



Grant Information Guide

Maggie McIntosh School Arts Fund FY 2026

Maryland State Department of Education

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Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Deadline

July 15, 2025
No later than 5:00 p.m. EDT

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Program Description

During the 2022 Legislative Session, the Maryland General Assembly established the Maggie McIntosh School Arts Fund for the purpose of expanding arts programs for students in Baltimore City Public Schools. This grant program is intended to be administered by Arts Every Day, a non-profit organization.

Arts Every Day serves as a strategic partner to the Baltimore City Public Schools in advancing equitable access to the arts and implementing the 2018 Fine Arts Strategic Plan. The organization provides teachers with professional development, arts integration technical assistance, funding for student arts experiences, school-based public art projects, arts equipment, and supplies. The success of the work relies on the vibrant partnerships with district leaders, schools, educators, parents, students, artists, community, and cultural organizations.

AUTHORIZATION

House Bill [1469 \(2022\)](#)

GRANT OVERVIEW

Name of Grant Program

Maggie McIntosh School Arts Fund FY 2026

Purpose

The funds shall be used to expand the arts curriculum for students in public schools in Baltimore City with grants to schools to:

- Purchase art supplies for classrooms; and
- Provide arts experiences.

Dissemination

This Grant Information Guide (GIG) was released on June 13, 2025.

Deadline

Proposals are due no later than 5:00 pm on July 15, 2025.

Grant Period

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

Funding Amount Available

\$250,000

Estimated Number of Grants

One (1)

Eligibility

The funding opportunity is for Arts Every Day, a 501 (c)(3) Maryland nonprofit organization.

Submission Instructions

Grant applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on July 15, 2025 via email to elizabeth.devereux@maryland.gov.

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State Responsibilities

MSDE is responsible for providing required information, data, documentation, and technical assistance to facilitate the grantee's performance of the work. MSDE program staff will be available and make every effort to support on demand additional assistance when requested throughout the grant period. In addition, MSDE will monitor program implementation throughout the grant performance period to ensure each grantee is on target to meet its goals and fully expend its awarded program resources.

Use of Funds

The following are examples of approved uses for the grant funds in accordance with the purpose of the grant. Other costs not listed here may be presented to the grant manager for determination of allowable expenditures.

Funds may be used for:

- Grants to Baltimore City Public Schools to purchase art supplies for classrooms and to provide arts experiences;
- Salary and fringe benefits; and
- Indirect costs.

Funds may not be used for:

- Capital expenditures; and
- Equipment purchase.

Project Proposal

GRANT APPLICATION

As a requirement for this program, applicants must address the following areas in the grant application.

Project Description

The project description should be factual, brief, and focused on the organization's selected project. The project description should provide an overview of the proposed project, summarizing its activities and overall purpose. The project description should be 1 page or less.

Narrative and Purpose

Provide a more detailed narrative of your project, breaking it down into the proposed activities with descriptions of what each activity is and the purpose for the activities. This section should clearly describe the "what" and the "why" of the project and, for each project activity, the narrative should answer the question, *"How does this activity support our organization's yearlong, or multi-year, goals for arts professional learning in Maryland?"* Grant activities described in the Narrative and Purpose section should be supported by the goals listed in the Goals and Measurable Outcomes section and should align clearly with line items in the Budget and Budget Narrative section.

Goals and Measurable Outcomes

State the overall goal(s) of the project. The goal(s) should be broad and should align with the purpose of the project, described in the Narrative and Purpose section of the application, and should be supported by your budget items. Aim for crafting 2-4 clearly defined goals that articulate what your project will accomplish.

For each goal, define measurable outcomes that are specific, quantifiable, and indicate your progress toward meeting the goal. Each goal should have at least one accompanying measurable outcome. Align your outcomes to evaluation methods (see Evaluation and Dissemination section below).

NOTES:

- Avoid language such as "increase awareness" without defining how awareness will be measured.
- Do not confuse activities with outcomes. (I.e., "Hold five workshops" is an activity; "80% of participants demonstrate increased knowledge" is an outcome.)

Activity Plan and Timeline

For each activity described in the Narrative and Purpose section, the Activity Plan section should share key information: who is responsible for the activity, the activity timeline, and any specific notes on planned spending patterns to complete the activity (for example, "the activity is ongoing and the total cost for the activity will be divided up equally over 6 months"). The timeline should indicate whether an activity has a deadline or completion date or is ongoing over the grant period.

Evaluation and Dissemination

Grantees are required to submit annual evaluation reports and quarterly progress reports that are consistent with the project's goals, activity plan, and timeline. Keep in mind that the final evaluation should consider the entire project over the course of the fiscal year.

Grantees must also include a plan for how results will be disseminated.

Budget and Budget Narrative

The project's budget should detail all related project expenses in a separate itemized budget. It should demonstrate the extent to which the budget is reasonable, cost-effective, and integrates other sources of funding. All costs described in the Project Proposal section should appear in the budget narrative and must have a corresponding entry in the itemized budget for that year. Reviewers should be able to see a clear connection between the Project Proposal and the budget line items.

Provide content justifying any line-item expenses that are not obvious from the Project Proposal. Discuss and align line-item activities in the Budget Narrative section. Explain how the estimated cost of each line item was derived if the rationale is not obvious. An MSDE [Grant Budget C-1-25](#) form must also be completed, signed, and submitted as an appendix.

