



Arts & Culture Grant Program Guidelines

Program Overview

The Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation seeks to cultivate a sustainable, thriving and resilient arts ecosystem.

Funding Priorities

Our Arts & Culture Grant Program will consider proposals that strengthen the arts and culture sector to serve all individuals and communities across the East Metro and Greater Minnesota.

The Foundation believes that all peoples, their cultures, and their art contribute to the meaning and understanding of our humanity and should be honored and celebrated.

Priority will be given to arts and culture organizations that seek to amplify narratives that address challenges facing communities experiencing marginalization (e.g., BIPOC communities, people with disabilities, low-income communities, LGBTQIA+ communities, formerly incarcerated communities and more) through the arts. Additional focus will be on organizations that play integral roles in the health, wellness and vitality of their communities.

Eligibility

Grants can be made to 501(c)3, 501(c)4 and 501(c)6 nonprofits, government entities, educational institutions or organizations with a fiscal sponsor. Organizations should have a demonstrated impact or potential for impact in the geography served.

Geography

Through the Arts & Culture Grant Program, we are proud to serve and fund the East Metro region (Dakota, Ramsey and Washington counties) and Greater Minnesota. We do not fund organizations primarily serving the West Metro (Anoka, Carver, Hennepin or Scott counties).

Types of Grants

All Arts & Culture Grant Program recipients will be awarded general operating grants. These grants provide flexible funding to grantees.



Grant Details

Grant amounts will be \$100,000 per year for a five-year grant period, for total grant amounts of \$500,000 per grantee.

In 2026, up to \$1,000,000 is available for this grant program, and we anticipate awarding approximately 10 grants.

Grant Requests Not Accepted

The Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation will not consider grant requests for support of:

- Sectarian religious programs or organizations
- Direct work of individuals
- Organizations that are not classified as 501(c)3, 501(c)4 and 501(c)6 nonprofits, government entities, educational institutions or organizations with a fiscal sponsor
- Organizations exclusively serving the West Metro (Anoka, Carver, Hennepin or Scott counties)

If your organization does not fit the funding criteria for the Arts & Culture Grant Program, we encourage you to explore other [Grant Opportunities](#), as well as [Resources Beyond the Grant](#) on our website.