Flexible Support

Due: November 6, 2023 by 11:59pm
Agenda

1. Resources & Grant Overview
2. Eligible and Ineligible Applicants
3. Submission
4. Submitting all materials
5. What to do if awarded a grant
Resources & Grant Overview
Resources

• Guidelines
  • Grant Information Webinar - available on our YouTube Channel
  • Submittable Tech Support - https://www.submittable.com/help/submitter/
  • Online Question & Answer Sessions
    ○ September 28, 2023, 1:00 to 2:00 PM CST
    ○ October 25, 2023, 6:00 to 7:00 PM CST
  • Flexible Support Webpage - https://mrac.org/grants/flexible-support/
  • Meeting Request Form - https://tinyurl.com/mtp3j4dn
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Create and sustain Minnesotan's access to the arts through:

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Grant Timeline

Deadline - November 6, 2023 by 11:59pm

Applicant Services
Program Directors available to discuss eligibility of the
• Applicant,
• Project and
• Eligibility Form
Ask anything and everything

Eligible/Ineligible Determinations
Program Directors read and verify eligibility for all submissions

Panel Review
• Panelists review 20-25 applications and score based on criteria (available on website)
• If interested in volunteering, visit: https://mrac.org/about/panelists/

MRAC Board of Directors
On April 23rd, MRAC Board of Directors approve grants

Eligible Funding Period
May 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025
Eligible & Ineligible Applicants
Quick Eligibility Reminders

• Staff will review all applications for eligibility after the deadline
• Review guidelines carefully - Staff may deem parts of your application, or the entire application, ineligible
• Pay attention to your email - We may contact you at any point after the deadline seeking necessary information
Geographic Eligibility

In all cases, a group must have its primary address located in Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott or Washington county.
Eligible Groups/Organizations

01. Arts 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
02. Cultural 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
03. Non-arts & Non-cultural 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
04. Fiscally sponsored groups with arts projects
05. Public entities
06. Community Education Units
Attention Fiscally Sponsored Groups

Fiscal Sponsors must:
• Registered with the IRS as a federally tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit
• MN address
• Active registration with MN Secretary of State as a nonprofit organization
• Submit a Fiscal Sponsor Form
Ineligible Applicants

01. Individuals
02. Located outside of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, or Washington county
03. Public, private, alternative, charter, transitional, or home schools
04. Organizations whose main purpose is to raise funds for another person, organization, or cause
05. Organizations that will not be the entity with primary responsibility for the project
06. Organizations may not have more than one Flexible Support grant award at the same time
07. Organizations with overdue final reports at the time of application
Attention Returning Applicants

Flexible Support FY23 (FS23) Awardees
- “Proposal End Date” is on/after 4/30/2024 = ineligible
- You may submit a project change request if you expect to complete proposed activities and spend funds before 4/30/24. This must be approved before you submit a new application

Arts Impact for Groups FY23 (AIG23) Awardees
- While this is a different grant, we will need to verify that this project is distinct from the new proposal
- If this proposal is totally distinct from your FS24 proposal = eligible
- If this proposal is similar or overlaps the FS24 proposal and your AIG23 Proposal End Date is on/after 5/1/24 = ineligible
- However, if you anticipate finishing activities earlier and spending all the funds by 4/30/24 submit a project change request and if approved = eligible
Application Reminders

- You will type your responses into text boxes online where bullet points are totally acceptable.
- Character counts include letters, numbers, spaces, and paragraph breaks.
- Do not include hyperlinks/websites in narrative text fields.
- The application system will auto-save your work every few minutes, but some applicants may wish to work in a template.
- Applicants may not change or edit applications after the deadline.
Submission
Submittable - Application Portal

- Log in using email or create an account if you're new to MRAC
- Submittable Tech Support
- One submission per group
- 2 part submission
  - Eligibility Form
  - Part 2: FY24 Flexible Support Proposal Form
Part 1: Eligibility Form Reminders

- If ineligible, the form will not specify why. If you've been eligible in the past and/or are new and would like someone to review the form, please connect with us to discuss further
- You must pass this form to fill out the second part of the application
Part 2: FY24 Flexible Support Proposal Form

• General organization/group background
• [Branching] Select your organization Type
  ○ Details on what expenses to consider varies on "Type of Group"
  ○ 501c3 Verification OR Fiscal Sponsor Form

• Leadership Section
  ○ Total Leaders
  ○ Leadership List
  ○ Leadership Demographic Breakdown
  ○ [Branching] Attention BIPOC, PWD, LGBTQIA2+ Led Groups

• Narrative > Visible to Panelists
• Budgets
• All submissions must be submitted online by the 11:59 p.m. on deadline day
  ○ If you do not have access to a computer/internet, contact us well before the deadline
• Staff assistance is available until 5:00 p.m. on deadline day
• Have an active email address you check often, official communication happens through email
• We may contact you at any point between submission and the final decisions
What to do if awarded a grant:

• Sign the grant agreement and upload a W9 for the group or fiscal sponsor dated within this fiscal year (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024)
• Check is issued to group’s or fiscal sponsor’s address
• Acknowledgment (logo and language)
• Communicate project changes ahead of time
• Submit final report