóricos (ANGF) in Albuquerque NM, from 7/6 - 7/13, 2024. <https://youtu.be/LO2p6ha4O8Y> Which will provide research, education, visual arts, daily lectures and dance classes. Dances taught, from Aztecas, Zacatecas known as enchanted for its silver mines. Also, Polkas with origins from Poland, Germany, Russia, Czech Republic and other early settlers. Additional states of Mexico covered will be from Baja California, Sinaloa and Nayarit. In addition, ANGF will be celebrating its 50th anniversary which was initiated in Albuquerque New Mexico in 1974.

Award: \$750

Michigan Library Association

Project: Professional Development support, specifically conference registration, travel and lodging costs will allow Amber Sheerin to attend the Public Library Association Conference in Columbus, Ohio, enhancing her skills and the Michigan Library Association's (MLA) work in the areas of education/training and direct technical assistance programming in rural, suburban and urban areas and continue to build services around the special and unique arts and cultural needs of libraries in Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties as well as the rest of the state.

Award: \$1,500

Total 2024 Rd. 1 Professional or Organizational Development Awards: \$4,500

ARTS PROJECTS

Capitol Collective

Project: Lansing 5:01's annual Dam Jam Music Festival highlights the rich artistic amenities of the Lansing area to emerging professionals in hopes that they will choose Lansing as their home. Lansing 5:01 plans to use the funding from this grant to pay artists to perform and create at the Dam Jam Music Festival in 2024, to improve and enhance the arts and cultural environment throughout the event, and to market and promote the event to our key audience.

Award: \$3,500

Capitol Harp Ensemble

Project: The goal of Harp at Hands is to teach the communities in Greater Lansing with harp group classes while providing the instruments. Participants will have 11 weeks of instruction with a final presentation to the public. The grant will be used to pay the instructors, promotional and marketing materials for the class and the final presentation.

Award: \$3,000

Delta Township District Library

Project: Delta Township District Library is seeking support from MACC's Mini-Grant program to become a "satellite site" for the series Cairns & Beacons: Finding Our Way in a Post-Pandemic World, and simultaneously become a founding member of a newly created network of Michigan libraries for adult programming.

Award: \$3,500

Lansing Art Gallery

Project: MACC Grant funds will be used to support Art Has No Barriers Art Ability Bags program that provides art-making bags (kits) to people with disabilities.

Award: \$3,000

Meridian Community Band

Project: The Red Cedar Festival of Community Bands (RCF), hosted by the Meridian Community Band (MCB), is a one-day event in which each of eleven participating Michigan adult concert bands performs a brief, public concert followed by an educational post-concert clinic. The clinics are directed by highly respected Michigan university-level conductors who provide insight and demonstrate techniques for improving musicianship. Visiting artists present instrumental master classes for featured instruments. Audiences enjoy the presentation of a wide variety of traditional and contemporary band literature.

Award: \$4,000

REO Town Commercial Association

Project: This grant will be used to book the primary talent for the 2024 Thrift Store Gala and Burlesque Extravaganza. Performers are booked from around the state and, budget permitting, country to create a diverse slate of performances including burlesque, drag, magic, and sideshow.

Award: \$3,000

Total 2024 Rd. 1 Arts Projects Awards: \$20,000

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Professional and Organizational Development

Amber Sheerin

Project: Professional Development support, specifically conference registration, travel and lodging costs will allow Amber Sheerin to attend the American Library Association Lib Learn X Conference in New Orleans, LA. Attendance at this national conference will enhance her skills and the Michigan Library Association's (MLA) work in the areas of education/training and direct technical assistance programming in rural, suburban and urban areas, and continue to build services around the special and unique arts and cultural needs of libraries in Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties and the state as a whole.

Award: \$1,500

MariaLuz Arambula

Project: Attend Asociacion Nacional de Grupos Folkloricos (ANGF)/national dance conference in Mcallen Texas from July 8, 2023 -July 15, 2023. Which will facilitate ongoing research, education, visual arts, daily lectures and dances from Indigenous, Mestizo and Regional Cultures in Mexico.

Award: \$1,500

Arts Projects

Meridian Community Band

Project: The Red Cedar Festival of Community Bands (RCF), hosted by the Meridian Community Band (MCB), is a one-day event in which each of eleven participating Michigan adult concert bands performs a brief, public concert followed by an educational post-concert clinic. The clinics are directed by highly respected Michigan university-level conductors who provide insight and demonstrate techniques for improving musicianship. Visiting artists present instrumental master classes for featured instruments. Audiences enjoy the presentation of a wide variety of traditional and contemporary band literature.

Award: \$4,000

Pure Winds

Project: Pure Winds will present a concert series titled Revival at UrbanBeat in Lansing as the core of our 2022-2023 season. This includes four concerts that will feature a wide variety of genres, styles, and composer backgrounds. The concerts will be Reflections on September 25th (not funded by the MACC Minigrant), Sounds of the Season on December 18th, Remixed on March 26th, and Regeneration on June 4th. This season marks a return to “normalcy” for many of us. This series explores what we as an ensemble and as a community have been through, how we’ve grown, and what’s to come.

Award: \$4,000

REO Town Commercial Association

Project: This grant will be used to book the primarily talent for the 2023 Thrift Store Gala. Performers are booked from around the state and, budget permitting, country to create a diverse slate of performances including burlesque, drag, magic, and sideshow.

