INTRODUCTION

Arts Access Grant Application - 2021

**Maximum Award:** $6,000  
**Deadline:** March 15, 2021 by 11:45 pm  
**Review Date:** April 10, 2021  
**Earliest Start Date:** May 1, 2021

Funding Source

Region 2 Arts Council Arts Access Grants are made possible by the voters of Minnesota thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Arts Access Funds may be used

- To produce, present, and offer arts programming and projects that provide accessible, new and/or expanded arts activity.
- To support arts programming and projects that take place within the state of Minnesota.
- To support arts projects and programming for which measurable outcomes have been established, and a plan for evaluating the outcomes and results is in place.
- To supplement, but never substitute, for traditional sources of funding for arts projects and programming, especially in schools/colleges/universities.
- To support only those arts projects and programming for which no expenses have been paid prior to the earliest start date.

**New this year: One application, several funding options!**

*Application open to organizations located in Beltrami, Hubbard, Clearwater, Lake of the Woods, and Mahnomen counties only.*
501c3 Arts Organizations may submit up to one operating support grant and one arts project grant, or two arts project grant applications in this grant round.

The following nonprofit entities may submit up to two arts project grant applications in this grant round:

- schools (parochial schools are ineligible)
- community education programs*
- institutions of higher learning (colleges or universities)
- non-profits providing arts programming
- local city, town, county government entities
- tribal government entities
- arts organizations
- Groups without 501(c)3 nonprofit tax status must be formed for non-profit purposes, must have the equivalent of a governing body similar to a board of directors or advisory council, and must use a Minnesota-based non-profit, tax exempt 501(c)3 organization, or other tax-exempt entity such as a school, institution of higher learning, or city, town, county, or tribal government as a fiscal sponsor.

*Based on Minnesota Statute 124D.19, Community Education Programs will be assumed to be operated by the school district and will be subject to all grant guidelines that apply to schools.

Guidelines

Please read the Guidelines below for valuable information. At the end of this section, you will find a question that when you answer it, will split this form between project support and operational support.

Note: 501(c)3 non-profit organizations may include equipment and non-expendable item purchases that are necessary to the project within their budgets, with no cash match required. Equipment and non-expendable item purchases for all other applicants must be covered directly by the applicant and must not appear on the budget.

Intention for Arts Access Projects and Operating Support

Arts Access funding in this grant round is designated for arts creation, production, presentation and operational support that lead to high-quality, accessible activities that help instill the arts into the community and public life in our region. Eligible grant proposals must display a commitment to reaching wider audiences through providing new and/or expanded arts programming to residents of our region’s counties, and/or by supporting accessibility initiatives.
through the project or as a result of operating support. Eligible proposals must show dedication to removing barriers that audiences may have to accessing arts activities.

Arts and Cultural Heritage Funds may not be used to supplant/replace an organization’s traditional funding sources. They may, however, be used to supplement those funding sources if programming and expected outcomes are new and or expanded.

Activity must begin within 12 months of the earliest start date, and must be completed by June 30, 2022. Previously awarded arts activity that did not occur because of COVID-19 must contain explicitly new and/or expanded elements in order to be eligible.

Arts activities proposed for funding must be open to the public (not exclusively serving faculty, staff, students, board or organization membership). Eligible proposals must be realistic, adaptive to restrictions that exist during this global pandemic, and adhere to state mandated COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines.

**Eligible Uses for Arts Project Support**

- Public art projects
- Arts festivals
- Engagement of guest artists
- Arts field trips
- Arts workshops
- Arts exhibitions
- Arts presentations
- Arts performances

**IMPORTANT:** Arts projects and programming for which project-specific expenses have been incurred and paid prior to the earliest start date is not eligible for funding from this grant. However, an arts project that exists within the context of or due to the existence of a larger project may be eligible for funding if it meets the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund Use Requirements above and the Eligibility Requirements below.

For example, an entire theater production for which there are expenses specific to the production itself that will have been paid prior to the earliest start date would be ineligible for funding from this grant program. However, the development of a matinee performance, a subset of the theater production, with its own goals, outcomes, audiences, and budget may be eligible for funding if it meets all funding and eligibility requirements. The matinee performance or performance series would be described in this grant application as an arts project or program, with its own budget, specific public audience, accessibility initiatives, and intended outcomes or impacts for the designated target audience.
NOTE: 501(c)3 non-profit organizations may include equipment and non-expendable item purchases that are necessary to the project within their budgets, with no cash match required. Equipment and non-expendable item purchases for all other applicants must be covered directly by the applicant and must not appear on the budget.

**Eligible Uses for Operating Support for Arts Organizations ONLY**

- Administrative and operating expenses such as rent, utilities, wages/salaries, facility maintenance that support an organization’s growth, expansion, and improvement.
- Capital improvement projects, which support arts access, education, and arts and cultural heritage activity, made to property owned by the applicant arts organization.
- Training for staff and board to expand and/or improve an organization’s accessibility and equity in its programming and practices.
- Development/improvement of diversity, equity, inclusion, and/or accessibility plans.
- Development/improvement of marketing and publicity plans including website development, engagement of consultants, etc. that will support an organization’s new or updated initiatives.
- Free standing equipment for an arts organization’s office or facility, or non-expendable items, such as instruments, easels, computers, updated technology.
- Capacity building, audience and board development, feasibility studies, strategic planning, facilitation of networking, collaborative projects, outreach.

