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**Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo Announces
 2018 Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Minigrant Awards**

The Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo (ACGK) announces the 2018 Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) minigrant awards. Twenty-two applications were submitted, requesting \$62,603 in funds, and of those, thirteen were selected to receive funding totaling \$29,200. The total available for granting was \$33,200. The remaining \$4,000 will be awarded in a second round. Round II applications will open in November with a January 15, 2018 deadline date. Check kalamazooarts.org or Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs for grant links and updated information.

MCACA coordinates grants to arts and culture organizations, cities and municipalities, and other nonprofit organizations to encourage, develop and facilitate an enriched environment of artistic, creative and cultural activity in Michigan. The MCACA Regional Regranting Program funds local organizations with project minigrants of up to \$4,000 and professional development grants of up to \$1,500. ACGK serves as one of ten regional regranting agencies for MCACA. The region served (Region 8) includes the following seven counties: Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren.

MCACA Project Minigrants			
Applicant	Project Name	County	Request
Bloomington Public Schools	Bloomington Steel Drum Program	Van Buren	\$ 3,600.00
Box Factory for the Arts	Community Student Art Exhibitions	Berrien	\$ 4,000.00
Coastline Film Festival	Coastline Children's Film Festival 2018	Berrien	\$ 4,000.00
Oshtemo Friends of the Parks	Music in the Park Concert Series	Kalamazoo	\$ 3,000.00
Oshtemo Historical Society	Mural for display at Drake Farmstead	Kalamazoo	\$ 1,500.00
TUNED IN	Jazz is Our Music	Kalamazoo	\$ 2,700.00
Twin City Players	TCP's Twin Cities Theatre Festival 2018	Berrien	\$ 4,000.00
			<u>\$ 22,800.00</u>
MCACA Professional Development Grants			
Applicant	Project Name	County	Request
Adam Schumaker	New Music Gathering	Kalamazoo	\$ 1,425.00
Kalamazoo Aviation History Museum	Improving Inclusion	Kalamazoo	\$ 1,500.00
Binder Park Zoological Society	Assoc. Zoos and Aquarium Directors Conference	Calhoun	\$ 1,308.00
Grace Kelmer	Performing Arts Presenter Conference	Berrien	\$ 1,500.00
Miller Auditorium	2018 Broadway League Spring Road Conference	Kalamazoo	\$ 1,167.00
Gilmore Keyboard Festival	Tessitura Learning & Community Conference 2018	Kalamazoo	\$ 1,500.00
			<u>\$8,400.00</u>

For more information on the funded projects or questions regarding re-granting programs of the Arts Council, contact Kristen Chesak, Executive Director at kchesak@kalamazooarts.org or 269-342-5059.