

Art in Our Schools Grant

East Central Regional Arts Council

Grant Number*

Character Limit: 15

School Information

Applicant School*

Character Limit: 200

District Number*

Character Limit: 4

School Address*

Character Limit: 250

School Mailing Address (if different)

Character Limit: 250

City, State, Zip*

Character Limit: 250

Project Director*

Character Limit: 250

Project Director Title*

Character Limit: 100

Project Director School Email address*

Character Limit: 254

Project Director Phone (day)*

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

Character Limit: 10

Telephone Extension

Character Limit: 5

Grant Writer*

Character Limit: 250

Grant Writer Title

Character Limit: 100

School's Authorized Signer*

This person cannot be the same as the Project Director.

Character Limit: 100

School'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 school's authorized signer.

Character Limit: 100

School Website*

Character Limit: 2000

Our School:

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.*

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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).

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Yes

No

Is located in and serves the counties of:*

Chisago, Kanabec, Isanti, Mille Lacs or Pine.

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. 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.*

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Yes

No

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

- PDF
- Word
- Excel
- MP3

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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

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Project Information

Grant Project Title*

Character Limit: 30

Brief Project Description*

Character Limit: 500

Project Start Date*

See Grant Guidelines for start and end date requirements.

Character Limit: 10

Project End Date*

Character Limit: 10

Names of Residency Artists

Character Limit: 250

OR

Field Trip Location

Character Limit: 250

OR

Arts Related Special Project

Character Limit: 250

Type(s) of Art Featured*

Character Limit: 250

Number of Professional Artists Participating*

Character Limit: 5

Number of Students Participating*

Character Limit: 5

Number of Teachers Participating*

Character Limit: 5

Number of Anticipated Audience for your Community Component*

Character Limit: 5

Amount of Grant Request - up to \$3,000*

Character Limit: 20

Total Project Cost*

Character Limit: 20

Description of Project*

Describe the proposed grant project by answering the following:

- What core group or classes of students will work daily with the artist?

- How will this project be integrated into the current arts curriculum?
- How will you present the teacher in-service training and set up the schedule?
- The dates, times, rooms, locations of residencies and field trips.

Character Limit: 2000

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

What art discipline, artist, arts field trip, or arts related special project have you selected and why? Attach project director work resume and residency artist résumé/s and all support materials as appropriate below. Keep in mind that artistic excellence is the goal for this funding program.

Character Limit: 3000

Project Director Work Resume*

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Residency Artist(s) Artistic Resume(s)

File Size Limit: 4 MB

Additional Project Support Materials

Any additional materials supporting the artistic merit of your project such as museum brochures/art show flyers/performance materials.

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.

File Size Limit: 20 MB

Work Sample Description

Character Limit: 1500

YouTube or other website address for audio/video

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Planning Process and Goals*

Briefly describe the planning process and goals you have for this art project. How is the project different from past projects? **Keep in mind that ECRAC cannot fund repeat Art In Our Schools grant projects.**

Character Limit: 1000

Promotion and Publicity Plan*

Detail here how your organization will provide promotion and publicity for the community component of the project.

Character Limit: 1500

Community Involvement*

Describe how you will make a presentation of this project to your community, or how it will be open to the public during or after its completion. **This community component is a requirement.**

Character Limit: 1000

Attach a list of your school board members and advisory committee, if applicable.*

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

File Size Limit: 2 MB

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.

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 develop their practice
 People access arts experiences
 People develop arts skills or knowledge

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.

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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.

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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

Uploads and Certification

Residency Program Upload

If you are proposing an artistic residency download, complete and upload the Residency Schedule below. You must include an in-service workshop time and description at the bottom of the form.

File Size Limit: 1 MB

Field Trip Schedule

If you are proposing a field trip download, complete and then upload the Field Trip Schedule below.

File Size Limit: 1 MB

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

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Project Budget Details*

Download, complete and upload the Project Budget Template below.

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.

Character Limit: 3000

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

Certification*

Please download, complete and upload the Certification form below.

File Size Limit: 2 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 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

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.

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I understand

Are you a new applicant?*

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Yes

No

County*

Choose the county below in which your school 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

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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.

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Special Characteristics (optional)

If applicable, select the one code that best represents 50% or more of your school population.

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)

Please select the one option that best represents 50% or more of your school population.

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

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 (i.e. enter "01" for individual).

Choices

- 01
- 02
- 03

- 04
- 05
- 06
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Institution*

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

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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 (i.e. enter "01A" for Dance, ballet).

Choices

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01C
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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?*

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- 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 school expenses for the most recently completed fiscal year.

Character Limit: 20

Department's Total Arts Budget for 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

School Board Members*

Please provide a list of School 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.