Award: \$4,000

Total COMBINED Awards: \$15,000

MCACA MINIGRANTS: Round 2 2023 FUNDING PLAN

PROFESSIONAL OR ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Amanda Ward

Project: March 12, 2023 is the 250th Anniversary of Virginia forming its Committee of Correspondence. Virginia has invited colleagues in other states, state commissioners, representatives of the VA250 committees, and key stakeholders to spend a weekend of mutual learning and collaboration in Williamsburg, March 10 - 12. This event is designed to be a planning event for state level 250 leaders. Amanda Ward will be attending and participating in the weekend long event and will bring back important information and resources to use to build public engagement and programming for America250MI (Michigan).

Award: \$820

Chen-Ya Huang

Project: I am applying for the POD grant for me to attend and perform at the 2023 American Harp Society Summer Institute in L.A. from June 1 to June 4. My trio (flute, viola, and harp) was granted to perform in one of the evening concerts. Since my chamber partners and I currently live in different places physically, we will arrive L.A. on May 30 to rehearse. I will also attend the Institute for professional development as a harpist and composer. The grant, if awarded, will be used for flight, the registration fee, lodging and a rental car from May 30 to June 4.

Award: \$1,500

Lansing Symphony Orchestra

Project: Each year the League of American Orchestras hosts a national conference which brings together orchestra professionals from across the country. The 3-day conference offers a full schedule of presentations, forums, and open discussions that prepare attendees to be effective administrators and leaders in the arts field. Throughout the conference there are opportunities to network, collaborate, and learn about other organization's successes and barriers, leaving attendees more knowledgeable and inspired to help their own organizations thrive, as well as grow as professionals in the arts field.

Award: \$1,500

Michigan Institute for Contemporary Art

Project: Our 2023 project is to enhance our board succession planning. Phase one of our plan (2022) focused on making enhancements to our current sponsor giving and boost individual membership gifting. For 2023, phase two of our plan is to expand our board with qualified members building leadership and sustaining the organization's longevity. Michigan Institute for Contemporary Art (MICA) would like to retain John Cauley, Cauley Coaching and Consulting LLC, for another year to assist in achieving this goal.

Award: \$1,500

Total 2023 Rd. 2 Professional or Organizational Development Awards: \$5,320

ARTS PROJECTS

Capitol Harp Ensemble

Project: The goal of Harp at Hands is to teach the communities in Greater Lansing with harp group classes while providing the instruments. Participants will have 11 weeks of instruction with a final presentation to the public. The grant will be used to pay the instructors, promotional and marketing materials for the class and the final presentation.

Award: \$4,000

Total 2023 Rd. 2 Arts Projects Awards: \$4000

MCACA MINIGRANTS: Round 1 2022 FUNDING PLAN

PROFESSIONAL OR ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Amber Sheerin of Michigan Library Association

Project: Professional Development support, specifically conference registration, travel and lodging costs will allow Amber Sheerin to attend the Public Library Association Conference in Portland, Oregon. Attendance at this national conference will enhance her skills and the Michigan Library Association's (MLA) work in the areas of education/training and direct technical assistance programming in rural, suburban and urban areas, and continue to build services around the special and unique arts and cultural needs of libraries in Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties and the state as a whole.

Award: \$1,250

Lansing Art Gallery

Project: Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center seeks support through the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs' Organizational Development Minigrant Program for a communication audit by Rathbun Public Relations. This will improve our management with a plan based on strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. We will improve internal and external communications, amplify our message, and support our mission to provide "public awareness, education, and enjoyment of the visual arts by promoting the works of Michigan artists."

Award: \$1,250

Olivia Fuhrman

Project: In order to continue my development as an artist and strengthen my skills as an art educator and healer, I would like to receive trauma sensitive yoga training for youth and adults through apprenticeship with Belinda Thurston from Just B yoga. I already incorporate movement and wellness-centered meditations into my visual art teaching curriculum, however, in order to ensure that I am safely meeting the physical and emotional needs of my students I believe that thorough training in this area is necessary. Funding from this grant will be used to cover the cost of my yoga training with Belinda.

Award: \$1,250

Total 2022 Rd. 1 Professional or Organizational Development Awards: \$3,750

ARTS PROJECTS

Peckham Vocational Industries

Project: Peckham, Inc. seeks support through the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs' Minigrant Arts Project Program to support Peckham's Art Alliance Program. Art Alliance is a collaborative partnership with Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center that offers an array of visual art classes and experiences based on Gallery exhibits to Peckham clients from January to September 2022. The Art Alliance will begin its third year of programming with this grant cycle. For our third year, programming will be a hybrid of in-person and virtual offerings.

Award: \$3,800

Lansing School District

Project: Lansing School District's students will create art based on various themes of love. Ideas include but are not limited to: Love our Capital City! Love Nature! Love our Earth! Love our Heritage! Love our Differences! Every 3rd grade student will brainstorm ideas about images they will create based on one of these themes chosen for their school. Students will create artistic images on the chosen theme. Banners will be printed at LSD Print & Graphics Center which will provide critical work experience to 11th and 12th grade students who are part of the LSD Career and Technical Education program.

Award: \$3,600

Total 2022 Rd. 1 Arts Projects Awards: \$7,400

MACC MINIGRANTS: Round 2 2022 FUNDING PLAN

PROFESSIONAL OR ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Lansing Symphony Orchestra

Project: Each year the League of American Orchestras hosts a national conference which brings together orchestra professionals from across the country. The 3-day conference offers a full schedule of presentations, forums, and open discussions that prepare attendees to be effective administrators and leaders in the arts field. Throughout the conference there are opportunities to network, collaborate, and learn about other organization's successes and barriers, leaving attendees more knowledgeable and inspired to help their own organizations thrive, as well as grow as professionals in the arts field.