**Awarding Grants**

Applications are scored and ranked based on the following rubrics:

- Arts Project Support Rubric here
- Operating Support Rubric here

**NOTE:** We are combining our Arts Access Funding and Arts Access Funding for Small Towns for this grant round; therefore, additional funding has been designated for applicants located in towns with populations under 2000.

**Online Grant Application Form Instructions**

- Items marked with an asterisk (*) are *required* and must be answered by all applicants before submitting. To allow for flexibility some items NOT marked with an asterisk are still required. Work Samples, for example, require uploaded or linked content to be eligible for funding, even though these items are not marked with an asterisk. Other examples are rental agreements, travel documentation, etc. Read all instructions carefully.
• When uploading a file, make sure it is in one of the accepted formats listed (pdf, jpg, xlsx) and that it does not exceed the file size (1 MB) specified.

• You may save and return to your application as many times as you like before the deadline. The system automatically saves your work. Please note, the system will log you out due to inactivity. If this happens simply log back in and your answers will be waiting for you.

• Do not press "SUBMIT APPLICATION" unless you are sure your application is complete. (If you submit your application in error, please contact R2AC staff. We can revert your application status to draft so you can access it and make changes before the deadline if needed.)

• The grant application has a hard deadline of 11:45 pm. All submissions are locked as of 11:45 pm on the deadline date. The system does not provide a warning that the deadline cut-off is coming, so please watch the clock if you are down to the last few minutes. We suggest submitting by 11:30 pm in case your clock and the grant system clock do not agree.

• Once your application is submitted, NO CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED. Please see our Grant Submission Policy.

We suggest that you also click on all links to policies and guidelines to get more clarification on what is expected in your grant application. We also suggest clicking on the gray arrows at the beginning of each section to collapse or expand that section. This helps you more easily navigate to the section of the application you need to work on.

If you have any questions or problems in filling out the online application, please feel free to contact R2AC staff (phone: 218-751-5447 or 1-800-275-5447). If you would like to discuss your grant or project ideas, please contact our office in Bemidji for an appointment.

To request a thorough review of your application prior to submission, contact staff at least two weeks prior to the deadline. After that you may request staff assistance and we will provide feedback (9 am - 5 pm, Mon.-Fri.) as time allows. Please review our Grant Writing Support Policy. Note: A review of your application does not guarantee that your request will be funded.

**Which kind of Arts Access Grant Funding are you applying for?**

*Choices*
- Operating Support for Arts Organizations
- Arts Project Support

**GENERAL ORGANIZATION & PROJECT INFORMATION**
My organization is:*  
**Choices**  
a nonprofit arts organization  
a nonprofit providing arts programming  
a school, community education program, or institution of higher learning  
a tribal government  
a local city, town, county government  
a group formed for nonprofit purposes providing arts programming

My organization's membership is:*  
Choose zero if your organization does not have membership.  
**Choices**  
0  
1-5  
5-10  
10-20  
20-50  
50-100  
100-200  
More than 200

Membership Information  
If your organization has members, use this space to share additional information about your organization's membership.  
*Character Limit: 500*

Application Identifier*  
Please provide a very brief title or name for your proposed project such as Opera Camp for Kids or Dance, Dance, Dance Troup Operating Support. The name you choose will appear at the top of your application and also in your dashboard when you login to refer to this application.  

*Please be aware that R2AC staff will be adding an R2AC Grant Number (e.g. ACHA-2021-01) at the beginning of your project name after you have submitted your grant to help us better refer to and search for your grant application in our database.*  
*Character Limit: 250*

Funded Activity Description*  
Briefly describe your proposed project or activity in one sentence. (Template: Funds will assist Organization Name to proposed activity. Examples: Funds will assist Art Org X to hire a part time program assistant. Funds will assist Nonprofit Z to host a series of woodcarving and rosemaling workshops at seven senior facilities in the region.)  
*Character Limit: 250*
**Start Date**
The start date should be approximately one month before your project is to take place or before you have to contract for services or pay bills and may fall between the Earliest Start Date (listed at the beginning of this application form) and one year after the Earliest Start Date.

*Character Limit: 10*

**End Date**
Final reports must be submitted within 45 calendar days of the project or operating support end date you have indicated here. Keep in mind your project end date may be no later than 18 months from the Earliest Start Date listed at the beginning of this application form.

*Character Limit: 10*

**Program Dates**
Please enter the proposed dates of your operating support, performances, exhibitions, workshops, festival, or other arts programming or operational activity.

*Character Limit: 250*

**Grant Administrator or Project Director**
Grant Administrator or Project Director who will be responsible for administering the proposed arts project and/or funding. Include name, title, address, city, zip code, phone numbers and an email address.