Following the Budget Narrative, include a line-item description. Group line items according to the following categories: Salaries and Wages, Contracted Services, Supplies and Materials, Other Charges, Equipment, and Transfers (indirect costs). Total each category. Each line must be detailed and specific. General expenses should be broken down into specific line items. There is no page limit for the budget, so be as detailed as possible. Here is an example of the Budget and Budget Narrative template:

1. SALARIES AND WAGES (LIST)

Line Item	Calculation	Requested	In-Kind	Total
		\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$
	Total for Salaries and Wages:	\$	\$	\$

Using the space below, explain how the costs for salaries and wages above are necessary, reasonable, and cost-effective.

Type response here.

The Review Process

The review of proposals will be a three-part process:

- Written applications will be pre-screened for submission requirements and inclusion of all required sections. Applications not meeting all pre-screen requirements may be returned to the applicant for revisions.
- A review committee established by MSDE will evaluate applications using the scoring rubric. The scoring rubric is tailored to the grant program, its intent, and intended impact on the target population.
- Final approval for awards will be determined by the review committee.

MSDE reserves the right to take into consideration geographic distribution when making awards.

AEMS Fine Arts Initiative Grant Scoring Rubric

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Level 2 Meets Criteria	Level 1 Does Not Meet Criteria
The project description is clear and aligned to the grant purpose as outlined in the Program Description section.	The project description is missing or does not show alignment with the grant purpose.

NARRATIVE AND PURPOSE

Level 2 Meets Criteria	Level 1 Does Not Meet Criteria
<p>The narrative clearly describes the proposed grant activities and their purpose.</p> <p>The narrative describes how the activities support broader organizational goals for arts professional learning.</p>	<p>The narrative does not describe the proposed grant activities and their purpose.</p> <p>The narrative fails to describe how the activities support broader organizational goals for arts professional learning.</p>

GOALS AND MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

Level 2 Meets Criteria	Level 1 Does Not Meet Criteria
<p>The goal(s) are measurable and aligned to the project purpose.</p> <p>Outcomes are realistic and attainable.</p>	<p>The goal(s) are not measurable or are not aligned to the project purpose.</p> <p>Outcomes are not realistic or attainable.</p>

ACTIVITY PLAN AND TIMELINE

Level 2 Meets Criteria	Level 1 Does Not Meet Criteria
<p>The plan is clear, concise, and reasonable.</p> <p>Personnel responsible are named for each activity.</p> <p>The timeline is named and appropriate for the given task.</p>	<p>The plan does not clearly explain how and when each activity will be accomplished in the grant cycle.</p> <p>Personnel responsible are missing.</p> <p>The timeline is not provided, is unclear, or is unreasonable for the given task.</p>

EVALUATION AND DISSEMINATION

Level 2 Meets Criteria	Level 1 Does Not Meet Criteria
<p>Evaluation questions are based around the goal(s) and outcomes.</p> <p>A clear evaluation strategy is provided.</p> <p>Data fields and collection methods are identified/described.</p> <p>The dissemination plan includes how the findings will be shared with stakeholders and the public.</p>	<p>Limited or no examples of evaluation questions are included.</p> <p>No evidence of a clear evaluation strategy is provided.</p> <p>Data fields and collection methods are missing or not identified.</p> <p>The dissemination plan is missing or does not clearly state how the findings will be shared.</p>

BUDGET AND BUDGET NARRATIVE

Level 2 Meets Criteria	Level 1 Does Not Meet Criteria
<p>The budget is complete. The budget aligns to the proposal and is free of mathematical errors. Expenses are reasonable and allowable.</p>	<p>Budget does not align with the proposal, includes costs that are not reasonable or allowable, or has several mathematical errors.</p>

Timeline and Reporting Requirements

GRANT APPLICATION TIMELINE

Date	Timeline Event
June 13, 2025	The Grant Information Guide and Application are released.
June 16, 2025	MSDE will hold a virtual customer service support session for interested applicants.
June 24, 2025	MSDE will hold a virtual customer service support session for interested applicants.
July 15, 2025	The grant application is due.
July 31, 2025	MSDE will notify applicants of the award status.
July 1, 2025	The grant period begins.
June 30, 2026	The grant period ends.
September 30, 2026	The funds will need to be liquidated.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Notes: Any requests for amendments must be submitted at least 45 days before the grant period ends and must be submitted using the C-1-25B form found in the Grant Forms Workbook MSDE Grants webpage. Final invoices must be submitted no later than 60 days after the grant period ends.

Date	Reporting Requirements
Ongoing	Fiscal and programmatic monitoring
October 15, 2025	Q1: Quarterly Interim Report (C-1-25C)
January 15, 2026	Q2: Quarterly Interim Report (C-1-25C)
April 15, 2026	Q3: Quarterly Interim Report (C-1-25C)
July 31, 2026	Final Progress Report (C-1-25D)

Non-Discrimination Statement

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Customer Service Support Sessions

MSDE will hold two customer service support sessions for interested applicants. During these sessions, MSDE personnel will provide an overview of the application process. The sessions will be on:

Monday, June 16, 2025

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/sbh-veuy-cio>

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/jwy-tjhi-tew>

MSDE staff will also be available to provide technical assistance throughout the grant application process. If you have questions about the application or the process, please contact:

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