Award: \$1,250

Mary Ablao

Project: I will use these grant funds to acquire the assistance of three professional consultants to elevate my art business.

Award: \$1,000

Total 2022 Rd. 2 Professional or Organizational Development Awards: \$2,250

ARTS PROJECTS

City of East Lansing

Project: I am requesting money and support for the 2022 East Lansing Art Festival (ELAF). These funds will be used to engage artists and visitors in interactive art opportunities, in supporting emerging artists who apply to the ELAF and for the annual publication of the festival Poetry Journal.

Award: \$4,000

DeWitt Community Singers

Project: The 2022 Spring Concert for the DeWitt Community Singers will feature a commissioned choral work, "Ruah" (music by Dr. Michael A. Mitchell, lyrics by Rev. Barbara Edema). This piece, which means "breath" will be the central piece of the concert. We will bring Dr. Mitchell to work with the choir and Rev. Edema will be available to speak with our audience about the poetry/text. This project will engage our choir and our audience with the creative process and the evolution of choral music creation.

Award: \$1,600

Friends of Ingham County Parks

Project: This project brings our community together to experience engaging, high-quality, and family friendly outdoor music performances at the beautiful Lake Lansing South Ingham County Park. The 2022 Sounds of Summer Concert Series will host thirteen Friday night concerts. All concerts will be absolutely free for the entire community to attend, with designated/accessible free parking. In addition, we will promote the upcoming concert series and expand our outreach with a community mural project.

Award: \$2,600

Holt Community Arts Council

Project: Music in the Garden is a unique summertime concert experience in Delhi Township. Specifically, it's a series of four free 90-minute concerts presented by the Holt Community Arts Council. The performers are professional musicians representing different genres. Concerts will take place on Thursday evenings – July 7, 14, 21 and 28 – before audiences ranging from 500 to 1,000 plus persons. At a glance, this event might seem commonplace. But, closer look reveals that Music in the Garden is exceptional because of the quality of performers and the lack of similar opportunities in our immediate area.

Award: \$3,000

Mid-Michigan Autism Association

Project: The Mid-Michigan Autism Association (MMAA), a non-profit organization founded in 2008, seeks support through the Michigan Council of Arts and Cultural Affairs for the expansion of the Art Ability Bag Program in collaboration with Lansing Art Gallery and Education Center's (The Gallery) Art Has No Barriers Program.

Award: \$4,000

REO Town Commercial Association

Project: REO Town Commercial Association will work with the Capital Area District Library to promote literacy by hosting a reading and having vendors during our book fair.

Award: \$3,000

Starlight Dinner Theatre

Project: Starlight Dinner Theatre will produce the musical "West Side Story" in an outdoor performance space in downtown Lansing in June 2022. This project partners with Downtown Lansing, Inc.

Award: \$4,000

Total 2022 Rd. 2 Arts Projects Awards: \$22,200

MCACA MINIGRANTS: Round 1 2021 FUNDING PLAN

PROFESSIONAL OR ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Lansing Art Gallery

Project: Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center seeks support for strategic planning with Robin Miner Swartz. Activities will include a survey of stakeholders and a facilitated strategic planning session. This will improve the organization by engaging stakeholders to review the current strategic plan, celebrate accomplishments, and develop a better understanding of tactical issues facing the organization. Ultimately, outcomes will include the creation of a 3 – 5 year action plan detailing steps toward success.

Award: \$1,500

Michigan Library Association

Project: Professional Development support, specifically conference registration, travel and lodging costs will allow Amber Sheerin to attend the American Library Association Conference in Chicago, enhancing her skills and the Michigan Library Association's (MLA) work in the areas of education/training and direct technical assistance programming in rural, suburban and urban areas and continue to build services around the special and unique arts and cultural needs of libraries in Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties as well as the rest of the state.

Award: \$1,500

Total 2021 Rd. 1 Professional or Organizational Development Awards: \$3,000

ARTS PROJECTS

Peckham Vocational Industries

Project: The Art Alliance project funds a series of educational experiences lead by professional, exhibiting artists for Peckham clients through the Lansing Art Gallery and Education Center. There will be six "units" of study, each unit being facilitated by a different professional artist. Each unit will have three "modules", or classes, that will invite Peckham clients to experience an Artist Talk, a Studio Tour, an art activity, or some other type of engaging experience led by the professional artist. All modules will be offered online. Art Alliance will culminate with a virtual art exhibit.

Award: \$3,600

East Lansing Film Festival

Project: The East Lansing Film Festival (ELFF) is the longest-running continuous annual film festival in Michigan, founded in 1997. ELFF organizes two world-class film festivals, the Fall Film Festival (FFF) and the Lake Michigan Film Festival (LMFF), that present narrative, documentary, short and student films from around the world and from the Lake Michigan region. This grant will provide the funds to pay the salaries of the ELFF and LMFF directors, rent films and bring in filmmakers to discuss their films at the festivals.

Award: \$4,000

Total 2021 Rd. 1 Arts Projects Awards: \$7,600

MCACA MINIGRANTS: Round 1 2020 FUNDING PLAN

PROFESSIONAL OR ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Lansing Art Gallery

Project: Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center requests \$1,500 to support attendance of Executive Director Barb Whitney's professional development at the annual Americans for the Arts convention from June 26 - 28, 2020 in Washington, D.C. Striving to become a truly exceptional arts administrator, Whitney will enjoy shared learning, fellowship, and networking. Upon her return, Whitney will share findings and best practices with staff, volunteers, the Board of Directors, and the community-at-large.