*Character Limit: 500*

**Does this project or operation funding request include public art?**
If this is a public art project, where the art or art-making resides in a public place such as a sculpture walk, a mural, a community place-making project, a street festival, a performance in a park, art displayed in government buildings, etc. you will need to adhere to our Public Art Policy and provide specific documentation for your project.

*Choices*
- Public Art Project
- Not a Public Art Project

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**ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION FOR OPERATING SUPPORT**

Please read the eligibility criteria statements below carefully. These statements will help you discern if your organization is eligible for funding through this grant. Once you have read through the entire list and are sure that your organization fits within all of these eligibility guidelines, the Project Director, Authorizing Official, and Fiscal Sponsor (if applicable) will need to type their name and title below. Typing your name acts as an electronic signature and verifies that your organization is in compliance with all eligibility criteria and that responses to all questions in this application and any documents included with this application are true and
factual. Your electronic signature holds you legally responsible for any false or fraudulent information.

If you have any questions on any of the eligibility criteria, please email or call the R2AC office (218-751-5447 or 1-800-275-5447) to discuss eligibility. We can help you determine your proposed project’s eligibility for this grant and, if needed, recommend a different grant to better suit your needs.

**Mission:**
The primary purpose and mission of the arts organization I am applying on behalf of is focused clearly and solely on the arts.

**Arts Focus:**
The proposed project or activity has arts or arts and culture as its primary focus.

**Support for Accessible and New/Expanded Arts Activity:**
The arts organization I am applying on behalf of intends to use funding to support arts programs or services that provide accessible and new and/or expanded arts access activity as stipulated by the Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment which provides funding for this grant.

**Use of Operating Support Funds:**
The arts organization I am applying on behalf of does not intend to cover arts project and programming production costs other than administrative or operational support costs associated with arts projects and programming. (Operating support funding is designated for an organization’s administrative or operational costs; those costs that support an organization’s ability to provide arts programming).

**Service Area:**
The arts organization I am applying on behalf of primarily serves the people of one or more of the following Minnesota counties: Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Mahnomen, Lake of the Woods.

**Location of Organization:**
The organization I am applying on behalf of has a physical address located in one of the following Minnesota counties: Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods or Mahnomen and will retain that address throughout the grant period. *(Note: Organizations that relocate outside of our service area during the grant period will be asked to return all grant funds received.)*

**Relocation:**
The organization I am applying on behalf of does not intend to use Arts Access Grant funds to
relocate their legal address outside the geographic boundaries of Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods or Mahnomen Counties or outside the state of Minnesota.

**Location of Arts Activity:**
The proposed funded activity will occur within the state of Minnesota.

**5 County Impact:**
The proposed project or activity will primarily impact residents in one or more of the following Minnesota counties: Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods or Mahnomen.

**Tax exempt status:**
The organization I am applying on behalf of has Minnesota 501(c)3 tax exempt status or has retained the services of a Minnesota-based nonprofit tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization, or other tax-exempt entity such as a school, institution of higher learning, or city, town, county, or tribal government entity as a fiscal sponsor.

**Ineligible Organizations:**
The arts organization I am applying on behalf of is NOT a for-profit business, an organization intending to influence public policy, or a religious organization.

**Requests for Funding for Expenses Paid Prior to the Earliest Start Date:**
This request is not intended to cover funding deficiencies in a project that was already completed or to fund a project or activity for which project-specific expenses have been incurred and paid prior to the earliest start date.

**Already Funded by R2AC:**
The proposed project or activity is not currently receiving funding from an R2AC grant award, seeking to use funding from more than one R2AC grant, or seeking to cover costs of a project or activity that are specifically being covered through another R2AC grant award.

**Receiving Operating Support Funding from Another Funder for the Same Use:**
The arts organization I am applying on behalf of has not received nor will be receiving operational support funding from R2AC or MSAB for the same intended use.

**Two Applicants Seeking Funding for the Same Project:**
The organization I am applying on behalf of is not seeking funding for the same proposed project as another applicant in an effort to obtain more funding for the joint project from R2AC. (i.e. Multiple organizations cannot apply for grants to fund projects that include the same artists and activities which occur at the same date, time and location.)

**Unallowable Capital Improvements:**
This request is not intended to cover capital improvement projects made to property which is
not owned by the applicant arts organization.

**Allowable Capital Improvements:**
This request does not include capital improvements that do not support one or more of the following: new and/or expanded arts access, arts education, arts and cultural heritage activity.

**Projects started prior to Earliest Start Date:**
The proposed project or activity will not have started prior to the Earliest Start Date listed at the beginning of this application form. R2AC funds do not cover expenses incurred and paid prior to the Earliest Start Date.

**Funding from Clean Water, Land & Legacy Amendment:**
The proposed project or activity is not over 80% funded by Minnesota State Arts Board, Library Legacy, Historical Legacy, Department of Agriculture or other grant awards funded by the Clean Water, Land & Legacy Amendment and will not become over 80% funded if awarded this grant.

**Objectionable Content:**
The proposed project or activity does not promote violence and/or racism and does not have pornographic content. (Please note it is at the board’s discretion to deem an activity objectionable)

**Proselytizing:**
The proposed project or activity does not proselytize a belief or involve the religious socialization of the audience or participants.

