



FY2018 Guide to Arts Council Grants – Project Support

For projects occurring July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

Please refer to the [FY2018 Guide to Grants](#) for complete information on MAC application review process and funding policies. Grant Programs are subject to change due to budget restrictions.

Questions? Contact Jason Vasser at 314-340-6858 or jason.vasser@ded.mo.gov.

Overview

The Arts Council Grants (ACG) funds programs and services provided by arts councils in Missouri's communities outside the city limits of St. Louis and Kansas City. Eligible ACG applicants provide programs in more than one artistic discipline and foster the long-term cultural development of a community. This may include presenting arts programs that contribute to artistic excellence, reflect community diversity, and support local cultural traditions as well as supporting cultural organizations and encouraging arts education in the schools.

ACG funding supports the cost of presenting and producing cultural programming for the public and/or providing services to artists and organizations. Administrative expenses, including salary support, can be included when part of the proposed programs.

MAC does not fund art courses unless they are predominately serving a population that lacks access to arts programs due to geography, economics, ethnicity, or disability. MAC funds may be used for master classes and workshops as an ancillary activity of a funded project. For additional funding restrictions, consult the [current Guide to Grants](#).

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for ACG funding, arts councils must meet and maintain the basic eligibility requirements for MAC funding as well as:

1. Organizations must be located outside the city limits of Kansas City and St. Louis. They may be located in St. Louis County and Jackson County (outside of Kansas City limits).
Arts councils which are located within the city limits of Kansas City and St. Louis and which offer programs in more than one arts discipline may apply to Express Grants or Annual Discipline (Multidiscipline or Minority Arts Program, if eligible. For guidance, review the [current Guide to Grants](#) and consult with the [appropriate Program Specialist](#).
2. ACG applicants must offer programs in more than one artistic discipline and/or arts services as well as foster the long-term cultural development of the community. Artistic disciplines include dance, electronic media (film/video), festivals, literature, music, theater, and visual arts. Arts services may include arts event calendars, newsletters, technical assistance, cultural planning, and funding for arts programs.
3. Only one organization per community is eligible to apply for ACG support. In towns with populations over 10,000, the applicant must be an arts council or unit of local government. In communities with populations under 10,000 or in special circumstances (e.g. county-wide), the applicant may be a community betterment agency, historical society, chamber of commerce, or service club.
4. ACG applicants must be governed by a board whose members are elected or appointed by persons other than the board members themselves and serve terms limited in number and duration.

For non-arts organization (for example, department of city government), the advisory committee or board must be a cultural/arts board. This board may be advisory to an elected or appointed body and must be designated by the ranking official (e.g. Mayor) or governing body (e.g. City Council).

Grant Request

Eligible ACG applicants may request **Project Support** for 50% of arts program expenses or \$20,000, whichever is less. Administrative expenses, including salary support, can be included as part of the proposed project. Project Support applicants apply every other year. FY2018 is an on-year for Project Support. You will use the Annual Discipline application and answer additional ACG questions.

How the Panel Evaluates Applications

MAC endeavors to distribute funds fairly and equitably among art forms and across the geographic and ethnic diversity of Missouri. Advisory panelists evaluate ACG applications according to three criteria: artistic quality (30%), community involvement (40%), and management ability (30%).

Deadlines

Draft Submission is due by **last Monday in January**.

Final Submission (including support material) is due by **last Monday in February**.

Draft Review

Your program specialist is available to review drafts (including application, attachments, and support material) and provide feedback to improve your application. The draft does not need to be complete. In addition, you may request a draft review from Michael Gaines, Executive Director, Missouri Association of Community Arts Agencies. Email a pdf of the application to michaelg@hannibalarts.com.

Additional MAC Funding

ACG grant recipients may receive one additional express grant in touring or arts education.

Also, ACG applicants may apply for arts education grants on behalf of their local schools or school district. However, only schools may match grants with their teaching and administrative time. For additional information, consult the current annual or express [arts education guidelines](#).

Other ACG Categories

MAC also provides ACG funding through ACG Basic and Operating Support.

- Eligible organizations that don't receive annual support may request ACG Basic Support through Express Grants. For FY2017, the maximum request is 50% of the arts program expenses or \$3,000, whichever is less. For more information, review the [FY17 Express Guidelines](#).
- Eligible organizations may request ACG Operating Support through the Annual Discipline application and ACG questions. Operating Support applicants apply every three years. FY2018 is an off-year for ACG Operating Support. FY2019 will be an on-year for ACG Operating Support. Eligible ACG Operating Support applicants may request 50% of their most recently completed fiscal year's operating revenue for arts programs or \$35,000, whichever is less.

Additional Eligibility Requirements for ACG Operating Support

1. The organization's operating revenue for arts programs must be \$50,000 or more for the most recently completed fiscal year. Eligible revenue cannot include endowments, capital improvements, restricted funds, and acquisition income (such as donated works of art).
2. The organization must schedule arts programs on a year-round basis. Organizations with seasonal programs are not eligible to apply for ACG Operating Support.
3. The organization must have at least one part-time staff member who is dedicated solely to arts programs on the organization's payroll.