Award: \$1,500

Capital City Film Festival

Project: The Capital City Film Festival (CCFF) celebrates artists from around the world by curating outstanding multimedia experiences for the community. The annual festival showcases an eclectic mix of independent films, live music, interactivity, and more in Michigan's capital city. CCFF seeks funding to support strategic planning with consultants leading into the landmark tenth festival season.

Award: \$1,250

Michigan Library Association

Project: Requesting professional development support, specifically conference registration, travel and lodging, to allow MLA's Professional Development and Meeting Manager to attend the American Library Association Annual Conference in Chicago in June 2020.

Award: \$1,250

Total 2020 Rd. 1 Professional or Organizational Development Awards: \$4,000

ARTS PROJECTS

Lansing 5:01

Project: Dam Jam is a riverside festival to highlight local music and artists. Attendees can explore the lively Lansing arts and culture scene through a robust Lansing-based artisan village while witnessing live art installations and enjoying local eats. Throughout the evening, participants can experience 12 topnotch Michigan musicians on 10 different stages, ending the night at Old Town Lansing's fish ladder for a concert in-the-round! Targeting emerging talent, this festival educates them on the vibrant arts and culture community in Lansing. The festival is free and open to the public.

Award: \$3,000

MICA

Project: The Lansing JazzFest and Michigan BluesFest are the most popular free music festivals in Michigan. In addition to bringing thousands to Lansing's Old Town neighborhood, both festivals host music clinics for students and KidzBeat, a family-friendly music-education event. The MICA's part-time operations manager organizes these events as well as hosts on-going exhibits and upcoming events at the MICA Gallery. If a grant was available to match payroll hours in the weeks before these festivals, this would provide MICA with the opportunity to improve both music festivals and the gallery experience.

Award: \$3,000

Michigan Disability Rights Coalition

Project: In DanceAbility Detroit, Detroit Disability Power will partner with certified DanceAbility instructor & master dance improviser Cara Graninger & Light Box (our venue) to launch a year of inclusive dance improvisation learning. Four 2-hour introductory workshops in Oct., Feb., May & Sept. will engage new & experienced movers including dozens of people with varying disabilities. Three 6-class series between the four workshops will give participants the opportunity to deepen dance improvisation skills & continue building liberating creative community with peers who move in richly diverse ways.

Award: \$3,000

REO Town Commercial Association

Project: The REO Town Thrift Store Gala is an event celebrating the reuse and repurposing of cast off clothing through burlesque, aerialism, magic, and pageantry. Now in its sixth year, the event has grown from a quirky experiment to one of REO Town's most successful events.

Award: \$4,000

Total 2020 Rd. 1 Arts Projects Awards: \$13,000

MCACA MINIGRANTS: Round 2 2020 FUNDING PLAN

PROFESSIONAL OR ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Lansing Symphony Orchestra

Project: Each year the League of American Orchestras hosts a national conference which brings together orchestra professionals from all fields and backgrounds. The 3-day conference offers a full schedule of presentations, forums, and open discussions that prepare attendees to be effective administrators and leaders in the arts field. Throughout the conference there are opportunities to network, collaborate, and learn about other organization's successes and barriers, leaving attendees more knowledgeable and inspired to help their organizations thrive, as well as grow as professionals in the arts field.

Award: \$1,100

Nick Adkins

Project: The Highlights Foundation: Creating Picture Books with Heart and Humor retreat will consist of lectures, workshops, and group hands-on activities, with scheduled writing and revision time. Attendees will learn: techniques for powerful beginnings and endings; ways to create a compelling story arc; how to establish a distinctive style/voice; tools for creating unique but relatable characters; how to identify your hook; tips for accessing your inner comedian; ways to use rhythm and repetition; how to focus on the emotional lives of children; and revision techniques for humor and heart.

Award: \$900

Total 2020 Rd. 2 Professional or Organizational Development Awards: \$2,000

ARTS PROJECTS

Lansing Concert Band

Project: The Lansing Concert Band's 2020 Annual "Young Person's Introduction to the Band" is a 60min., fast-paced concert designed to introduce 3rd-5th grade students to the sights and sounds of the American concert band. This year's concert theme is "Music From Around the World", and features a program of musical excerpts which demonstrate the melodies, harmonies, and rhythms of traditional music from a wide variety of countries. The concert experience is enhanced by a colorful slide show which captures the audience's interest and provides further instructional material.

Award: \$4,000

Holt Community Arts Council

Project: Music in the Garden is a free summer concert series of five (!!) free, open-air concert in Delhi Township. Concerts will take place on the evenings of July 1, July 8, July 15, July 22 and July 29. The arts council takes care to select professional musicians who represent a variety of cultures and genres. It is the only event of its kind in our neighborhood and has become a summer tradition.

Award: \$3,200

City of DeWitt DDA

Project: The City of DeWitt's Downtown Development Authority ("DDA") is seeking to create a Painted Crosswalk Public Art Project to enhance and enrich the artistic environment in the City of DeWitt's central business district in downtown DeWitt. The painted sidewalk will encourage residents to get involved in the community and making it a more beautiful, artistic place. This project will require a professional, local artist to lead a group of community members in painting the sidewalk in downtown DeWitt. The artist will design the sidewalk and the painting will be done by community members.

Award: \$2,600

Lansing Children's Choir

Project: Our project, Building Connections with the World Through LCC, will provide for the enhancement of existing choral education and programming, as well as the expansion of new programming, facilitated by three artist leaders of LCC -- its executive director, its artistic director and its instrumental director. Through the project, we will expand work during weekly rehearsals from March 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020 to be an extension of existing school and community music programs.