**Attempt to Influence State or Federal Legislation or Appropriation:**
The proposed project or activity is not an attempt to influence any state or federal legislation or appropriation.

**Fundraising:**
The proposed project or activity is not intended to raise funds for an organization, charity, or cause or to start or build an endowment.

**Unreasonable Fees for Artists:**
The proposed project or activity does not require artists to pay an unreasonable entry fee in order to exhibit, perform, or be included in the project.

**Purchase of Food or Drink:**
The proposed project or activity is not seeking funding for the purchase of food or drink for events.

**Grant Administrator Conflict of Interest:**
I am not a current member of the Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Council, the R2AC board or staff,
or a member of their immediate family (Immediate family is defined as: spouse, domestic partner, parent, child, child’s spouse, brother, brother’s spouse, sister, or sister’s spouse.)

Organizational Conflict of Interest:
The organization I am applying on behalf of does not have a current member of the Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Council or the R2AC board or staff holding the position of Executive Director, Artistic Director, or the position of Chair, President, Vice Chair, Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary of our board of directors.

Internal Conflict of Interest:
The organization I am applying on behalf of does not have any internal conflicts of interest as defined by Minnesota State statute 317A.255

Unfinished Projects:
This proposed project or activity is not the same as a previously grant-funded project, which has either not been completed or for which the final report deadline has been extended, such as an annually occurring arts activity.

Granted Projects in Open Modification:
The organization I am applying on behalf of does not have a grant project in the state of open modification, in which the grantee has mentioned that a project needs to be modified, but specific modifications have not been requested or approved.

Past Contractual Agreements with R2AC:
The organization I am applying on behalf of is not in violation of any past contractual agreement with R2AC, such as an overdue final report from a previous R2AC grant.

Terminated Grant Contract/Agreements with R2AC:
The organization I am applying on behalf of has not failed to return grant funds to R2AC after having any R2AC grant contracts/agreements terminated or funding revoked.

Misuse of Funds
The organization I am applying on behalf of has not misused granted funds and has not been deemed ineligible to receive funds from R2AC, the Minnesota State Arts Board, or any other regional arts council due to the misuse of funds.

Public Art Projects:
If public art is a part of this project then the proposed project or activity falls within the parameters of the Public Art Policy.

Literary Arts Projects:
If literary arts are the focus of this project, the proposed project or activity falls within the parameters of the Literary Art Policy.
Film/Television/Media Arts Projects:
If the focus of this project is film, television or other video media, the proposed project or activity falls within the parameters of the Film/Media/Television Art Policy.

Academic Credit or Retention of Teaching License:
The proposed project or activity is not seeking funding for arts activity resulting in academic credit, tuition for academic coursework, teaching license, or continuing education requirements (CEUs) to retain teaching license.

Compensation for School Personnel:
The proposed project or activity does not provide compensation for personnel to complete work for the institution where they are employed.

Public Access to School/College/University Activities:
The proposed project or activity does not serve students or faculty only, but includes an activity specifically designed to be easily accessible to the general public, such as an evening performance or an art exhibit.

School/College/University Equipment Restriction:
The proposed project or activity is not seeking funding for equipment for a school, community education program, college or university.

School/College/University Arts Programs:
The proposed project or activity does not fund discontinued or nonexistent arts programs or pay an artist or organization to provide essentially the same services an arts teacher/instructor/professor or arts specialist employed by the institution would be expected to provide. NOTE: The proposed project or activity may supplement activities that are meant to fulfill a standard, but may not be used to fulfill a standard.

Type in the names and titles of the following lead positions for this application, with the consent of all signatories, as electronic signatures. Note that the typed name constitutes a legal signature and all parties undersigned must agree to the following statement:

"We certify that all information provided in this application is, to the best of our knowledge, true and factual and that our proposed arts activity is in compliance with all the eligibility criteria stated above, as well as with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances in relation to the use of these funds."

Authorizing Official Signature*
(Board Chair/President, Artistic/Executive Director, or Principal/Superintendent. This should not be the same individual as the Project Director.)

Grant Administrator Signature*

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**ARTISTIC QUALITY OF ARTS PROGRAMMING**

Please provide evidence of arts activity your organization has sponsored within the past two years. Examples should demonstrate the strongest artistic product, performance and/or programming that your organization produces or provides.

These can be uploads of photos of arts activities/performances/events (.jpg), posters, programs from a performance, news articles, promotional brochures, (.pdf) etc. These may also be in the form of links via YouTube, Vimeo, SoundCloud, or DropBox to video or sound recordings of events or performances, or to websites featuring workshops/training/conferences your organization has attended or offered.

Provide a description of each sample in either the "Descriptions of Linked Work Samples" section or the "Descriptions of Uploaded Work Samples" section below.

*Links to Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest or other social media are not allowed.*

You must include at least two work samples, whether uploads or links. To ensure a fair process, staff will remove any work samples beyond the maximum allowed. Any applicant that fails to submit the minimum number of work samples jeopardizes the eligibility of their grant application. Questions? Consult the Work Sample Submission Policy or contact R2AC staff.

