

SAMPLE ARTS ORGANIZATION LETTER TO LEGISLATORS

Note: The more personalized you can make this letter regarding the value of your organization and its activities to the community, the more helpful it will be!

(Organization Letterhead or Inside Address—Be Sure To Include Your Phone Number)

Date

Legislator
Address
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Senator/Representative _____,

Our organization, _____ **(NAME OF YOUR GROUP)** _____, recently received a grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council (MRAC) to fund **(describe the project including artistic concept, dates, who project will serve - this is your chance to speak enthusiastically about the arts activity and why it was worthy of funding.)** **(NAME OF YOUR GROUP)** is a vital part of this community and the opportunity to receive funding through the legislative allocation administered by MRAC is important to our artistry, our future and our ability to serve this community.

Members of our organization and its audience are constituents of yours, and we want you to know that we appreciate the legislature's continued support of the arts in Minnesota.

This activity would have been difficult, if not impossible, without this grant support. Public funding for the arts supports broad public access to the arts for people in our community. The Minnesota legislature has consistently recognized the importance of arts and their role in building community by providing funds that enable Minnesotans throughout the state to participate directly in the arts and to be audience members for the work produced by others. Opportunities like this are what set Minnesota apart from other states.

As a Minnesota resident and a member of **(NAME OF YOUR GROUP)**, I am proud of Minnesota's commitment to the arts. The legislature's financial investment in the arts is critical to this community and our entire state. Thank you for your ongoing support and interest in the arts.

I would welcome an opportunity to have you attend our activities or to speak with you on the phone about our organization.

Sincerely,

(YOUR NAME)