Award: \$2,600

Ele's Place

Project: Ele's Place social workers, licensed clinicians and volunteer facilitators will work with grieving children, teens, and their families to paint tiles and permanently place them on our Memorial Tile Wall as a means of honoring those that have died.

Award: \$600

Total 2020 Rd. 2 Arts Projects Awards: \$13,000

MCACA MINIGRANTS: Round 1 2019 FUNDING PLAN

PROFESSIONAL OR ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Lansing Art Gallery

Project: Lansing Art Gallery & Education will send executive director Barb Whitney to the 2019 Americans for the Arts Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Award: \$1,500

Total 2018 Professional or Organizational Development Awards: \$1,500

ARTS PROJECTS

Clinton County Arts Council

Project: The Clinton County Arts Council will beautify the underpass located on the Fred Meijer CIS Trail in St Johns, by involving community groups, organizations, juvenile probation, 4H groups and more. One side of the underpass allows for eight, 8'x10' sections available to the groups. The other side will allow for two large artists' murals. The groups will select a historical artist to research and develop a piece. The artist will work with each group, teaching them the importance of prep work, scaling a mural and the work and materials it involves.

Award: \$3,000

Lansing Concert Band

Project: The Young Person's Introduction to the Band is a 60-minute, fast-paced symphonic band concert, designed to introduce 3rd-5th grade students to the sights and sounds of the traditional American Concert Band. The 2019 concert theme will be "Music All Around Us," featuring musical excerpts which demonstrate the many ways in which music is involved in our daily lives (tv shows, movies, sporting events, etc.). The students will also learn the names and sounds of each instrument of the concert band. The music will be enhanced by a colorful slide presentation, resulting in a "multi-media" experience.

Award: \$2,239

Meridian Community Band

Project: The Red Cedar Festival is a one-day event in which ten Michigan community concert bands perform a brief public concert which is followed by a post-concert clinic. The clinics are presented by college/university-level conductors who provide valuable insight and teach techniques for improving musicianship. Visiting artists present master classes for featured instruments. The Festival provides networking opportunities for musicians. Audiences enjoy the presentation of a wide variety of both contemporary and traditional band literature. All events are admission free to the public.

Award: \$3,000

Pinecrest Elementary

Project: Pure Winds woodwind quintet will collaborate with the fourth grade students of Pinecrest Elementary to produce and create a musical staged reading of Trinka Hakes Noble's book "The Legend of Michigan." This will be the result of a four week residency between Pure Winds and the fourth grade students of Pinecrest Elementary.

Award: \$4,000

REO Town Commercial Association

Project: The REO Town Thrift Store Gala is an event celebrating the reuse and repurposing of cast off clothing through burlesque, aerialism, magic and pageantry. Now in its sixth year, the event has grown from a quirky experiment to one of REO Town's most successful events.

Award: \$2,000

Total 2018 Arts Projects Awards: \$16,239

MCACA MINIGRANTS: Round 2 2019 FUNDING PLAN

PROFESSIONAL OR ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Crystal Gause

Project: With this grant, Crystal will fund an educational trip to Currents New Media Festival in Santa Fe, NM. As an independent arts curator working and creating in Lansing, she integrates technology and cutting edge art into her exhibitions. As a leading voice in New Media, Currents presents interactive installations, workshops, multimedia performances, VR and AR environments, animation, experimental documentary, robotics and 3D printing. She will garner an updated look at the field and bring new and refreshing ideas back to Lansing.

Award: \$900

Green Bow Music

Project: Grant funds will go towards creation of new video content to advertise the different musical compositions and musical genres that The Tia Imani Hanna Project will create. These will be placed on two new websites. One for Green Bow Music and One for The Tia Imani Hanna websites. The purpose to introduce the two new websites being created in 2019 with video newsletters and personal invitation featuring the new videos.

Award: \$600

Lansing Symphony Orchestra

Project: The Lansing Symphony Orchestra (LSO) is using grant funding to support one staff member, Anastasia Bonotto, to attend the Essentials of Orchestra Management Seminar (Essentials) taking place July 8 through 18th, 2019 in Los Angeles California. The Essentials of Orchestra Management seminar is presented by the League of American Orchestras and is an intensive ten-day seminar "that prepares orchestra professionals to be effective administrators and leaders." The seminar is led by some of the best professionals in the field: successful orchestral musicians, executives, and leadership experts.

Award: \$1,500

MICA

Project: MICA's mission is to serve as a catalyst for community development through quality arts programming. This organization has demonstrated its ability to produce successful projects over the years. Much of the urban revival on Turner Street is due to the time and dedication of numerous volunteers over the past thirty years. To continue to providing quality arts programming and community development projects, the board seeks to hire a grant writer to

strategically seek out resources and obtain funding to sustain existing and proposed projects.

Award: \$1,500

Total 2019 Professional or Organizational Development Awards: \$4,500

ARTS PROJECTS

Bath Charter Township

Project: The Bath Public Arts Committee (BPAC) is planning a community art project that encourages participation in completion of a mural that will be displayed in a prominent location within a local park. BPAC will offer assistance at local events, however will rely on the community's efforts to complete the mural. The mural's theme will be drawn on a "canvas" by a local artist and participants will be invited to fill in the open areas with patterns or colors which will create an overall visual masterpiece. Upon completion, the mural will be mounted to all four sides of the park's restroom facility.

Award: \$821

Communities In Schools of Michigan

Project: CIS of Michigan will partner with a local artist to bring a project based learning opportunity to 8th grade students at J.W. Sexton High School. Students in an 8th grade math class will create a large mural in the Sexton cafeteria through collaborative artistic and mathematical instruction. The mural itself will have multiple messages embedded within it that are mathematical and motivational. This project aims to build and strengthen students math literacy all while providing curriculum that excites and engages students to increase the likelihood of students overall academic success.

