

## **MCACA MINIGRANTS: Round 1 2020 FUNDING PLAN**

### ***PROFESSIONAL OR ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT***

#### **Lansing Art Gallery**

**Project:** Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center requests \$1,500 to support attendance of Executive Director Barb Whitney's professional development at the annual Americans for the Arts convention from June 26 - 28, 2020 in Washington, D.C. Striving to become a truly exceptional arts administrator, Whitney will enjoy shared learning, fellowship, and networking. Upon her return, Whitney will share findings and best practices with staff, volunteers, the Board of Directors, and the community-at-large.

**Award:           \$1,500**

#### **Capital City Film Festival**

**Project:** The Capital City Film Festival (CCFF) celebrates artists from around the world by curating outstanding multimedia experiences for the community. The annual festival showcases an eclectic mix of independent films, live music, interactivity, and more in Michigan's capital city. CCFF seeks funding to support strategic planning with consultants leading into the landmark tenth festival season.

**Award:           \$1,250**

#### **Michigan Library Association**

**Project:** Requesting professional development support, specifically conference registration, travel and lodging, to allow MLA's Professional Development and Meeting Manager to attend the American Library Association Annual Conference in Chicago in June 2020.

**Award:           \$1,250**

**Total 2020 Rd. 1 Professional or Organizational Development Awards:           \$4,000**

## **ARTS PROJECTS**

### **Lansing 5:01**

**Project:** Dam Jam is a riverside festival to highlight local music and artists. Attendees can explore the lively Lansing arts and culture scene through a robust Lansing-based artisan village while witnessing live art installations and enjoying local eats. Throughout the evening, participants can experience 12 top-notch Michigan musicians on 10 different stages, ending the night at Old Town Lansing's fish ladder for a concert in-the-round! Targeting emerging talent, this festival educates them on the vibrant arts and culture community in Lansing. The festival is free and open to the public.

**Award:           \$3,000**

### **MICA**

**Project:** The Lansing JazzFest and Michigan BluesFest are the most popular free music festivals in Michigan. In addition to bringing thousands to Lansing's Old Town neighborhood, both festivals host music clinics for students and KidzBeat, a family-friendly music-education event. The MICA's part-time operations manager organizes these events as well as hosts on-going exhibits and upcoming events at the MICA Gallery. If a grant was available to match payroll hours in the weeks before these festivals, this would provide MICA with the opportunity to improve both music festivals and the gallery experience.

**Award:           \$3,000**

### **Michigan Disability Rights Coalition**

**Project:** In DanceAbility Detroit, Detroit Disability Power will partner with certified DanceAbility instructor & master dance improviser Cara Graninger & Light Box (our venue) to launch a year of inclusive dance improvisation learning. Four 2-hour introductory workshops in Oct., Feb., May & Sept. will engage new & experienced movers including dozens of people with varying disabilities. Three 6-class series between the four workshops will give participants the opportunity to deepen dance improvisation skills & continue building liberating creative community with peers who move in richly diverse ways.

**Award:           \$3,000**

### **REO Town Commercial Association**

**Project:** The REO Town Thrift Store Gala is an event celebrating the reuse and repurposing of cast off clothing through burlesque, aerialism, magic, and pageantry. Now in its sixth year, the event has grown from a quirky experiment to one of REO Town's most successful events.

**Award:           \$4,000**

**Total 2020 Rd. 1 Arts Projects Awards:           \$13,000**

## **MCACA MINIGRANTS: Round 2 2020 FUNDING PLAN**

### ***PROFESSIONAL OR ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT***

#### **Lansing Symphony Orchestra**

**Project:** Each year the League of American Orchestras hosts a national conference which brings together orchestra professionals from all fields and backgrounds. The 3-day conference offers a full schedule of presentations, forums, and open discussions that prepare attendees to be effective administrators and leaders in the arts field. Throughout the conference there are opportunities to network, collaborate, and learn about other organization's successes and barriers, leaving attendees more knowledgeable and inspired to help their organizations thrive, as well as grow as professionals in the arts field.

**Award:           \$1,100**

#### **Nick Adkins**

**Project:** The Highlights Foundation: Creating Picture Books with Heart and Humor retreat will consist of lectures, workshops, and group hands-on activities, with scheduled writing and revision time. Attendees will learn: techniques for powerful beginnings and endings; ways to create a compelling story arc; how to establish a distinctive style/voice; tools for creating unique but relatable characters; how to identify your hook; tips for accessing your inner comedian; ways to use rhythm and repetition; how to focus on the emotional lives of children; and revision techniques for humor and heart.

**Award:           \$900**

**Total 2020 Rd. 2 Professional or Organizational Development Awards:           \$2,000**

## **ARTS PROJECTS**

### **Lansing Concert Band**

**Project:** The Lansing Concert Band's 2020 Annual "Young Person's Introduction to the Band" is a 60-min., fast-paced concert designed to introduce 3rd-5th grade students to the sights and sounds of the American concert band. This year's concert theme is "Music From Around the World", and features a program of musical excerpts which demonstrate the melodies, harmonies, and rhythms of traditional music from a wide variety of countries. The concert experience is enhanced by a colorful slide show which captures the audience's interest and provides further instructional material.

**Award:           \$4,000**

### **Holt Community Arts Council**

**Project:** Music in the Garden is a free summer concert series of five (!!) free, open-air concert in Delhi Township. Concerts will take place on the evenings of July 1, July 8, July 15, July 22 and July 29. The arts council takes care to select professional musicians who represent a variety of cultures and genres. It is the only event of its kind in our neighborhood and has become a summer tradition.

**Award:           \$3,200**

### **City of DeWitt DDA**

**Project:** The City of DeWitt's Downtown Development Authority ("DDA") is seeking to create a Painted Crosswalk Public Art Project to enhance and enrich the artistic environment in the City of DeWitt's central business district in downtown DeWitt. The painted sidewalk will encourage residents to get involved in the community and making it a more beautiful, artistic place. This project will require a professional, local artist to lead a group of community members in painting the sidewalk in downtown DeWitt. The artist will design the sidewalk and the painting will be done by community members.

**Award:           \$2,600**

### **Lansing Children's Choir**

**Project:** Our project, Building Connections with the World Through LCC, will provide for the enhancement of existing choral education and programming, as well as the expansion of new programming, facilitated by three artist leaders of LCC -- its executive director, its artistic director and its instrumental director. Through the project, we will expand work during weekly rehearsals from March 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020 to be an extension of existing school and community music programs.

**Award:           \$2,600**

### **Ele's Place**

**Project:** Ele's Place social workers, licensed clinicians and volunteer facilitators will work with grieving children, teens, and their families to paint tiles and permanently place them on our Memorial Tile Wall as a means of honoring those that have died.

**Award:           \$600**

**Total 2020 Rd. 2 Arts Projects Awards:           \$13,000**