

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

## EFA Grant Programs



# Project Development Grants for Educators

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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 expand current arts education programming, with the goal of improving student competence in and through the arts.

Projects must take place during the 12-month grant period of July 1 through June 30 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 within the KRESA jurisdiction: Climax-Scotts, Comstock, Galesburg-Augusta, Gull Lake, Kalamazoo, Parchment, Portage, Schoolcraft, or Vicksburg.

## **Partnerships**

Partnerships between educators, buildings, districts, as well as among schools, artists, arts organizations, higher education and community businesses are strongly recommended.

## **Application process**

Applications are available online at <http://kresa.egrant.net> or [www.kresa.org/efa](http://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. Most grant awards are under \$2500, however, higher funding (up to \$5,000) is possible for more complex projects that impact a larger number of students. Matching funds are not required, however, projects that show commitment of matching funds will receive priority.

Grant funds may be used for:

- Artists Fees
- Materials, supplies, equipment
- Tickets to arts events
- Resource materials
- Instruments
- Substitute fees
- Other creative ideas

Grant funds may **not** be used for:

- Teacher salaries or benefits
- Student Transportation
- Projects focusing on non-arts subject matter
- Replacement of district funds currently allocated to arts projects
- Projects focusing on 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

## **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:

School Environment  
Artistic Objectives  
Planning  
Evaluation  
Activities and Timeline  
Participants  
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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