

FY20 Changes to MRAC Eligibility and Guidelines

In All Grant Programs

Earliest Project Start Date has been changed to **Earliest Grant Expenditure Date**. This loosens the activities that groups are able to do leading up to the proposed project. The grant request should detail the activities and expenses that will be covered in the timeframe proposed in the grant request. Tickets can be sold, marketing can begin, contracts can be signed prior to the Earliest Grant Expenditure Date as long as those fees/expenses are not part of the MRAC request.

The **Latest Project End Date is June 30, 2021** for all grants awarded in FY20. Do note that by planning a project to end on or around that date, eligibility to receive grants in FY21 may be compromised.

Groups applying with a **fiscal sponsor** will now need to have a letter from their fiscal sponsor dated within three months of the deadline that names the fiscally sponsored group, the project that is being applied for, and the mission of the applicant group.

Travel expenses for someone from out-of-state cannot be included on a budget seeking support via MRAC.

Expenses to purchase **alcoholic beverages** or to pay associated costs (servers, insurance, liquor licenses, etc.) are not allowed.

Community Arts and Arts Activities Support

The Community Arts Program and the Arts Activities Support grant programs have been merged into a new **Arts Project Support** grant program.

- All groups may apply for up to \$10,000 in this program.
- There is no match required for requests up to \$7000.
- There is a 4-1 match required for requests between \$7001 and \$10,000.
- There are three deadlines and groups can apply all three times, but can only receive one Arts Project Support grant per year.
- The second-round deadline has block funding by county of activity.
- There are now just 4 criteria to respond to within the narrative: Artistic Project & Goals, Ability, Community Need & Support, Equity & Inclusion.

Management Consulting Fund

All groups can now receive two of these awards per fiscal year. A current project must be complete before applying for a new project.

The dollars available in this grant program has increased to \$2000 per award. There is no match required.

These grant funds are only available to arts groups using a fiscal sponsor or 501(c)3 **arts** nonprofit.

Arts Learning

Masami Kawazato and Jovan Speller will serve as program directors for this grant program and will have the same geographic divisions as Arts Project Support: Masami works with groups in Hennepin County and Jovan works with groups in Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington counties.

⇒ **Please read the grant guidelines for a full overview of the requirements for a MRAC request and the program specifics.**