

# Tiffin Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC)

## 2026 Grant Program Announcement

### TMAC Community Placemaking Grant

Up to \$1,500

The Community Placemaking Grant supports arts-focused, community projects in the City of Tiffin that are open to the public. Funding supports events/projects with the arts at the center of the programming. Grants are for artists, individuals, groups, organizations, or businesses presenting artistic work in Tiffin, OH, though artists do not need to be residents of Tiffin.

### Eligible Events/Projects

Funded activities must be free or low-cost, open to the general public, and not restricted to a particular group (for example, students at a particular school or members of a club). Check with TMAC board members if unsure if your event/project is eligible for funding.

#### **Examples of eligible activities include, but are not limited to:**

- Dance, theater, music, visual arts, literature, combination or multiple art form performances.
- Costs associated with the creation of public art (e.g., installations, murals, statues, sculpture, and/or other publicly visible art).
- Artist commissioning fees.
- Concerts, parades, festivals, performances, celebrations of local artists, and social or culturally specific traditions.

#### **Ineligible activities include:**

- Activities that are not open to the general public.
- Projects happening outside of the City of Tiffin.
- Projects that replace school curricula or funds for contracted school faculty.
- Projects that are considered fundraising benefits for organizations.
- Projects that have a revenue-generating or commercial purpose.

# TMAC Artistic Development Grant

Up to \$500

The Artistic Development Grant is intended to cover professional development experiences and materials for artists at any stage of their career who reside in or attend school in the City of Tiffin.

**Examples of eligible costs include, but are not limited to:**

- Conference attendance fees.
- Travel costs for attending a performance/event presenting the artist's work.
- Artist residency fees.
- Equipment purchase for studio.
- Materials and supplies for artistic process (e.g., paints, brushes, canvas, instruments, software).

**Ineligible costs include:**

- Travel costs for attending performance/events NOT presenting the artist's work.

## Application Process

Applications will be accepted annually. This year, applications will open on Wednesday, May 6 and close on Sunday, June 7, at 11:59 PM. Applications are only accepted online.

## Timeline

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
5/7/26	Application opens
6/7/26	Application closes
June	Grantee notified of award
10 business days following notification	Deadline to sign and return Grant Agreement
11/30/26	Work deadline and final report due

## Review Criteria

Applications for both grant programs will be reviewed by the TMAC board members using the following criteria:

### **Clarity & Feasibility**

- A. Project information is complete and clearly articulated.
- B. A comprehensive schedule of activities is provided.
- C. The scope and timeline are realistic for successful completion by the deadline.

### **Artistic & Cultural Focus**

- A. Arts and culture are at the center of the project.
- B. Local artists are meaningfully involved.
- C. The project's artistic concept is clear and creative.
- D. The project contributes to Tiffin's vibrancy, visibility, and reputation as a hub for the arts.

### **Budget**

- A. Expenses and income are equal.
- B. The budget is comprehensive of all possible costs.
- C. Income projections are realistic and likely to be met.

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#### **Economic Impact**

- A. Local partnerships are included in the project.
- B. The project will have an impact beyond the applicant/producer, including but not limited to impacts on local artists and/or businesses.

#### **Audience Impact**

- A. The project is accessible and inclusive.
- B. The project increases community pride.
- C. The project has potential for regional draw.
- D. Outreach plans are achievable and comprehensive.

While not all criteria are strictly required, projects that meet most or all of the criteria are more likely to be selected.

## Grant Conditions

The Grantee receives 80% of the grant award upon receipt of the executed contract. The signed contract is due within 10 days of the contract date. All contracts will be signed digitally. The remaining 20% of the grant award is released upon acceptance of the final report, which is due on November 30, 2026. Early final report submissions are highly encouraged. **Late submissions of contracts or final reports may result in the forfeiture of grant funds and impact eligibility for future grants.**

Grantees are required to retain all receipts and documentation related to their project. Receipts will be submitted with the final report.

The Grantee is required to acknowledge the support of the Tiffin Municipal Arts Commission, alongside other sponsors and supporters (if applicable), in print, social media platforms, websites, press releases, and public presentations.

You may review the agreements for each grant program below:

**Community Placemaking Grant:**

<https://www.destinationsenecacounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/TMAC-Placemaking-Grant-Agreement-Template.pdf>

**Artistic Development Grant:**

<https://www.destinationsenecacounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/TMAC-Artistic-Development-Grant-Agreement-Template.pdf>

Outside of required reporting, the Grantee must report significant changes in their project's scope, timeline, key personnel, or budget to TMAC board members in writing and in a timely manner, or face the possibility of forfeiture of grant funds. Email [tmac@tiffinohio.gov](mailto:tmac@tiffinohio.gov). All submitted changes must be approved.

## Reporting

All grant recipients will be required to submit a final report on the use of all awarded funds.

A final report on the outcomes of your project is due on November 30, 2026. Early submittal of final reports is highly recommended, but not required. Event final reports will be shared with grantees upon submission of a signed digital contract. Grantees are encouraged to read the final report prior to completing the project to ensure that all required data is collected. If grantees need support with completing their final report and final report budget, they are encouraged to contact TMAC board members by email ([tmac@tiffinohio.gov](mailto:tmac@tiffinohio.gov)).