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## Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo Announces 2016 Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Minigrant Awards

The Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo (ACGK) announces the 2016 Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) minigrant awards. Eighteen applications were submitted, requesting \$47,777 in funds, and of those, fourteen were selected to receive funding totaling \$33,000, the maximum funding available. Since no funds remain, there will not be a round 2 for Region 8.

MCACA coordinates grants to arts and culture organizations, cities and municipalities, and other nonprofit organizations to encourage, develop and facilitate an enriched environment of artistic, creative and cultural activity in Michigan. The MCACA Regional Regranting Program funds local organizations with project minigrants of up to \$4,000 and professional development grants of up to \$1,500. ACGK serves as one of ten regional regranting agencies for MCACA. The region served (Region 8) includes the following seven counties: Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren.

<b>Project Minigrant Recipients</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Award</b>
St. Augustine Cathedral	Kalamazoo	\$1,000.00
Bloomington Elementary School	Van Buren	\$2,800.00
Temple B'nai Isreal	Kalamazoo	\$1,000.00
Kalamazoo Collective Arts Center	Kalamazoo	\$4,000.00
West Michigan Glass Art Center	Kalamazoo	\$4,000.00
Center Stage Theatre, Inc.	Kalamazoo	\$4,000.00
Coastline Children's Film Festival	Berrien	\$4,000.00
Black Arts & Cultural Center	Kalamazoo	\$4,000.00
Kids 'N' Stuff Children's Museum	Calhoun	\$1,500.00
<b>Professional Development Grant Recipients</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Award</b>
Binder Park Zoological Society, Inc.	Calhoun	\$1,500.00
Slack, Benjamin	Kalamazoo	\$1,111.50
Irving S. Gilmore International Keyboard Festival	Kalamazoo	\$1,500.00
Black Arts & Cultural Center	Kalamazoo	\$1,111.50
Wellspring/Cori Terry & Dancers	Kalamazoo	\$1,477.00

For more information on the funded projects or questions regarding re-granting programs of the Arts Council, contact Sara Jean Kwapien, Assistant Director of Administration at [sjkwapien@kalamazooarts.org](mailto:sjkwapien@kalamazooarts.org) or 269-492-1780.  
*The Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo is a nonprofit organization established in 1966, whose mission is to support, promote and fund the arts.*