

# Small/Art Project Application

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*East Central Regional Arts Council*

## **Grant Number\***

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## *Organization Information*

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### **Project Director\***

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### **Project Director Title\***

*Character Limit: 100*

### **Project Director Email address\***

*Character Limit: 254*

### **Project Director Phone Number (day)\***

Please enter the 10 digit phone number with no special formatting.

*Character Limit: 10*

### **Grant Writer\***

*Character Limit: 50*

### **Grant Writer Title\***

*Character Limit: 100*

### **Organization's Authorized Signer\***

This person cannot be the same as the Project Director.

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### **Organization's Authorized Signer email address\***

This email address will be used if the application is approved. The grant contract will be emailed for signature from the organizations authorized signer.

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### **Our group/organization:**

Yes = Correct

No = Incorrect

**Has no Misuse of Funds determination with:\***

- the MN State Arts Board or
- any designated MN Regional Arts Council.

**Choices**

Yes

No

**Has no outstanding or unacceptable final reports with the East Central Regional Arts Council.\*****Choices**

Yes

No

**Is incorporated as a nonprofit or is a unit of government or ISD\***

or has an official fiscal agent agreement with a nonprofit, unit of government, or independent school district (ISD).

**Choices**

Yes

No

**Is located in and serves the counties of:\***

Chisago, Kanabec, Isanti, Mille Lacs or Pine.

**Choices**

Yes

No

**Has three or more members.\*****Choices**

Yes

No

**The project will not include any of the activities not funded by ECRAC.\***

Activities not funded by ECRAC may be referenced in the grant guidelines on pages 17-18. An example of an activity not funded by ECRAC includes: any travel costs outside of Minnesota. You may engage an out-of-state artist within your project, but their travel expense to get to or from Minnesota cannot be included in the request.

**Choices**

Yes

No

In promotion of the project I will use the ECRAC funding credit line and ECRAC logo.\*

Choices

- Yes
- No

This application only accepts the following file type(s) for upload:\*

- PDF
- Word
- Excel
- MP3

Choices

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ECRAC no longer requires organization applicants to submit the following:\*

- IRS letter documenting 501c3 tax exempt status
- yearly 990 or 1023
- or audit report

Choices

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### *Fiscal Sponsor Information, If Applicable*

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**\*If your group is not using a fiscal sponsor, the following section will be blank.\***

#### **Fiscal Sponsor Agreement**

A sample Fiscal Sponsor Agreement, if needed, can be found on page 29 of the Grant Guidelines. For additional information on fiscal sponsorship click here.

*File Size Limit: 1 MB*

#### **Fiscal Sponsor Organization Name:**

*Character Limit: 100*

#### **Fiscal Sponsor Mailing Address:**

*Character Limit: 250*

#### **Fiscal Sponsor City:**

*Character Limit: 100*

#### **Fiscal Sponsor State:**

*Character Limit: 100*

**Fiscal Sponsor Zip Code:**

*Character Limit: 10*

**Fiscal Sponsor Contact Person Phone Number (day):**

*Character Limit: 20*

**Fiscal Sponsor Contact Person:**

Must be an authorizing official of the sponsor organization.

*Character Limit: 50*

**Fiscal Sponsor Contact Person Title:**

*Character Limit: 50*

**Fiscal Sponsor Contact Person Email Address:**

*Character Limit: 254*

**Fiscal Sponsor Tax Exempt Number (EIN):**

*Character Limit: 10*

*Project Summary Information*

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**Grant Project Title\***

*Character Limit: 30*

**Brief Project Description\***

*Character Limit: 500*

**Project Start Date\***

See the Grant Guidelines, page 12, for start and end date requirements.

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**Project End Date\***

*Character Limit: 10*

**Grant Amount Requested - \$500 to \$5,000\***

From your completed Project Expense Template.

*Character Limit: 20*

**Total Project Cost\***

From your completed Project Expense Template.

*Character Limit: 20*

## Date of grant writer and/or project director attendance at ECRAC grant information session.

This is optional but highly recommended.

*Character Limit: 50*

## Is your project's venue publicly accessible and ADA compliant?\*

### Choices

Yes

No

## In the proposed project,\*

your organization will not include travel expenses or activities that do not take place in MN.

### Choices

Yes

No

## In the proposed project,\*

your organization will not include expenses to purchase alcoholic beverages or to pay associated costs (servers, insurance, liquor licenses, etc.).

### Choices

Yes

No

## *Request Narrative and Summary of Proposal*

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### Detailed Project Description\*

Include descriptions of all activities involved in completing the proposed project:

- date(s),
- location(s),
- workshops or other training,
- number of performances,
- names of staff, artists or companies,
- your required open to the public event,
- define your community served,
- how you will demonstrate equity and inclusion for the grant project in the community served,
- and any other information that will help the Arts Council understand your project.