Award: \$1,470

DreamWorld Studios for the Arts

Project: DreamWorld Studios for the Arts is seeking funding to continue our partnership with three Lansing Schools (Willow Elementary, Mid Michigan Leadership Academy, Sexton High School) as it implements the third season of DANCE Project between January 2019 and October 2019. DreamWorld's DANCE Project 3.0 is geared toward youth and artist from underrepresented communities/backgrounds, with the objective to positively influence participants' academics, attendance, behavior (self-esteem), and overall arts experience.

Award: \$870

Holt Community Arts Council

Project: With grant funds, Holt Community Arts Council will hold their free Music in the Garden summer series of four free open-air concerts in Delhi Township.

Concerts will take place on the evenings of July 11, July 18, July 25, and Aug. 1. The arts council takes great care to select professional musicians who represent a variety of cultures and genres.

Award: \$2,000

Lansing 5:01

Project: With these funds, Lansing 5:01 will fund Bridge Fest, a riverside festival to highlight local music and artists. Attendees can explore the lively Lansing arts and culture scene through a robust Lansingbased artisan village while witnessing live art installations with chalk artists and muralists and enjoying local eats. As the sun goes down, participants can join under the Shiawassee Bridge for a free concert featuring top-notch Michigan musicians. Targeting young professionals, this festival educates them on the vibrant arts and culture community in Lansing. The festival is free and open to the public.

Award: \$3,600

Total 2019 Arts Projects Awards: \$8,761

MCACA MINIGRANTS: Round 1 2018 FUNDING PLAN

Professional or Organizational Development

Jane Reiter

Project: I wish to study with Rosalie Dace, an international quilt artist. Ms. Dace is teaching an Independent Study workshop at the Quilt Surface Design Symposium 2018, Columbus, Ohio. Attending the workshop is an extraordinary chance since I can drive to Columbus to study with Ms. Dace, who lives in South Africa. Participating in Independent Study is an opportunity for learned tutelage and expert guidance to push myself to create a new body of artwork. In this rich, supportive environment of vibrant imagination I will significantly enhance my artistic development and creative growth.

Award: \$600

Lansing Art Gallery

Project: Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center seeks support for strategic planning with senior consultant and returning specialist Rory Neuner. Activities will include a survey of stakeholders, interviews, and a facilitated strategic planning session. This will improve the organization by engaging stakeholders to review the current strategic plan, celebrate accomplishments, and develop a better understanding of tactical issues facing the organization. Ultimately, outcomes will include the creation of a 3 - 5 year action plan detailing steps toward success.

Award: \$1,500

The Lansing Womens Chorus - Sistrum

Project: Sistrum, Lansing's Women's Chorus, rooted in a feminist lesbian tradition, will work with a consultant to increase our diversity and build ties to communities of color to more fully represent Lansingarea women. Together, we will collect information on barriers, develop a plan to facilitate board and full chorus dialogue, ideas, and learning, and create a strategic action plan to change the chorus narrative of what we represent for Lansing women, broaden understanding of systemic privilege among our members, and expand choral options for local women of all races and ethnicities.

Award: \$1,500

Total 2018 Professional or Organizational Development Awards: \$3,600

ARTS PROJECTS

DreamWorld Studios for the Arts

Project: DreamWorld has a partnership with Willow Elementary, Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy, and St. Vincent Catholic Charities to implement the second year of its DANCE Project beginning in November 2017. The program will provide weekly high quality dance instruction to for at-risk students, ages four to 18 years old. Styles of dance class will include ballet, jazz, hip hop, and contemporary. By hosting dance classes in the partnering schools/facility we are meeting our target participants where they are and therefore increasing artistic visibility in underrepresented neighborhoods.

Award: \$3,000

East Lansing Dept of Parks, Rec. & Art - All-of-us Express Children's Theatre

Project: The Studio Class for Theater Performances will target youth, ages 11-18, and will be an in-depth study of theater. The class will run for approximately 16 weeks and end in a staged performance at the Albert A. White Performing Arts Theatre. Studio Class participants will work together as a team to choose a script with a literary tie in and study both the book and the script for characters and content. Participants will work as a team to choose costumes, makeup, sets, props and technical for the production. Participants will also choose one of their own to direct.

Award: \$4,000

Native American Arts and Crafts Council

Project: The Pow Wow is a celebration of Native American Culture through song, dance, food, and crafts. Dancers, Drummers, and Artisans from around the Great Lakes will be in attendance. It will be held June 1-3, 2018 at Louis

Adado Riverfront Park in Lansing, MI. On Friday, June 2, we will be having a Native American Cultural Experience Day.

Award: \$4,000

MSU College of Music

Project: The Michigan State University Educational Engagement Residency Program is a co-curricular program that places chamber groups comprised of current advanced performance majors at the MSU College of Music within music classrooms at Donley and Pinecrest Elementary for 2 or 3-week artist residencies. The MSU students work with certified music educators, Cari Cravotta and Katie Burk, to create individualized residencies tailored to each grade level. In the residencies, chamber groups perform and lead activities that allow the children to participate in the act of creating and interpreting music.

Award: \$1,181

Total 2018 Arts Projects Awards: \$12,181

MCACA MINIGRANTS: Round 2 2018 FUNDING PLAN

Professional or Organizational Development

Michigan State University Museum

Project: The MSU Museum requests MCACA Professional Development funding to send its Exhibitions Manager to the 2018 American Alliance of Museums conference May 6-9, 2018 in Phoenix, AZ. The AAM conference is the largest gathering of museum professionals in the world and this would be the exhibitions manger's first time attending. The Museum is at a pivotal moment in its 160-year history with a new director, a new strategic plan, and the opportunity for increased university investment in staffing and infrastructure. This conference will help staff and the institution reach short and long-term goals.

