

Arrowhead Regional Arts Council Programming Overview FY24

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Arrowhead Regional Arts Council

At ARAC we manage grant programs that fund arts activities serving the Arrowhead Region of Minnesota. The Council's mission is to facilitate and encourage local arts development. This statement grows from a conviction that the arts improve the quality of life in the region.

We serve the counties of Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Koochiching, Itasca, Lake, and St Louis.

As one of the 11 regional arts councils in Minnesota, ARAC's funding is derived from appropriations from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the State's general fund and Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund (Legacy Amendment) as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota. ARAC also receives a generous grant from The McKnight Foundation.



Round One

For projects beginning NO SOONER THAN November 1, 2023

Grant Opens: Friday, July 7, 2023

Deadline: Friday, August 18, 2023

Notification Date: October 20, 2023 after board approval

- Individual Artist Project (Individuals Only) 3k
- Artist Access (Individuals Only) 1k
- Arts & Cultural Heritage (Individuals & Organizations) 5k
- Rural and Community Art Project (Organizations Only) 5k

Round Two

For projects starting NO SOONER THAN February 1, 2024

Grant Opens: October 2, 2023

Deadline: Sunday Midnight, November 19, 2023 - NEW!!!

(Please know that the office is closed on the weekend.)

- Individual Artist Equity (Individuals Only)
- Arts Learning (Individuals & Organizations)
- Art Project (Organizations Only)
- Operating Support (Organizations Only) Details to come!

For Individuals - Who Can Apply?

To be eligible to apply for this program, you must be:

- At least eighteen years old and NOT enrolled in an arts-related degree program.
- A U.S. citizen, or have permanent resident status.
- Have permanent residence (taxes / voting) in Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, or St. Louis County or of the four Tribal Nations within our region: Bois Forte, Fond du Lac, Grand Portage, or Leech Lake (within Itasca County) for at least six months.
- A resident of the region for the duration of the project.
- If you have no outstanding or overdue final reports from past funding.
- Both artists and arts organizations may apply only once per grant round, and cannot receive funding from the same grant program twice in a fiscal year.

Qualified applicants should apply regardless of their race, color, religion, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, marital status, national origin, status as a documented alien, or status as a qualified individual with a disability or protected veteran. Individuals who are Black, Indigenous, People of Color, People with Disabilities, and/or Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual/Agender, Two-Spirit (LGBTQIA2+) are encouraged to apply.

What Can I Fund?

- Art supplies such as canvas, paints, fabrics, clay, etc.
- Educational opportunities that advance your creative practice or career.
- Labor such as services of other artists, babysitters, or paid time off from work to create art.
- Equipment or technology purchases are allowed but must be integral to the artistic project proposed and must be less than 25% of the total request.
- An approved project must begin within six months.

This is not a complete list. Please reach out if you have other ideas that don't fall under the "Can't Fund" category.

What Can't I Fund?

- A project where you are also applying to MN State Arts Board and have received or may receive funding from them. If you have previously applied to MSAB and did not receive the funds, you may apply here if the other qualifications are met.
- A project that won't begin for more than six months.
- Equipment more than 25% of the total request amount.
- The project attempts to influence any state or federal legislation.
- The request includes making improvements to the applicant's private property.
- The project requires excessive entry, exhibition, or tuition fees or work toward a degree.
- The project primarily involves developing school curriculum plans or teaching materials.
- The project promotes religious socialization including proselytization.
- The project was once supported by state general fund appropriations.
- The activity involves out-of-state travel (*except for Professional Development Small Grant*).
- The project is designed for a private audience and is not open to the general public.
- The project is for capital improvement, construction, or purchase of property.
- The funds are requested for general operating support (*except the Operating Support Grant*)
- The funds are requested for a project that serves as a benefit, fundraiser, or donation.

For Organizations - Who Can Apply?

To be eligible, your organization must be located in the following Arrowhead counties: Aitkin, Cook, Carlton, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, or St. Louis or one of the four Tribal Nations within our region including Bois Forte, Fond du Lac, Grand Portage, or Leech Lake (within Itasca County).

What Kind of Organizations?

- State-registered and federally recognized non-profit, tax-exempt organizations
- Accredited schools
- Tribal governments
- Units of government

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If your group has not yet received non-profit, tax-exempt status, you may apply by using a non-profit organization, accredited school, tribal government, or other unit of government as a fiscal sponsor. For information on how to use a Fiscal Sponsor, see the [Fiscal Sponsor Guidelines](#) page on our website, or contact us directly.

How Many ARAC Grants Can an Individual Receive in One Year?

In a single ARAC fiscal year (July 1-June 30), an organization can receive grant funding of up to \$25,000 total from applications reviewed in all eligible programs.

Round Three

Projects beginning NO SOONER THAN May 1, 2024

Grant Opens: January 5, 2024

Deadline: Midnight, Sunday, February 18, 2024

- Individual Artist Project (Individuals Only)
- Artist Access (Individuals Only)
- Arts & Cultural Heritage (Individuals & Organizations)
- Rural and Community Art Project (Organizations Only)

Round Four

For projects beginning NO SOONER THAN July 1, 2024

Grant Opens: April 1, 2024

Deadline: Midnight, Sunday, May 12, 2024

- Individual Artist Equity (Individuals Only)
 - Arts Learning (Individuals & Organizations)
 - Art Project (Organizations Only)
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The **Small Grants** program provides grants of up to \$750 on a rolling basis in four different categories:

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

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

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

Computers at the end of their natural life that fail are not considered emergencies.

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

For organizations, this may also include major equipment failures.

Questions? Need Help? Please reach out!

Arrowhead Regional Arts Council

Offices located in downtown Duluth, MN

Website:

Arac.org - go check it out!

Contact:

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for help with brainstorming, realizing a project, how to approach or frame thoughts, and rules.

admin@aracouncil.org help with attachments and other technical issues