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## **MI Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs announces FY18 grant workshops**

The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) today announced its grant program workshop schedule for Fiscal Year 2018 programs.

“As the arts and cultural field continues its unprecedented growth in Michigan, the grant programs we are offering to the field are becoming more competitive every year,” said MCACA Executive Director John Bracey. “These workshops, and the most amazing staff that facilitate them, offer organizations an opportunity to learn how to be successful at a grant review. To me this can’t be overstated, because the organizations that compete for, and then receive these grants, are then able to ensure families have opportunities to do things together, to learn about their heritage, to express themselves and think critically and just have some fun. Simply put, they make Michigan better.”

MCACA will be conducting free informational workshops on grant guidelines and the application process for potential applicants throughout the state in March and April in anticipation of the June 1, 2017 deadline. Workshop attendance is not required for grant applicants; however, updated guidelines and application process changes will be reviewed at each meeting, so attendance is encouraged. Pre-registration or RSVPs are not required.

### **Schedule**

March 27, 2017 – 1 p.m.

Michigan Economic Development Corp.  
300 N. Washington Square  
Lansing, Michigan  
(Live Streaming available - [click here](#))

April 19, 2017 – 9 a.m.  
ONEplace@kpl  
315 S. Rose St.  
Kalamazoo, Michigan

March 31, 2017 – 9 a.m.

Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit  
4454 Woodward Ave.  
Detroit, Michigan

April 25, 2017 – 9 a.m.  
Ironwood Theatre  
113 E. Aurora St.  
Ironwood, Michigan

April 10, 2017 – 9 a.m.

Old Town Playhouse  
148 E. Eighth St.  
Traverse City, Michigan

April 26, 2017 – 9 a.m.  
Kaufman Auditorium  
611 N. Front St.  
Marquette, Michigan

April 12, 2017 – 9 a.m.

Creative 360  
1517 Bayliss St.  
Midland, Michigan

April 27, 2017 – 4 p.m.  
Bayliss Public Library



541 Library Dr.  
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

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MCACA will offer grants through six programs:

- **Operational Support** – Provides specific operational support to arts and cultural organizations only. Municipalities, schools and non-arts nonprofit organizations are encouraged to apply in the Projects Support category. MCACA defines arts and cultural organizations as those organizations whose primary mission is to provide an experience, including a learning experience that is based in a specific arts or cultural discipline.
- **Project Support** – Provides funding for specific arts projects conducted by non-profit organizations, municipalities and educational institutions and other organizations that utilize the talents and creativity of professional artists or arts educators in all arts disciplines to advance the creative, cultural and economic environment of the state.
- **Capital Improvements** – Provides funding assistance to Michigan nonprofit arts organizations and municipalities for the expansion, renovation or construction of cultural facilities; upgrade of equipment and furnishing to provide a competitive and up-to-date environment; equipment and instrument acquisitions that are integral to the implementation of events and services.
- **Arts in Education Residency** – provides funding assistance to K-12 educational institutions for arts education residencies designed to introduce or enhance student knowledge of and participation in a particular art form such as: dance, theatre, music, creative writing, storytelling, visual arts (including video and graphic design), or traditional folk arts, by bringing a professional teaching artist into the educational setting for a designated amount of time.
- **Mini-grants** – A partnership between the MCACA and 15 regional re-granting agencies throughout the state. There are two components of the Mini-grant program, Arts Projects and Professional Development grants. These are special opportunities to address local arts and cultural needs as well as increase public access to arts and culture.
- **New Leaders** – Provides funding assistant to support projects and/or collaborations focusing on the engagement, retention and mentoring of young people in Michigan.

Michigan nonprofit organizations, schools and municipalities are eligible to apply for projects that would take place between October 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018. Information about specific grant programs as well as the guidelines is available on the web at [www.michigan.gov/arts](http://www.michigan.gov/arts).

MCACA serves to encourage, initiate and facilitate an enriched artistic, cultural and creative environment in Michigan. For more on its initiatives and programs, visit [www.michigan.gov/arts](http://www.michigan.gov/arts).

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