Award: \$1,500

Kyle Zeuch

Project: Kyle Zeuch will attend the conference, which offers a comprehensive educational and performance experience for choral music professionals to enhance their skill sets in the areas of rehearsal techniques, literature, pedagogy and technology.

Award: \$481

Michael McCallum

Project: Lansing Filmmaker, Michael McCallum, will attend the the 25th Annual Chicago Underground Film Festival in June of 2018.

Award: \$419

Total 2018 Round 2 Professional or Organizational Development Awards: \$2,400

ARTS PROJECTS

Summer Solstice Jazz Festival

Project: The Summer Solstice Jazz Festival is a multi-venue 2 day festival, offered free to our community and attended by more than 8,000 people from a diverse cross-section of the Michigan jazz community. The event takes place in the heart of downtown East Lansing. It celebrates jazz music through performances by local, regional and national musicians. The festival seeks to attract visitors to the Greater Lansing Area while promoting arts, culture and education.

Award: \$4,000

Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum at MSU

Project: Inaugural Collections Exhibition at the MSU Broad's new art space, the B2 Art Lab.

Award: \$4,000

Holt Community Arts Council

Project: Music in the Garden is a unique summertime concert experience in Delhi Township. Specifically, it is a series of four free 90-minute concerts presented by the Holt Community Arts Council. The performers are professional musicians representing different genres and cultures. The concerts will take place on Thursday evenings - July 6, 13, 20, and 27 - before audiences ranging in size from 500 to more than 1,000 persons.

Award: \$3,000

MSU Writing Center

Project: The Connecting Communities, Creating Stories initiative connects the people of Greater Lansing through shared stories, storytelling, and listening. These connections will emerge through local composing/sharing events and encourage the people of Lansing to engage in and with the histories, communities, peoples, places, and spaces that make up the various communities of Michigan. In particular, we hope that a sharing/listening of stories across communities that do not necessarily know each other can forge relationships between people through reciprocal engagement.

Award: \$1,410

Lansing Concert Band

Project: The LCB Young Persons Guide to the Band is a 60-minute, fast-paced symphonic band concert, designed to introduce 3rd-5th grade students to the sights and sounds of the traditional American concert band. The 2018 theme is "Emotions in Music," featuring several musical excerpts chosen to demonstrate how listening to music can evoke various human emotions: love, anger, happiness, etc. Students will also learn the names and sounds of each band instrument. The concert experience is enhanced by a colorful slide show, which includes artwork created by the students themselves.

Award: \$1,409

Total 2018 Arts Projects Awards: \$13,819

MCACA MINIGRANTS 2017 FUNDING PLAN

Professional or Organizational Development

LANSING AREA PRINT-MAKERS COLLECTIVE

Project: The Lansing Area Print-makers Collective, an informal group of seven working artists coordinated by Laura B. DeLind, is seeking a FY17 MCACA Minigrant to partially fund a print-making workshop with artist, Linda Beeman. Ms. Beeman is one of fewer than 100 print-makers world-wide practicing the art of mokuhanga. She lives and works in Owosso, MI and has agreed to offer a three-day workshop. The techniques acquired will be incorporated into our own printmaking endeavors. They also will be shared with print-makers through workshops and exhibits offered at Grove Gallery in E. Lansing, MI.

Award: \$1,100

LANSING ART GALLERY

Project: The Lansing Art Gallery staff will attend the Americans for the Arts National Convention which offers unparalleled opportunities for arts administrators at all career stages to engage in learning, networking and fellowship.

Award: \$1,250

WILLIAMSTON THEATRE

Project: The Williamston Theatre, mid-Michigan's only professional resident theatre company, seeks funding to support the company's participation in a strategic planning process. This process will provide the basis for planned growth over the next ten years.

Award: \$1,250

Arts Projects

ALL-OF-US EXPRESS CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Project: All-of-us Express Children's Theatre will present a Young Playwrights Program (YPP). The YPP is for youth, ages 11-18. Interested youth from the mid-Michigan area will be asked to write an original play (script). The submitted scripts will be reviewed and 3-5 will be chosen to be turned into main stage productions to be performed in May 2017. Script writers will have the opportunity to work with a mentor/director to help them refine their work for the stage.

Award: \$2,800

HOLT COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Project: Music in the Garden is a unique summertime concert experience in Delhi Township. Specifically, it is a series of four free 90-minute concerts presented by the Holt Community Arts Council. The performers are professional musicians representing different genres and cultures. The concerts will take place on Thursday evenings – July 6, 13, 20 and 27 – before audiences ranging in size from 500 to more than 1,000 persons. The 2017 season represents Music in the Garden's 10th Anniversary.

Award: \$2,800

LANSING CONCERT BAND

Project: The Lansing Concert Band's annual Young Person's Concert is a 60-minute, fast-paced concert designed to introduce young listeners to the sights and sounds of the symphonic band. This year's program theme is "America's Musical Heritage", and will feature excerpts from band arrangements of tunes from various periods of American history (colonial times, Western expansion, the Sousa march, Swing Music, etc.). Students will also learn the names and characteristic sounds of each band instrument. Local folk singer Pat Madden will be a featured soloist, and will lead the audience in a sing-a-long.