**LINKS TO WORK SAMPLES:** You can use these link boxes to provide music and video samples that require more bandwidth than our grant software can provide. You can also use them to share visual art samples via Dropbox if you find our file size requirements too small for your
purposes; however, the number of images need to fit within the minimum/maximum requirements and must appear as a curated set of images. *All links must be able to be viewed by any browser without use of a subscription, special software, passwords, or plug-ins. Remember to include a description for each link in "Description of Linked Work Samples" question below.*

**Link 1**  
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**Link 2**  
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**Link 3**  
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**Descriptions of Linked Work Samples**  
You must provide a description of each link in the text box provided. Include the title of the work, the name of the artist/author/performer/director, and the dates of completion, performance or recording, as well as a list of performers, instruments, or any other necessary information. If the link is to a music or video file over 4 minutes, please indicate which 2-4 minutes you would like the panel to review to best showcase your work.  
*Character Limit: 1000*

**UPLOADED WORK SAMPLES:**  
Please upload visual (.jpg) or literary (.pdf) samples below. If you are having trouble re-sizing your jpcs or pdfs to fit the 1MB size requirements, please contact the Grants Manager at least a week before the submission deadline for help. You may also want to link to larger images via Dropbox using the Links section above. *Remember to include descriptions of each work sample you have uploaded under "Description of Uploaded Work Samples" question below.*

**Sample 1**  
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**Sample 2**  
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**Sample 3**  
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**Sample 4**  
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**Sample 5**  
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ARTISTIC MERIT OF THE ORGANIZATION

Mission and Purpose*
Please provide your organization's mission statement and/or describe its purpose.

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Board, Staff, and Volunteer Resumes*
Please describe how your organization works together as a team to provide access to high quality arts programming and contribute to the vibrancy of the arts in our region. Tell us how your organization helps deepen or extend your community's understanding or value for the arts, or how you help foster new connections or spark creativity and innovation in your arts community. Upload the resumes (.pdf) of your organization’s executive director or equivalent, key staff or volunteers, and board chair/president in support of your description. (Limit of 6 pages per file and 2 pages max per resume - excess pages will be removed by staff prior to review by the panel). If you need additional room to upload resumes, use the "Supplemental Information" section.

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ARTS ACCESS

Which barriers to participation is your organization specifically working to reduce?*
(check all that apply)

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If you chose "Other " above, please name and describe the barrier you are hoping to reduce.

*Character Limit: 500

How will you work to improve access to your arts in your community?*
What specific structures will you put in place to help reduce the barrier(s) you selected?

*Character Limit: 500

Access Documentation*
Upload any documentation (.pdf, jpg, or .xlsx) such as contracts with sign language interpreters or transportation providers, information on scholarships or sliding scale registration programs, letters of participation or support from partner organizations that serve individuals for whom your activity intends to reduce barriers, your organization’s approved accessibility statement, etc.

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PROPOSAL FOR OPERATING SUPPORT

Proposal*
Describe the ways in which your organization intends to grow, develop, or shift using these operational support funds. How will the use of these funds support accessible arts programming and align with your organization’s mission? Highlight barriers to engagement that your organization has experienced and may be aiming to reduce for artists, audiences, participants, or board members with operational support funding, such as geographic barriers, barriers due to disability/varying abilities, cultural or racial barriers, economic barriers, or other barriers. Describe how the use of these funds will help build new initiatives to support expanded arts programming to engage more Minnesotans in the arts through your organization. Include an approximate timeline and any logistical details.

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COVID-19 Planning*
Explain the ways in which your organization is flexible, adaptive and realistic in the face of current or potential COVID-19 restrictions (Examples of COVID-19 restrictions could include travel, conferences, workshops, performances, or possibly cancellations of speakers or venues closing). In what specific ways would you need to alter your proposal, such as changing to an online format, if the duration or intensity of the COVID-19 pandemic lengthens or worsens?

Character Limit: 1000

COMMUNITY IMPACT OF ARTS ORGANIZATION

Target Audience*
Who has your organization identified as your main target audience? You can provide information about your general target audience or a specific one if you have specific intentions for your operating support funds such as hiring a new staff member to manage a particular initiative. This is the group your organization will intentionally reach out to, provide access to, and strive to impact positively in terms of arts knowledge, skill, attitude, awareness, behavior,
or condition. (Please concentrate on only one audience for this question, the one you would most like to impact)

*Character Limit: 500*

**Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment Funding Goals***
Please choose one of the following goals that most exemplifies your organization's intent for this funding.

**Choices**
The arts are interwoven into every facet of community life
People of all ages, ethnicities, and abilities participate in the arts
The arts thrive in Minnesota

**Impacts***
What kind of outcomes/impacts are you seeking for your organization that will result in benefits for the communities you serve/intend to serve?

*Character Limit: 500*

**Population to Benefit by Age***
Select all categories that, by your best estimate, will make up 25% or more of the population that will directly benefit from the award during the period of support. These responses should refer to populations reached directly, rather than through broadcasts or online programming.