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## Project Schedule

If you have a project schedule please upload it here. For example, if your project includes multiple classes/events, a schedule with dates, times and locations is appropriate to include with your application.

*File Size Limit: 2 MB*

## Project Impact Evaluation\*

How does this project:

- instill the arts into your community and public life?
- provide a high quality arts experience?
- give access in Region 7E to a quality arts experience?
- help to develop knowledge, skills and understanding of the arts?
- help to represent diverse, ethnic and cultural arts traditions, if applicable?

*Character Limit: 1200*

## Promotion and Publicity Plan\*

Detail here how your organization will provide promotion and publicity for the project. Include specific media and costs.

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## Artistic Merit\*

All grant projects must have artistic merit. Explain how your project will expand both your organization's artistic capabilities and the artistic experiences of your audience. Repeat projects must have a heightened sense of artistic merit.

*Character Limit: 1200*

## Why did you select the artist(s) or artist companies participating in this project?\*

*Character Limit: 3000*

## All artists mentioned must have an artistic résumé. Upload all artistic résumés here.\*

*File Size Limit: 4 MB*

**Artistic Work Samples** - ECRAC allows organization applicants to upload artistic work samples. As you select a work sample(s) for submission, remember that artistic excellence is the primary criteria. It is important that the samples you submit represent your artists work to its best advantage. In general, the grant reviewers are not looking for a range in abilities. Rather, they look for a cohesive vision for grant recipients. In addition, the ECRAC board requests that your uploaded work samples are 4 years old, or less. If they are not, include an explanation of why in the application. The grant guidelines has a detailed list of acceptable work samples.

Combine samples as needed into documents/files in order to upload. You may also link to a YouTube video in the space provided.

### **Work Sample upload**

Use this upload if you have visual or written work samples.

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### **Work Sample Description**

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### **YouTube or other website address for audio/video**

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### **Organizational Ability\***

In what year was your organization started?

*Character Limit: 100*

### **Artistic Mission\***

Briefly describe the artistic mission of your organization. How will the proposed project help your organization fulfill that mission? If yours is not an art organization, please explain your artistic mission for this project. How will this project advance your organizations mission?

*Character Limit: 1000*

### **Describe the governing body of your organization.\***

*Character Limit: 450*

**Attach a list of your board members.\***

Include their address, profession, organizational affiliation and/or area of expertise.

**New!** ECRAC strongly recommends you add an advisory committee member list to the Board Member list if there is one and/or if none of the Board Members are Region 7E residents.

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**Explain how your organization is staffed?\***

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**Summarize the qualifications of the Project Director.\***

*Character Limit: 1500*

**Attach Project Director work résumé.\***

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**Describe the project planning process and who was involved.\***

*Character Limit: 1500*

**Additional work resumes**

Any staff person mentioned for the project must have a work résumé included with the proposal. Combine all documents into one file and upload below.

*File Size Limit: 2 MB*

**List any projects your organization has completed in the past three years.\***

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**List all ECRAC funded projects your organization has had in the past three years.\***

Include the year and the amount funded.

*Character Limit: 2000*

**Repeat Grant Project Information\***

If your organization received grant support from the East Central Regional Arts Council in one or more of the past three fiscal years, please answer the following:

- How does this project differ from the past funded projects?
- Is it more challenging, original, or a change in direction from past projects?
- Explain how your project will expand your organization's artistic capabilities and the artistic experiences of your audience.

Repeat grant projects must have a heightened sense of artistic merit. If you are not a repeat grantee reply here with not applicable.

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## *Outcome Evaluation*

### **Outcome Evaluation**

ECRAC feels it is important to have an obligation and be intentional about evaluating art grant projects: the outcomes, impacts and results, and the community benefits. Therefore, outcome evaluation is an important part of a funding proposal.

### **You must include outcome evaluation costs in your budget expenses.**

Refer to the **Grant Guidelines** on pages 8-9.

### **Which of the following best describe the majority of the people you plan to serve with this project?\***

#### **Choices**

- Young children
- School age children
- Teens or youth
- Adults – general public
- Adults – professionals or peers
- Adults – artists
- Adults – learners
- Adults – seniors or elders
- Inter-generational groups (e.g., families)
- Communities (e.g., neighborhoods or cities)
- Organizations
- People in institutional settings
- People who might have difficulty communicating (e.g., reading, writing, or speaking)
- People who may have sensory difficulties (e.g., vision or hearing)
- People who may have mobility difficulties
- People who may have cognitive difficulties

### **Which of these broad areas best describes the kind of change you expect from your project?\***

Sometimes thinking about different kinds of possible changes or effects can help us connect a grantmaker's very broad program outcomes to your own, specific outcomes for your project.