Award: \$2,800

MERIDIAN COMMUNITY BAND

Project: The Meridian Community Band will host the Red Cedar Festival which is a one-day event in which 1012 Michigan community concert bands perform a brief public concert which is followed by a postconcert educational clinic. The clinics are presented by college/university-level conductors who provide insight and teach techniques for improving musicianship. Visiting artists present master classes for featured instruments. The festival provides networking opportunities for musicians. Audiences enjoy the presentation of a wide variety of both contemporary and traditional band literature. All festival events are admission free to the public.

Award: \$2,800

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MUSIC RUNNING START PROGRAM

Project: The Michigan State University Educational Engagement Residency Program is a co-curricular program that places chamber groups comprised of current advanced performance majors at the MSU College of Music within the fourth grade classrooms at Elmwood Elementary for three-week artist residencies. The MSU students work with Elmwood's certified music educator, Katie Pike, to create individualized residencies tailored to each fourth grade class. In the residencies, chamber groups perform and lead activities that allow the fourth graders to participate in the act of creating and interpreting music.

Award: **\$1,895**

NATIVE AMERICAN ARTS AND CRAFTS COUNCIL

Project: The Native American Arts and Crafts Council is planning the 15th Annual Riverbank Traditional Pow Wow. The Pow Wow is a celebration of Native American Culture through song, dance, food and crafts. It will be held June 2-4, 2017 at Louis Adado Riverfront Park, with free admission for all spectators. Friday, June 2, will be a Native American Cultural Experience Day for local school students for a series of activities exploring Native American Culture. On Saturday and Sunday, the Grand Entries (as the dancers enter the dance arena), will take place at 1:00, 7:00, and 12:00 respectively.

Award: **\$2,800**

MCACA MINIGRANTS: Round 2 2017 FUNDING PLAN

Professional or Organizational Development

CAPITAL CITY FILM FESTIVAL

Project: The Capital City Film Festival (CCFF), a six-year-old nonprofit organization in Lansing, MI, is seeking new grant opportunities to expand and diversify its funding base. CCFF will apply to the national Endowment for the Arts Art Works grant program in early 2017. In order to accomplish this, CCFF will contract the services of a professional grant writer, Erin Steel, who has a proven track record with the organization.

Award: \$800

LANSING SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Project: The Lansing Symphony Orchestra (LSO) is seeking funding through the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) for professional development. Funding in the amount of \$800 will allow a staff member to attend the annual League of American Orchestras (LAO) conference. The LAO conference will be held June 6 – 8, 2017 in Detroit, Michigan.

Award: \$800

GREEN BOW MUSIC

Project: This is a music camp consisting of two weeks of traditional Brazilian music and dance instruction. There is also language instruction and live performances. Interaction performers and a chance to continue the aural and oral communication of folk music and traditions from native instructors. The camp takes place in Cazadero, CA in the redwood forest. Daily lessons are available in mandolin, Choro, music, composition, voice, yoga, bass and guitar. Room and board are included.

Award: \$800

Arts Projects

SUMMER SOLSTICE JAZZ FESTIVAL

Project: The Summer Solstice Jazz Festival is a 2 day, multi-venue festival attended by more than 10,000 people. The event takes place in the heart of downtown East Lansing, and celebrates jazz music through performances by local, regional and national musicians. The festival seeks to attract visitors to the Greater Lansing area while promoting arts, culture and education.

Award: \$2,999

REO TOWN COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION

Project: The REO Town Art Attack is an all day festival featuring music, art vendors, and a live art competition. Now going into its seventh iteration, this year's festival will be moving from the parking lot where it was previously held to the adjacent street and will feature 10 selected artists painting murals in the bike lanes.

Award: \$1,700

EAST LANSING DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, & ARTS

Project: All-of-us Express Children's Theatre (AECT) is proposing a Young Playwrights Program (YPP). The YPP is for youth, ages 11-18. Interested youth from the mid-Michigan area will be asked to write an original play (script). The submitted scripts will be reviewed and the top three scored scripts will be turned into main stage productions performed on stage in late spring 2017. Script writers will have the opportunity to work with a mentor/director to help them refine their work for the stage. Youth will be involved as cast and crew members.

Award: \$1,700

ST. JOHNS DOWNTOWN DISTRICT AUTHORITY

Project: The St. Johns Downtown District Authority, heretofore referred to as the “DDA,” is seeking funds to create a new, interactive mural in downtown St. Johns, MI. The goal of this project is to activate economic vibrancy and awareness through the creation of a mural that will bring color and culture to our city’s downtown. With this grant, the DDA will partner with the City of St. Johns, the owner of Gilroy’s Hardware and the Clinton County Arts Council to revitalize a well-deserving part of our downtown.

Award: \$1,700

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY – THE OFFBEAT LITERARY JOURNAL

Project: This project will help to expand the yearly publication of the Offbeat literary journal to a biannual schedule, doubling our artistic impact, and continue our newly established local arts and outreach program—a biannual reading event to coincide with each issue’s publication. This will become a regular reading series event in the Greater Lansing area, our public effort to bring creative writing to new local audiences and to support our continued publication.

Award: \$1,000

COLE ACADEMY

Project: Cole Academy seeks funding for its sixth year of collaboration with the Lansing Art Gallery for Art in Action, an art-based learning experience connecting working artists from Lansing with elementary students. This ongoing partnership between LAG and Cole Academy has promoted creativity and included a variety of artists, mediums, exhibitions and receptions. Last year, AIA ended with students creating a 7ft ceramic mural, currently displayed at Cole. This year, students to learn weaving through the creation of personal weavings and a largescale school-wide tapestry.

Award: \$1,000