**Choices**
1 Children/Youth (0-18 years)
2 Young Adults (19-24 years)
3 Adults (25-64 years)
4 Older Adults (65+ years)
9 No single age group made up more than 25% of the population.

**Population to Benefit by Distinct Groups***
Select all categories that, by your best estimate, will make up 25% or more of the population that will directly benefit from the award during the period of support. These responses should refer to populations reached directly, rather than through broadcasts or online programming.

**Choices**
D Individuals with Disabilities
I Individuals in institutions
P Individuals below the Poverty Line
E Individuals with Limited English Proficiency
M Military Veterans/Active Duty Personnel
Y Youth at Risk
5 Pre-K, children 5 and under
G No single distinct group made up more than 25% of the population.
Population to Benefit by Race/Ethnicity*
Select all categories that, by your best estimate, will make up 25% or more of the population that will directly benefit from the award during the period of support. These responses should refer to populations reached directly, rather than through broadcasts or online programming.

Choices
N Native American/Alaskan Native
A Asian
P Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
B Black/African American
H Hispanic/Latino
M Middle Eastern/North African
W White/not Hispanic
G No single racial/ethnic group made up more than 25% of the population.
PLANNING & MANAGEMENT OF ARTS ORGANIZATION

Community Support*
Describe the community support you are receiving in terms of direct involvement such as volunteers or board members, non-monetary donations such as materials/supplies or venue use, and financial support such as individual and institutional donors.

Character Limit: 500

Other General Operating Support*
Please list any other types of operational support you are or will be receiving during the grant period, such as a Community Arts Support Grant from R2AC, MSAB Operating Support Grant or any kind of COVID Relief Grants. Please state the name of the grant or program, the source of funding, the amount granted, and the specific use set for the awarded funds.

Character Limit: 500

Operational Support Budget*
Please read our Budget Guidelines which include important information on unallowable expenses, in-kind, cash matches and more. We have provided a Budget Template spreadsheet which includes the elements we expect to see in a budget such as itemized expenses, income, in-kind, etc. and automatically calculates totals for each category. Download the Budget Template, read all instructions, follow the budget guidelines, and fill in all the information pertinent to your project then upload the completed budget to the grant application.

If you choose to use your own budget format, you must include the elements that appear on the Budget Template. *If you do not have Excel or other spreadsheet software capable of utilizing this budget template, please contact the R2AC staff for a .pdf file. Additionally if you cannot export your budget to an .xls or .xlsx file, then print/export/scan or take a photo and save as .pdf*

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Amount Requested*
This amount may not exceed $6,000 and must match the Total Amount Requested field in your budget.

Character Limit: 20
Explanation of In-Kind Donations
Please list all in-kind donations you expect to receive as part of your proposed arts activity and where the donation is coming from.

In-kind donations are non-cash donations of goods, rent, or specialized services by an individual, corporation/business, governmental agency or another nonprofit. According to accounting rules, in-kind services require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased. Examples of those providing specialized services are accountants, doctors, lawyers, teachers, etc.

Unallowable expenses are not allowed as in-kind donations. Please check our Budget Guidelines for a list of unallowable expenses. Artist fees are not allowable in-kind expenses nor are they an allowable source of in-kind income.

Character Limit: 500

Documentation for payment of space rental, mortgage, utilities, insurance, accounting, etc.
You must upload a copy of the rental agreement (.pdf) if renting a performance venue or if rental of office/studio/workshop/meeting space is part of your proposed budget. Upload a copy of a typical monthly invoice/quarterly/annual for any bills you plan to pay a portion of with these funds. You may also upload copies of policies or contracts as long as they have a payment amount listed on them. If you have any questions about the kinds of payments allowed, please contact R2AC staff.

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Equipment Expense Documentation
You must upload (.pdf, .jpg) documentation for any piece of equipment costing over $500 listed as an expense on your proposed budget, such as a screenshot of an online shopping cart or scan/photo of a catalog listing where pricing is clearly visible.

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Workshop or Consultant Fees Documentation
You must upload (.pdf, .jpg) documentation for workshop, conference or training fees and/or consulting services if they are listed as expenses on your proposed budget, such as an email/letter of understanding or a contract in which the price is listed.

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Budget Certification
This project does not include any project specific expenses that have been incurred and paid prior to the Earliest Start Date, as listed at start of this grant application.

Choices
I certify this statement is true
Additional Information
Share any additional information that will help the review panel understand your budget or plans for your proposed operating support funding.

*Character Limit: 500*

If I receive partial funding of my grant request I would like R2AC to do one of the following:*  
**Choices**
- Do not contact me. Please give my partial award to the next applicant in line to be funded.
- Please contact me and allow me to decide whether the partial award is enough to fund my project.
- I will accept a partial award no matter how small. Please send me a revised budget form immediately.

501(c)3

*501(c)3 Determination Letter*  
Upload a copy of the federal non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)3 determination letter (.pdf) for your organization.

