

Mission

MRAC improves arts access for communities in the seven-county metropolitan area through support to artists and organizations.

Vision

- Artists and arts organizations thrive.
- Arts engagement takes place in every community.
- The public actively values and celebrates the arts and artists.

Guiding Principles

- We take into account the needs and interests of constituents in our region when developing programs and services.
- We strive to maintain transparent decision-making processes and accessible public information.
- We meet our constituents where they're at and recognize their unique needs.
- We act with integrity, ensuring that all constituents are treated in a fair, respectful and consistent manner.
- We're committed to advancing inclusion, diversity, equity and accessibility in all aspects of our work.
- We work with our community partners to promote and advocate for the arts.

FY 2020 Overview

In FY 2020, MRAC received 1137 organizational/group applications and awarded 547 grants totaling \$3,707,611. In addition, MRAC received 517 applications from individual artists in the Next Step Fund program and awarded 72 grants totaling \$180,000 with a grant from The McKnight Foundation.

MRAC also offered 30 grant workshops for 467 participants, 54 Arts Management Trainings for 746 attendees, prepared 193 people to serve as panelists, and hosted 4 visual arts exhibitions for the community.



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