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ACGK Announces MCACA Minigrant and Arts Fund of Kalamazoo County Grant Recipients

KALAMAZOO, Mich.— The Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo (ACGK) has announced Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs (MCACA) fiscal year 2022 Round I minigrant recipients for Region 8, as well as the Arts Fund of Kalamazoo County fiscal year 2022 Round I grant recipients.

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 ACGK serves as the regrantee agency for Region 8, which includes seven counties in Michigan’s Southwest Prosperity Region: Berrien, Branch, Cass, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van Buren.

The minigrant applications are reviewed by a panel of artists, residents, and organizational leaders from the region using criteria set by the MCACA.

Minigrants provide up to \$4,000 for locally developed, high-quality arts, and cultural projects and up to \$1,500 for professional and organizational development. These are special opportunities to address local arts and cultural needs as well as increase public access to arts and culture. Minigrants support a broad range of artistic expression from all cultures through projects which preserve, produce, or present traditional or contemporary arts and culture and/or arts education.

The application deadline for MCACA Round II minigrant funding is January 14, 2022.

The Arts Fund was established in 1986 through a Kalamazoo Community Foundation Initiative Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. This grant is intended to support artists and artistic projects that remove barriers and provide access to culturally diverse or underserved communities.

For additional information please visit MCACA’s website: <https://www.michiganbusiness.org/industries/mcaca/> or ACGK’s website <https://www.kalamazooarts.org/grants/>.

MCACA - PROJECTS MINIGRANT

Organization Name	Project	County	Net Grant
Bloomington Public School District	Bloomington Steel Drum Program	Van Buren	\$3,600
Parchment School District	Chamber Ensembles for 7th-12th Grade Band Students	Kalamazoo	\$2,370
Oshtemo Friends of the Parks	Music in the Park Concert Series presented by Oshtemo Friends of the Parks	Kalamazoo	\$4,000
Coastline Children’s Film Festival	Coastline Children's Film Festival 2022	Van Buren	\$4,000
South Haven Public Schools	Project CURB Beautification Mural South Haven High School	Van Buren	\$4,000
Queer Theatre Inc.	Poems with Pride	Kalamazoo	\$4,000
St. Augustine Cathedral	Chamber Music Concert	Kalamazoo	\$1,500

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MCACA - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MINIGRANT

Organization Name	Project	County	Net Grant
Laura Galaviz	Fishtrap Yearlong Novel Mentorship	Kalamazoo/ VanBuren	\$1,500
Great Lakes Acoustic Music Association	GLAMA Board Member Anti-Racism Training	Kalamazoo	\$900
Kalamazoo Aviation History Museum	IAPPA 2021 Conference	Kalamazoo	\$1,500
Irving S. Gilmore International Keyboard Festival	Google Workspace Certification	Kalamazoo	\$1,500

ARTS FUND OF KALAMAZOO COUNTY

Organization Name	Project
Wellspring/Cori Terry & Dancers	Community Engagement Through Dance (CETD)
Irving S. Gilmore International Keyboard Festival	The 2021-2022 Gilmore Piano Labs
Jodie Randolph Dance	Young Dancers Initiative in Kalamazoo
Kalamazoo Book Arts Center	Kalamazoo Book Arts Center: Youth and Intern Educational Programming
Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Society	"Moving toward normalcy"
Kalamazoo Poetry Festival	Kalamazoo Poetry Festival Celebration of Community
Rootead Family Enrichment Center	Rootead's Youth & Cultural Arts
Crescendo Academy of Music	Crescendo Community Voices
Dwandra Lampkin	K College presents "The Conviction of Lady Lorraine,": A solo show revamped

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