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Lebowsky Center Receives Grants

The Lebowsky Center for Performing Arts has been awarded a grant of \$19,200 from the State of Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA). The grant was awarded through the MCACA peer review process and was one of 659 applicants to compete for MCACA fiscal year 2020 funding.

MCACA coordinates grants to arts and culture organizations, cities and municipalities, and other nonprofit organizations to encourage, develop and facilitate an enriched environment of artistic, creative and cultural activity in Michigan.

Its Operational Support is a competitive grant program that provides operational support to arts and cultural organizations only. MCACA defines arts and cultural organizations as those organizations whose primary mission is to provide an experience that is based in a specific arts or cultural discipline. The grant will support Lebowsky Center programming to educate, entertain and enrich lives by providing quality performing arts experiences through its award-winning performances.

A Professional Development Mini-grant, awarded through the Greater Flint Arts Council, will offset the cost of staff attending the American Association of Community Theatre Conference. These mini-grants assist non-profit arts and cultural organizations, artists, arts administrators, arts educators and film professionals with opportunities that specifically improve their management and/or bring the artist or arts organization to another level artistically.

Organizations receiving a MCACA grant award are required to match those funds with other public and private dollars. Local support of the theatre includes Cook Family Foundation, Midwest Bus Corporation, Ludington Electric, Memorial Healthcare, Oster Manufacturing, and the Alden and Vada Dow Family Foundation. Lebowsky Center for Performing Arts also receives significant support from the community with event and show sponsorships.

The MCACA peer review process allows for each grant application to be competitively considered by a panel of in-state arts and culture professionals. This ensures the taxpayers, who

support this project through legislative appropriation, and all other visitors or residents in Michigan will have access to the highest quality arts and cultural experiences.

A complete list of grant awards around the state is available by contacting MCACA at 517-241-4001 or by visiting the MCACA website at www.michigan.gov/arts.

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