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**Creative Washtenaw Awards $25,100 for Region 9 Minigrants**

**MACC grants $959,418 to Washtenaw County Arts + Creative Organizations**

WASHTENAW COUNTY, MI— Creative Washtenaw announces the awardees for three grant programs: Arts and Cultural Projects, Professional & Organizational Development (POD) and MI K-12 Schools Arts Equipment grants for the six counties in Region 9: Hillsdale, Jackson, Livingston, Lenawee, Monroe and Washtenaw. Creative Washtenaw administers these grant programs on behalf of the Michigan Arts & Culture Council (MACC). The minigrant applications are reviewed by a panel of artists, residents and organizational leaders from the region using criteria set by MACC.

“The public funds invested in Michigan’s arts + creative industries by MACC and through it, the National Endowment for the Arts, multiple throughout the state, reaching communities, residents and visitors.” said Deb Polich of Creative Washtenaw. “Education, tourism, health care, work force, the economy as well as quality of life and place are enhanced by Michigan’s creative assets. Creative Washtenaw is pleased to manage Region 9 program and announce its 2023 minigrants.”

**$14,600 for Arts & Cultural Projects minigrants** in support of the production, presentation and creation of arts and culture programs that promote public engagement, diversity, lifelong learning and help to enhance the livability of communities.

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| Arts & Cultural Project Grantee | County | Award |
| Akshara | Washtenaw | $2,800 |
| City of Tecumseh | Lenawee | $4,000 |
| Hillsdale County School of The Arts | Hillsdale | $3,000 |
| Livingston Arts Council | Livingston | $2,800 |
| Ypsilanti District Library | Washtenaw | $2,000 |

**$9,000 in Professional & Organizational Development Grants (POD)** to assist nonprofit arts and cultural organizations, artists, cultural specialists, administrators and educators with opportunities that specifically improve their skills professionally or artistically.

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| **POD Grantee** | **County** | **Award** |
| Ann Arbor Hands on Museum | Washtenaw | $1,125 |
| Cheryl Chidester | Livingston | $1,492 |
| Brandon Johnson | Washtenaw | $1,125 |
| Lenawee Symphony Orchestra | Lenawee | $1,500 |
| River Raisin Centre for The Arts | Monroe | $1,132 |
| Hillary Rose | Monroe | $1,287 |
| Estrella Salgado | Washtenaw | $1,338 |
| Voices in Harmony | Washtenaw | $1,500 |

**$1,500 in Michigan K-12 School Arts Equipment & Supplies grants** to help Michigan K-12 schools pay for arts equipment or supplies being used within the classroom/school setting.

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| **K-12 Art Equipment Grant** | **County** | **Award** |
| Vandercook Lake Public Schools | Jackson | $1,500 |

At its September 16 meeting, the MACC Council approved over $12 million in FY23 arts and culture funding to over 600 organizations and projects across Michigan. View the full list of awardees using these links:

* List by program: [https://www.michiganbusiness.org/.../fy23-funding-plan...](https://www.michiganbusiness.org/4a65ae/globalassets/documents/macc/fy23-funding-plan---program.pdf?fbclid=IwAR18FZpzqBtUajZ1FzDr_GhKu-O8jk6sJKgaqJ4VXimAMHGC2rcqmeUI9z0)
* List by county: [https://www.michiganbusiness.org/.../fy23-funding-plan...](https://www.michiganbusiness.org/4a65a6/globalassets/documents/macc/fy23-funding-plan---county.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0cF204uMpV4UDOKTCOE4gQACxb7NPPoeL2VK1nEIyYayHnvMzfLzHAyrA)

Washtenaw County will benefit from $959,418 in grants going to 38 arts and cultural organizations for operational support, capital improvements, special projects and arts in education programs. Washtenaw County ranked third in the state’s funding allocations following Wayne and Kent counties.

Creative Washtenaw received a total of $$89,750 of which $48,000 is for the FY24 Region 9 regranting program and the balance of $37,750 supports its operations and regranting administration.

Creative Washtenaw opens its Round 2 FY23 minigrant cycle in October with $17,400 available for Arts + Cultural Projects and $5,500 for Michigan K-12 School Arts Equipment or Culture Trek (Bus) grants opportunities. The deadline for Round 2 is January 15, 2023. Find out more about Round 2 [here](https://creativewashtenaw.org/region-9-regranting/).

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**Creative Washtenaw**

**Arts + Creative Industries = Impact**

Creative Washtenaw is the arts + creative industry authority in Washtenaw County, Michigan. A regional agency, its mission is to advocate for and provide support services to artists, creative workers, organizations, businesses, educational and government entities to ensure that Washtenaw County, Michigan – the greater Ann Arbor area – remains a great place for all to create, live, work, learn, play and visit.

Creative Washtenaw is supported by its members and in part, by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Michigan Arts & Culture Council. For more information, visit https://creativewashtenaw.org/ or contact Creative Washtenaw at info@creativewashtenaw.org or 734.213.2733.