Overview
The Partnership Grant funds special initiatives that strongly align with one or more Missouri Arts Council strategic goals:

Goal 1: Engage People in Meaningful Arts Experiences
Goal 2: Grow Missouri’s Economy Using the Arts
Goal 3: Strengthen Missouri Education through the Arts

Purpose
- To support and strengthen initiatives aligned with Missouri Arts Council strategic goals.
- To focus on strategic measurable outcomes.
- To provide a framework for evaluation.
- To develop a process to identify and involve future shared initiative partners.

Outcomes
The grants would demonstrate public value and measurable outcomes in one or more of the following areas (aligned with National Endowment for the Arts objectives).

- Engagement (increase meaningful engagement in the arts).
- Livability (grow Missouri’s economy using the arts).
- Learning (strengthen Missouri’s education with the arts).

Criteria
- **Focused Strategic Outcomes**
  The Partnership is focused on strategic outcomes (as described above) with measurable and documented outcomes.

- **Significant Community Involvement**
  The Partnership is engaged with local and/or statewide partners strategically, logistically, and/or financially.

- **Strong Management Ability**
  The Partnership demonstrates strong management ability including leadership, program development, and financial stewardship.
Eligibility
This program is by invitation only. If you have a program you wish to be considered, contact the Executive Director, Michael Donovan, at michael.donovan@ded.mo.gov or 314-340-4740.

Organizations receiving support through annual grants (Annual Discipline, Off Year Application, or Arts Education) are not eligible to apply for Partnership support.

Request Amount
The request amount will be developed with Michael Donovan, Executive Director, based on meeting criteria, available state resources, and community investment.

Process
Alignment
- Interview applicant to review proposed project, opportunities for engagement, alignment with strategic goals, desired outcomes, and budget.

Application
- Apply online using the Partnership Application. Questions follow:
  - Describe the project for which you are requesting funding.
  - How does it align with MAC strategic goals?
  - What are the measurable outcomes?
  - How will the program be evaluated?
  - Who are you partnering with to ensure success?
  - Additional attachments: annual/biennial registration, board list, budget detail.

Approval
- Staff reviews applications and makes funding recommendation to the executive committee.
- The executive committee reviews and makes funding recommendation to the Missouri Arts Council board.
- The Missouri Arts Council board reviews funding recommendations at the June meeting.
- Staff notifies applicants of funding decision in July 2019.

Deadlines
Draft Submission is due by the last Monday in January (January 25, 2019).
Final Submission is due by the last Monday in February (February 25, 2019).

Additional MAC Funding
Partnership grant recipients may receive one additional express grant in touring or arts education.

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