*File Size Limit: 1 MB*
**PUBLIC ART**

If your project involves art in a public space, such as a commissioned sculpture, a community mural, an arts festival, concert, or performance held on a city street or in a public park, or any other form of public art, you must provide the information requested below. Failure to do so could effect the eligibility of your application. Please contact the Grants Manager before filling out this section if you are unsure whether your project is public art project.

**Public Art Project Planning**

Any project involving public art must adhere to our Public Arts Policy. Please describe where this project will happen, who owns the space, who is responsible for installation, who is responsible for maintenance, who owns the artwork, and if there are special considerations, such as the historical significance of the site or permitting or zoning issues. If the project is temporary or will be installed in more than one location, please include a timeline of when and where this piece of public art will appear.

*Character Limit: 1500*

**Public Engagement and Input**

Describe the ways in which your organization will seek and ensure public engagement and input in the planning (and, when applicable, implementation) of this public art project.

*Character Limit: 1000*

**Letter of Permission/Agreement**

Utilizing the upload button below, submit (pdf, jpg) at least one letter of agreement/permission (*emails are acceptable*) outlining the details of the project. The artist, the project director, and the site owner or city official in charge of overseeing the site will all need to state their approval of the project and agreement to the terms of the project. (*Include multiple letters if there are multiple sites*)

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**Photo of site where public art will be installed/performed**

*File Size Limit: 1 MB*

**Preliminary Sketch or Script (if available)**

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

You may provide links or upload files to further document, demonstrate or highlight:

- the artistic merit of your proposed project, such as resumes/bios for additional performers/presenters/organizers or a link to the website of any organizations/groups you plan to partner with for this project.
- your ability to carry out your proposed project, such as lesson plans, syllabi, or other teaching materials, charts or graphs, a timeline, or articles, reviews, press releases, news coverage, posters or other promotional materials which document past projects your organization has accomplished.
- your organization’s commitment to making high quality arts experiences accessible in our region, such as annual reports, strategic plans, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion statements, audience demographics, etc.
- your organizations use of the funds such as descriptions of equipment, software, or services.

These items help give the review panel a better understanding of you and your project.

NOTE: Work samples uploaded to this section will be removed. (See Work Sample Guidelines in the Artistic Quality Section of the application)

If you have questions about whether the items you are uploading or linking to are allowable in this section, please contact the Grants Manager.

Supplemental Link 1
Character Limit: 2000

Supplemental Link 2
Character Limit: 2000

Description of Supplemental Links
Character Limit: 1000

Supplemental Upload 1
File Size Limit: 1 MB

Supplemental Upload 2
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Description of Supplemental Uploads
Character Limit: 1000
DATA COLLECTION

RAC Grant Data Collection*
The information you provide below is used to gather data about grant applicants. The data is maintained by the Minnesota State Arts Board (MSAB) in cooperation with the Minnesota Regional Arts Councils (RACs), the Minnesota Citizens for the Arts (MCA), and the McKnight Foundation, and may be distributed to others in accordance with the Minnesota Data Practices Act. Information collected in this section of the grant application is not shared with the review panel. Region 2 Arts Council uses this information only for the assessment and evaluation of our programs and services. Please see our Data Privacy Policy. Complete information is necessary to ensure the reliability of our data. Note: If you are an organization using a fiscal sponsor, please fill out this information as it pertains to the organization conducting the activity, not the fiscal sponsor.

Choices
I understand

County*
Choose the county in which your organization is located.

Choices
Clearwater
Beltrami
Hubbard
Lake of the Woods
Mahnomen

Race/Ethnicity (optional)
For Individuals: Please select up to two options regarding your racial/ethnic characteristics.

For Organizations: Please select the option that best represents 50% or more of your staff or board or membership.

Choices
American Indian/Alaska Native
Asian
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
Black/African American
Hispanic/Latino
Middle Eastern/North African
White
Other

If you chose "Other" and would like to provide a short description, type it below:
Character Limit: 100
**Special Characteristics (optional)**

**For Individuals:** select if any of the categories below describe you.

**For Organizations:** select the *one category* below that best represents 50% or more of your staff, board, or membership.

**Choices**
- Disability
- Older Adult - 60+
- Veteran

**Status**

Select a legal status from the drop down menu that best describes you, if applying as an individual, or your organization, if you are applying on behalf of an organization.

**Choices**
- 01 - Individual
- 02 - Organization - Nonprofit
- 03 - Organization - Profit
- 04 - Government - Federal
- 05 - Government - State
- 06 - Government - Regional
- 07 - Government - County
- 08 - Government - Municipal
- 09 - Government - Tribal
- 99 - None of the Above

**Institution**

Select a category from the drop down menu that best describes you, if applying as an individual artist, or your organization, if you are applying on behalf of an organization.

**Choices**
- 01 - Individual - Artist
- 02 - Individual - Non-artist
- 03 - Performing Group
- 04 - Performing Group - College/University
- 05 - Performing Group - Community
- 06 - Performing Group for Youth
- 07 - Performance Facility
- 08 - Museum - Art
- 09 - Museum - Other
- 10 - Gallery/Exhibition Space
- 11 - Cinema
- 12 - Independent Press
- 13 - Literary Magazine
- 14 - Fair/Festival
- 15 - Arts Center
- 16 - Arts Council/Agency
- 17 - Arts Service Organization
- 18 - Union/Professional Association
Discipline*
Select a discipline from the drop down menu that best describes your art form, if applying as an individual, or the kind of art/arts your organization works with, if you are applying on behalf of an organization.