#### **Choices**

- Artists and the arts are visible in communities
- Artists develop their practice
- Organizations develop capacities that advance the arts
- People access arts experiences
- People develop arts skills or knowledge
- People have meaningful arts experiences
- People make connections to ideas, organizations, or one another

## What kinds of specific changes do you expect to see in the people to be served by this project?\*

Having a specific outcome in mind means that the people you serve are supposed to be different in some way as a result of this project.

### Choices

- An emotional response or reaction
- A changed attitude about something or someone
- A new awareness about something or someone
- A new intention or motivation to take some course of action
- A changed perception of themselves or others
- A new or expanded understanding or knowledge about some topic
- A new or expanded skill in some area
- A change to their behavior after this experience
- Changes to their relationships with someone else: new, strengthened, or enriched
- Your organization will have a new or improved ability or capacity to do something
- A change to some other condition eg, individual well-being, community strength, etc

## Outcome Measurement

There are many ways to measure the results of projects; for example, collecting verbal or written stories and comments, surveys, focus groups, and interviews. For the visual arts, exhibit guest books are often used to capture comments. For the performing arts, attendance numbers or audience surveys may be useful. Comments/Critiques by peers can also be a way to assess the impact of your work. ECRAC staff has samples of outcome evaluations. Schedule an appointment with staff if this will assist you in your proposal.

## What kinds of data or information will you gather?\*

- Quantitative: numbers or categories of things used to look for outcomes by rating, totaling, or comparing.
- Qualitative: observations or narratives used without any pre-determined categories of information to look for outcomes as they emerged from an experience or discussion.
- Both: a combination of both quantitative and qualitative information.

### Choices

- Quantitative
- Qualitative
- Both Quantitative and Qualitative

## Outcome Evaluation Method Types\*

What kinds of methods do you anticipate using to document progress toward your project outcomes? Please note that the term stakeholder suggests the people data is gathered from and could be participant, audiences, community members, artists, project partners or organization staff. It depends on the project being proposed.

### Choices

Reviewing program statistics or other documents related to the project  
Reviewing or critiquing a portfolio, experience, or other artifacts of the project  
Conducting interviews with stakeholders  
Conducting focus groups with stakeholders  
Creating one or more case studies about the project  
Making structured observations of stakeholders during project activities  
Surveying stakeholders about their knowledge skills, attitudes, behaviors, or motivations  
Gauging stakeholder priorities using interactive methods such as sorting cards or voting  
Having stakeholders describe or capture their own impressions

## *Project Budget*

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**Submit your organization's current year annual budget as a supplement to this project's budget.\***

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### **Project Budget Details\***

Please download, complete and upload the Project Budget Template <https://www.ecrac.org/sites/default/files/Expenses%20Small%20Arts%20Org.xlsx> below. For detailed instructions see pages 23-24 in the Grant Guidelines.

*File Size Limit: 2 MB*

### **Project Expense Details and Explanations\***

Describe your project expense details and explanations for each of your budget line items here. For example, if your total amount of artists fees is \$3,000, your explanation would look like:

- artists fees: ABC Band \$1,500, XYZ Band \$1,500 = \$3,000.

Do this for each line item. Note: these are not for profit grant projects. If the budget shows a profit, or appears to be a fundraiser, the application is ineligible.

Round all amounts to the nearest dollar.

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### **Project Income Details and Explanations\***

Describe your project income details and explanations for each of your budget line items here. For example, if your total amount of earned income is \$1,000, your explanation could look like:

- earned income: sale of 100 tickets at \$10 each = \$1,000

Do this for each line item. Note: these are not for profit grant projects. If the budget shows a profit, or appears to be a fundraiser, the application is ineligible.

Round all amounts to the nearest dollar.

*Character Limit: 1500*

## Equipment Purchase

If your project includes the purchase of a piece of equipment totaling more than \$500 you are required to include three separate price quotes. One of these quotes needs to be from a Minnesota based vendor. Include each quote in the upload links provided below. The lowest amount need not be selected.

Describe here which quote you have chosen, and why.

*Character Limit: 1000*

## Price Quote 1

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## Price Quote 2

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## Price Quote 3

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## Equipment Use Plan

Grant requests from organizations for project equipment purchases of \$500 or more must include: a detailed plan for the use of the equipment; and a statement certifying they will not sell the equipment without prior ECRAC approval including the possibility of UCC filing. Additional information can be found in the grant guidelines.

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## *Small/Art Project Certification*

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### **Certification\***

Download, read, and complete the Certification page. Upload the signed document here.

FYI - Two separate signers are required. One signer must be an authorizing officer of the board or the fiscal sponsor organization. The other signer must be the project director. Please note: electronic signatures are accepted.

