

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

EFA Grant Programs



Artistic Development Grants for Educators

Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency
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Education for the Arts Mission Statement

The mission of Education for the Arts is to enhance arts education for all students in Kalamazoo County, making dance, literary arts, media arts, music, theatre and visual art an essential part of comprehensive education.

Grant Program Objectives

Funds in this program will be awarded to Kalamazoo County educators for well-planned projects that will enhance their artistic development with the goal of improving teacher and student competence in and through the arts.

Projects must start no sooner than June 1 of current year and be completed by May 31 of the following year. Final reports must be submitted by September 30.

Who may apply?

Any eligible educator teaching the arts or using the arts to teach another subject may apply. However, it is strongly recommended that an arts specialist be on the project planning team when the applicant is not an arts educator. Eligibility requires educator to be employed by a district receiving services from Kalamazoo RESA: Climax-Scotts Community Schools, Comstock Public Schools, Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools, Gull Lake Community Schools, Kalamazoo Public Schools, Parchment School District, Portage Public Schools, Schoolcraft Community Schools, and Vicksburg Community Schools.

Application process

Applications are available online at <http://kresa.egrant.net> or www.kresa.org/efa. Individual applicants are permitted to submit one application; Schools/districts may submit more than one application. All applicants must verify that they have received permission from the building principal or the district superintendent.

Deadline

Applications must be submitted electronically to Education for the Arts by 11:59 pm on the fourth Thursday of March. **No late applications will be accepted.**

Funding

Total awards of \$25,000 are planned, in amounts up to \$2,500 per project. Matching funds are not required, however, projects that show commitment of matching funds will receive priority.

Grant funds may be used for:

- Tuition/registration fees for artist retreats, forums, workshops, institutes, internships, apprenticeships, mentorships, partnerships, university or college course work, or other artistic study, practice or performance
- Artist/consultant fees
- Materials, supplies, equipment, instruments, texts
- Transportation, lodging, meals
- Admission to arts events
- Substitute teacher expenses

Grant funds may not be used for:

- Educator's salary or benefits
- Projects focusing on non-arts subject matter or curriculum development

Awards will be made to the respective districts on behalf of the applicant. Kalamazoo RESA will reimburse the recipient district upon completion of the project and submission of a final report.

NOTE: Grant recipients who do not complete one year's service following this grant will be required to reimburse the district for the full amount awarded.

Review and Evaluation

All complete applications will be reviewed by an independent review panel which will make recommendations for funding.

Projects will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Artistic Quality
- Artistic Objectives
- Planning
- Evaluation
- Activities and Timeline
- Supporting Documentation
- Budget

Funds for this project have been made available through a grant from the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation.

If you have questions, please contact:

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