



March 21, 2024

In-person business meeting
Watermark Art Center, Bemidji
5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Zoom will be available for those unable to attend in-person.

5:00 p.m. Call Meeting to Order (A. Larson)

Welcome! (A. Larson)

Read Vision / Mission / Norms (Volunteer)

Our Vision

Creating a thriving arts culture that enhances the quality of life in our communities.

Our Mission

The Region 2 Arts Council strengthens the presence of the arts by supporting opportunities for arts creation, promotion, and education for the people of Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, and Mahnommen counties.

Our Norms

- Keep our purpose in front of all we do / orient yourself to the mission and vision
- Stay on task
- Put your ideas on the table honestly
- Speak with integrity and respect
- Refrain from articulating thoughts that undermine others
- Offer solutions

Past / Upcoming Arts Activities of note (All)

Other

Community Arts Support Grant Review

6:15 - Call to order

Community Arts Support Grant Intention

R2AC CAS operating support funds may not be used to cover an organization's arts programming and project costs. This funding is designated for an organization's operational costs; those costs that support an organization's ability to provide arts programming. An organization's proposal must show both a commitment to the organization's mission and the communities it serves by using this operational support grant funding for operations that support the organization's capacity to offer expanded and/or new arts programming that is accessible and open to the public.

Arts and Cultural Heritage Funds shall not cover costs for activity or operations that have formerly been funded in another way, nor may funds be used to supplant/replace an organization's traditional funding sources. Arts and Cultural Heritage Funds may, however, be used to supplement those funding sources if programming and expected outcomes are new and or expanded.

Determining Funding Levels for CAS Applicant Organizations

Average Annual Expenses under

\$5,000 receive \$2,000/year funding support

Average Annual Expenses between

\$5,000-\$10,999 receive \$3,000/year funding support

\$11,000-\$20,999 receive \$4,000/year funding support

\$21,000-\$34,999 receive \$5,000/year funding support

\$35,000-\$90,999 receive \$6,000/year funding support

\$91,000-\$173,999 receive \$7,000/year funding support

Note: Organizations with FY21 & 22 averaged expenses of \$174,000 and over are eligible to apply for a Minnesota State Arts Board (MSAB) operating support grant, but are NOT eligible for an R2AC Community Arts Support grant. However, we realize that with the gap between our required two most recently completed fiscal years and MSAB's required FY21 & 22, that some applicants fall into a grey area where they it appears they are not eligible for either grant. Please contact us at staff@r2arts.org or call us at 218-751-5447 if this is your situation, and we will consider your eligibility as a special case.

Make sure all panelists can login to see and score grant applications online

- Questions on any tech issues or review of how to use Evaluation Form if needed

6:20 Discussion of potential biases and conflicts of interest

6:25 Procedure for Grant Discussion & Review

- Staff will introduce each grant application with grant number, name of applicant, amount requested, and purpose of funding
- Criteria-focused discussion (*please remember applicants may be listening – be kind*)
- Panelists can ask for any part of the application, including work samples, to be displayed as part of the discussion
- No sharing anecdotal information, focus on the application materials only
- Be aware of your biases as they come up, and question them, in order to be fair in your evaluation
- Finalize scores and close evaluation after each application is discussed

Evaluated on the following Criteria (1-5)

- Sound Management & Fiscal Responsibility
- Commitment to Quality & Excellence in the Arts
- Commitment to Community
- Commitment to Organizational Growth

Full, Partial, and No Funding & Vote

(Note: Panel discussion is open to the public. Observers will be muted and have cameras off. They will be named Guest 1, Guest 2, etc. to preserve anonymity and prevent bias)

6:30 - Welcome Observers & Go Over Rules

Call for Conflict of Interest

6:45 – FY24 Community Arts Support Grant Review begins

Total Amount Available: \$70,000.00 per Fiscal Year

Total Amount Requested: \$65,000.00 per Fiscal Year

List of applications in the order we will review them:

CAS-2024-01 Armory Arts & Events Center - Staffing \$7000 Request

The Funds will assist the Armory Arts & Events Center in its function to serve as a center for arts activity in the Park Rapids area by retaining one part-time, contract staff person.

Motion: Full Partial No Funding

Second

Carried

CAS-2024-02 Heartland Arts - Art Beat Publication and Sculpture Trail Sponsorship \$5000 Request