Choices
01 - Dance
01A - Dance - Ballet
01B - Dance - Ethnic/Jazz
01C - Dance - Modern
02 - Music
02A - Music - Band
02B - Music - Chamber
02C - Music - Choral
02D - Music - Electronic/Experimental
02E - Music - Ethnic
02F - Music - Jazz
02G - Music - Popular
02H - Music - Solo/Recital
02I - Music - Orchestral
03 - Opera/Musical Theater
03A - Opera
03B - Opera - Musical Theater
04 - Theater
04A - Theater - General
04B - Theater - Mime
04C - Theater - Puppetry
04D - Theater for young audiences
04E - Theater - Storytelling
05 - Visual Arts
05A - Visual Arts - Experimental
05B - Visual Arts - Graphics
05D - Visual Arts - Painting
05F - Visual Arts - Sculpture
06 - Design Arts
06A - Design Arts - Architecture
06B - Design Arts - Fashion
06C - Design Arts - Graphic
06D - Design Arts - Industrial
06E - Design Arts - Interior
06F - Design Arts - Landscape Architecture
06G - Design Arts - Urban/Metro
07 - Crafts
07A - Crafts - Clay
07B - Crafts - Fiber
07C - Crafts - Glass
07D - Crafts - Leather
07E - Crafts - Metal
07F - Crafts - Paper
07G - Crafts - Plastic
07H - Crafts - Wood
07I - Crafts - Mixed Media
08 - Photography
09 - Media Arts
09A - Media Arts - Film
09B - Media Arts - Audio
09C - Media Arts - Video
09D - Media Arts - Tech/Experimental
09E - Media Arts - Screen/Scriptwriting
10 - Literature
Project Discipline*
Select a discipline from the drop down menu that best describes the art you are creating for this project, if applying as an individual, or the kind of art that will be created, performed, taught, or showcased as part of this project, if you are applying on behalf of an organization.

Choices
01 - Dance
01A - Dance - Ballet
01B - Dance - Ethnic/Jazz
01C - Dance - Modern
02 - Music
02A - Music - Band
02B - Music - Chamber
02C - Music - Choral
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09A - Media Arts - Film
09B - Media Arts - Audio
09C - Media Arts - Video
09D - Media Arts - Tech/Experimental
09E - Media Arts - Screen/Scriptwriting
10 - Literature
10A - Literature - Fiction
10B - Literature - Nonfiction
10C - Theater - Playwriting
10D - Literature - Poetry
11 - Interdisciplinary
12 - Folk/Traditional Arts
12A - Folk/Traditional Dance
12B - Folk/Traditional Music
12C - Folk/Traditional Crafts/Visual Art
12D - Folk/Traditional Storytelling
13 - Humanities
14 - Multidisciplinary
15 - Non-arts/Non-humanities

Fiscal Year*
What is your most recently completed fiscal year?

Choices
2018
2019
2020
**Annual Adult Participation***
Total number of adults (19 years of age and older) who participated in arts activities within your organization's most recently completed fiscal year. Please include all arts activities not just those funded by R2AC. (Do not include broadcast/internet audience) **Public Schools, Community Educations Offices, and publicly-funded Colleges and Universities**: Please provide participant totals for extracurricular and supplemental arts programming ONLY.

*Character Limit: 10

**Annual Youth Participation***
Total number of children/youth (0-18 years of age) who participated in arts activities within your organization's most recently completed fiscal year. Please include all arts activities not just those funded by R2AC. (Do not include broadcast/internet audience) **Public Schools, Community Educations Offices, and publicly-funded Colleges and Universities**: Please provide participant totals for extracurricular and supplemental arts programming ONLY.

*Character Limit: 10

**Annual Arts Expenses***
Total annual arts-related expenses for your organization's most recently completed fiscal year. For arts organizations this would be your total expenditures and for non-arts organizations this would be annual expenses for all arts programming or services for your organization. **Public Schools, Community Educations Offices, and publicly-funded Colleges and Universities**: Please provide expenses for extracurricular and supplemental arts programming ONLY.

*Character Limit: 20

**Website**
Please enter the URL (Universal Resource Locator or web address) of your organization's website, and make sure to include a complete URL with https:// or http:// as appropriate. Also make sure to include www if that is part of your URL. A link to Facebook or other social media is not acceptable. If your organization does not have a web page, please leave this question blank.

*Character Limit: 2000

**Board/Council Members***
Please provide a list of Board Members, School Board Members, Advisory Council Members, Tribal Council Members, or Trustees governing your organization. Enter first and last name only.

*Character Limit: 1000

**Board/Council Contact Information***
Please upload (.pdf) contact information for your top three members, especially executive committee members such as the chairperson, the president, the vice-chair or vice president, the treasurer, secretary, etc. Include a current email address and phone number for each person listed.

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