



**MONTGOMERY**  
C O U N T Y

2023-2024

# SPECIAL PROJECTS GRANT

Funded by the Montgomery County Arts and Cultural District (MCACD)  
Administered by Culture Works





**Funder:**

The **Montgomery County Arts & Cultural District (MCACD)** is a unit of government that supports, nurtures, and encourages the development and preservation of arts and culture throughout Montgomery County.



**Administrator:**

**Culture Works** is the arts funding, advocacy, and service organization for the eight-county Dayton Region







# ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY

- Open to Montgomery County:
  - 501c3 nonprofit organizations
  - Schools
  - Colleges and universities
  - Municipalities and government agencies
  - Collectives and other unincorporated groups with a 501c3 nonprofit, tax-exempt fiscal agent
- *Not open to:*
  - Arts/cultural organizations (or their auxiliary groups) that receive operating support through the MCACD
  - Small Businesses
  - Individuals

# PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

- MCACD providing **\$300,000** for the 2023 cycle
- Grants of **up to \$10,000** for arts and cultural projects
- Funded projects must:
  - Take place in Montgomery County
  - Take place between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024
- Can be new or repeat projects
- Types of projects:
  - Cultural/Multi-arts
  - Education
  - Literary Arts/Performing Arts
  - Visual Arts
  - **Capacity Building (arts/cultural orgs only)**

# PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

## Capacity Building Projects

- Allowed:
  - Strategic planning
  - Professional development training for staff and board members
  - Marketing plan and website development
  - Market research or feasibility studies
  
- Not Allowed:
  - Capital expenses (purchasing, repairing, or maintaining land, buildings, or equipment)

# FAQs

- Common uses of grant funds: artist fees, venue rentals, art supplies, marketing materials and services, staff time
- No matching funding requirement for nonprofit organizations or schools
- 1:1 **cash** match required for colleges/universities, municipalities, and government agencies
- Only one project per applicant
- Only one application per project
- Final report due 30 days after project end date

# 2023 PROCESS

**February 15 + 22, 2023** – Project Ideation Sessions

**March 3, 2023, 4pm** – Intent to apply deadline

**Late March 2023** – Organizations notified of eligibility status/invited to complete full application

**April 12, 2023, 4pm** – Draft application deadline

**April 26, 2023, 4pm** – **Application deadline**

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# SCORING AREAS

## **Project Quality and Artistic Vibrancy**

- Quality of the artistic/cultural activities
- Qualifications of the artistic/creative personnel

## **Community Impact and Engagement**

- Organization's understanding of, and responsiveness to, the needs and interests of its audience

## **Ability to Complete and Manage the Project**

- Quality of the project plan

# **SCORING AREAS – Capacity Building**

## **Project Quality and Artistic Vibrancy**

- Evidence that the project activities will enhance the organization's ability to carry out its arts/cultural mission

## **Community Impact and Engagement**

- Potential impact of the project on the organization's ability to engage the community.

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## NEXT STEPS

- Project Ideation Sessions, **February 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**
- Submit intent to apply through e-Cimpack by **March 3, 2023, 4pm**
- Begin compiling commitments from artists and community partners.
- Receive notification of eligibility to complete full application in late March.
- Submit a draft for feedback (optional) by April 12, 2023 at 4pm
- Submit application by **April 26, 2023, 4pm**

# COMMUNITY MINI GRANT PROGRAM



**Grants of up to \$1,000**

for neighborhood organizations and other  
community groups

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