



MONTGOMERY
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2024-2025

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 **\$250,000** for the 2024 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, 2024 and June 30, 2025
- 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)

Capacity Building is about building your organization's skills and toolbox, NOT about improving your building or facilities.

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

2024 PROCESS

February 13 + 20, 2024 – Project Ideation Sessions

March 1, 2024, 4pm – Intent to apply deadline

Late March 2024 – Organizations notified of eligibility status/invited to complete full application

April 10, 2024, 4pm – Draft application deadline

April 24, 2024, 4pm – **Application deadline**

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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 13 & 20**
- Submit intent to apply through e-CImpact by **March 1, 2024, 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) in mid-April
- Submit application by **April 24, 2024, 4pm**

Questions? Comments?

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