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## Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo Announces 2019 Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Minigrant Awards

The Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo (ACGK) announces the 2019 Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) minigrant awards. Twenty-two applications were submitted, requesting \$52,248 in funds. Twelve applicants were selected to receive funding totaling \$25,200, of the \$33,200 in funding available. Round II Region 8 funding will be available for projects only. The application deadline for Round II funding is January 15, 2019. For additional information please visit the MCACA’s website: [michiganbusiness.org/industries/mcaca](http://michiganbusiness.org/industries/mcaca) or the ACGK’s website: [kalamazooarts.org/grants](http://kalamazooarts.org/grants).

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 Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo serves as the regional regrantor of Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs funding for mini-grants and professional development. 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. The ACGK serves as one of ten regional regranting agencies for the MCACA. The region served (Region 8) includes the following seven counties: Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren.

<b>Project Minigrant Recipients</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Award</b>
Coastline Children's Film Festival	Berrien	\$4,000
Bloomingtondale Elementary School	Van Buren	\$3,600
TUNED IN	Kalamazoo	\$4,000
Oshtemo Friends of the Parks	Kalamazoo	\$4,000
Oshtemo Historical Society	Kalamazoo	\$1,200

<b>Professional Development Grant Recipients</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Award</b>
Patricia Plasko	Kalamazoo	\$1,490
Grace Kelmer	Berrien	\$1,500
Irving S. Gilmore International Keyboard Festival	Kalamazoo	\$1,125
Heritage Museum and Cultural center	Berrien	\$1,015
Air Zoo	Kalamazoo	\$1,090
Tracey Lawie	Kalamazoo	\$1,090
Acorn Center for the Performing Arts	Berrien	\$1,090

For more information on the funded projects or questions regarding re-granting programs of the ACGK, contact Kristen Chesak, Executive Director at [kchesak@kalamazooarts.org](mailto:kchesak@kalamazooarts.org) or 269.342.5059

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