The Metropolitan Regional Arts Council (MRAC) 7 county metro (Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, Washington counties) has a number of initiatives to support artists in the region including a variety of grants, funding, and professional development opportunities. 

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In 2021 MRAC had $60,000 in grants available to artists in the area. 

- **Next Step Fund** (The Next Step Fund): A grant program that offers up to $5,000 to artists in the seven-county metro area. 
- **Flexible Support Grant**: A grant program that offers up to $15,000 to artists in the seven-county metro area. 

In addition to grants, MRAC offers a variety of professional development opportunities for artists in the area. Artists can learn more about these opportunities at www.mrac.org.