*File Size Limit: 1 MB*

FYI - To ensure all application files have uploaded and will open properly for reviewers, applicants should use the "*Application Packet*" button located at the top of the application. Any file upload error messages will appear on the "*File Attachment Summary*" page in the Application Packet.

Contact staff via email at [grantinfo@ecrac.org](mailto:grantinfo@ecrac.org) or by telephone at 320-591-7034 if you have any questions or concerns regarding your application. If requested early enough in advance of the grant deadline, ECRAC staff can review your draft application.

## *Regional Arts Council Data Collection*

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### **RAC Grant Data Collection\***

These reporting fields are not used in the evaluation of your grant request and are simply used for data collection purposes.

#### **Choices**

I understand

### **Are you a new applicant?\***

#### **Choices**

Yes

No

### **County\***

Choose the county below in which your organization is located..

#### **Choices**

Chisago

Isanti

Kanabec

Mille Lacs

Pine

### **MN House District\***

MN legislative house district where the applicant is located (Click Here to use the district poll finder).

**Due to redistricting be sure to check Poll Finder for the correct House District**

#### **Choices**

11B

15A

31A

32A

32B

39A

### **Congressional District\***

U.S. congressional district where the applicant is located. To be eligible to apply you must live within the five county East Central Minnesota Region which is congressional district 8.

#### **Choices**

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## Special Characteristics (optional)

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

### 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
- G No single distinct group makes up more than 25% of the population served
- 5 Pre-K, children 5 and under
- 99 None of the Above

## Race/Ethnicity (optional)

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

### Choices

- N American Indian/Alaskan Native
- A Asian
- P Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- B Black/African American
- H Hispanic/Latino
- M Middle Eastern/North African
- W White
- 99 when no single group applies
- O Other

## Age Group (optional)

Select the categories that best represent the age of those benefiting from your project.

### 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

## Status\*

Select the one code that best describes the applicant. [Click Here](#) for a list of current **Status** codes. Example, enter "01" for individual.

### Choices

- 01
- 02
- 03
- 04

- 05
- 06
- 07
- 08
- 09
- 99

**Institution\***

Select the one code that best describes the applicant. [Click Here](#) for a list of current **Institution** codes. Example, enter "01" for individual.

**Choices**

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### Discipline\*

Select one code that best describes the applicant's primary area of interest in the arts. Click Here for a list of current **Discipline** codes. Example, enter "01A" for Dance, ballet.

#### Choices

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01A  
01B  
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### **Project Discipline\***

Select one category that best describes the proposed project activity. [Click Here](#) for a list of current Discipline codes.

#### **Choices**

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**Does your proposed project involve a public event?\***

**Choices**

- Yes
- No

**Date(s) of the open to the public event(s).**

Enter all individual event dates separated by a comma.

*Character Limit: 250*

**If yes, include the name(s) and address(es) of the event location(s).**

*Character Limit: 250*

**Adult Artists Participating\***

Estimated number of adult artists directly involved in or providing art or artistic services specifically identified with grant activities.

*Character Limit: 10*

**Children/Youth Benefiting\***

Estimated number of children and youth under the age of 18 participating in and/or benefiting directly from these grant activities, or included in an audience.

*Character Limit: 10*

**Adult Audience Benefiting\***

Estimated number of adult audience participants benefiting directly from grant activities.

*Character Limit: 10*

**Total Organization Expenses\***

List the total organization expenses for the most recently completed fiscal year.

*Character Limit: 20*

**Organization's Total Arts Budget for the Previous Fiscal Year\***

*Character Limit: 20*

**Fiscal Year\***

What is the organizations fiscal year used in the above question?

*Character Limit: 4*

**Total Project Expenses\***

*Character Limit: 20*

**Cash Expense of Project\***

This number should be the project total cost minus the amount of any in-kind revenue listed in your budget.

*Character Limit: 20*

**Project In-Kind\***

This number should be the amount of any in-kind revenue listed in your budget.

*Character Limit: 20*

**Start Date\***

The starting date should be approximately one month before your project is to take place or before you have to contract for services. *(This date **cannot** be before the grant deadline's earliest possible starting date listed in the guidelines.)*

*Character Limit: 10*

**End Date\***

The ending date should be approximately one month after the actual completion date of your project to allow time to close out all aspects of the project before submitting your final report.

*Character Limit: 10*

**Counties Impacted\***

Please provide a list of counties (Minnesota only) that will be impacted by this project.

*Character Limit: 500*

**Board Members\***

Please provide a list of Board Members. Enter first and last name only, separated by commas.

*Character Limit: 1000*

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Thank you for applying! ECRAC staff wishes you all the best.

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