

TO: Finance Committee/Committee of the Whole
Brian Smith, Administrator/Controller

Isabella County Staff Report

FROM: Alexis Hansen, Parks and Recreation Director



DAY/DATE: Wednesday, March 25, 2026

RE: MACC Grant Agreement for 2026 Mural Project at Coldwater Lake Family Park

BACKGROUND

The Michigan Arts and Culture Council (MACC) recently approved grant funding in the amount of \$3,200 for Isabella County Parks to commission a public, outdoor mural at Coldwater Lake Family Park (requested amount: \$4,000). The mural will be installed on the sidewall of one of the park's most popular pavilions, which sees a lot of foot traffic from both campers and daytime visitors during the camping season (May through early October). The location is also accessible, allowing campers and visitors of all abilities to enjoy the new art installation.

In previous years, we have requested funding from MACC for an annual community art event held in Deerfield Nature Park called Art From Our Park. Though Isabella County Parks will not be serving as fiduciary for that event this year, the mural project is a new format through which we hope to bring arts and culture to the public within our County Parks. For this grant cycle, our goal was to pivot from an event, to a long-term art installation that leaves a lasting cultural impact in the space.

We are planning to partner with Art Reach of Mid Michigan, who we worked with on the Art From Our Park event for several years, to secure a local artist to create this outdoor mural. Our ultimate goal, through the mural, is to encourage more visitors to recreate in the outdoors and give them a place to take selfies and show pride in their parks. We also aim for the mural to help tell the story of our community. In addition, this art will enhance the quality of our facilities and our outdoor space by adding beauty and promoting wellbeing, making the surrounding environment more captivating and interactive for individuals of all ages and abilities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

These grant funds (\$3,200) will help offset the cost of the mural artist fee, potential travel expenses, and materials and supplies. Isabella County Parks will match the grant-funded amount with \$800 from the Parks budget (25% match required), for a total project cost of \$4,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Consider approving the Grant Agreement from the Michigan Arts and Culture Council for a FY26 Project Support Grant in the amount of \$3,200 to commission a public, outdoor mural at Coldwater Lake Family Park in Weidman, MI and authorize the Board Chair to sign the same.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Grant Agreement

STATE OF MICHIGAN

MICHIGAN ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL
AND
COUNTY OF ISABELLA

GRANT AGREEMENT FOR ARTS SERVICES

Control Number: 26EX11714
CFDA No. 45.025

The MICHIGAN ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL (the "Council") and COUNTY OF ISABELLA, (the "Grantee") enter this Grant Agreement for Arts Services ("Grant Agreement") on March 18, 2026 and mutually agree as follows:

1. Sources of Project Funding

The Council, subject to the terms of this Grant Agreement, shall commit an amount not to exceed Three Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$3,200) (the "Award") to complete the Project (as defined below). The Grantee shall provide evidence of matching funds to the Council in the amount of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800) (the "Matching Funds").

2. Grant Agreement Period

The period of this Grant Agreement shall be from 03/01/2026 (the "Start Date") to 12/31/2026 (the "End Date", and together with the Start Date, the "Term"), unless terminated pursuant to Section 7.

3. Project(s) Funded

Beginning on the Start Date, the Grantee shall: use the Award amounts (outlined below) to complete the respective programming for the Grantee's projects as further described in the scope of work (the "Scope of Work") attached hereto as Appendix A (collectively, the "Project").

Experience Support Program

	Awarded Amount	Matching Funds Required
Project Support	\$3,200	
Total:	\$3,200	\$800

The Grantee shall comply with all financial and other requirements as outlined in the 2026 MACC Grant Guidelines adopted by the Council on December 19, 2025, which are incorporated herein and are made part of this Grant Agreement by reference.

The Grantee understands and agrees that it is subject to the following program standards (the "Program Standards"):

- a. Artistic excellence and artistic merit are criteria by which applications are judged, taking into consideration general standards of decency and respect for the diverse beliefs and values of the people of Michigan.
- b. Obscenity is without artistic merit, is not protected speech, and will not be funded by a grant awarded by the Council and supported with State appropriations.

The Grantee understands that if the Grantee violates any of the Program Standards (1) it shall be a Repayment Event as described in Section 6, (2) the Council may withhold all undistributed Award payments from the Grantee and (3) at the sole discretion of the Council, the Grantee may be disqualified from awards of future Council grants for a period of up to three (3) years from the date of the violation. Additionally, the Council shall demand repayment of all or any portion of the Award proceeds distributed to the Grantee as further described in Section 6.

4. Terms and Conditions of Payment

The Council shall pay the Grantee an amount not to exceed the Award on the following dates and in the following amounts, subject to the Grantee's compliance with the Grant Agreement. The Council, in its sole discretion, shall determine whether the Grantee has fulfilled all Grant Agreement terms and conditions. If the Council determines that the Grantee has failed to comply with any term or condition of this Grant Agreement, the Grantee shall not be entitled to any payment listed below which may include a full repayment of the Award as described in Section 6:

Amount:	Date:	Conditions:
\$3,200	04/10/2026	Upon processing of a fully executed copy of this Grant Agreement and copies of Governor and Legislative notifications

The Grantee shall meet the above listed conditions at least 30 days prior to the indicated payment date, so that the Council will have adequate time to process scheduled payments. Failure of the Grantee to comply with any deadlines will delay payment or may cause termination of this Grant Agreement pursuant to Section 7. In the event this Grant Agreement needs to be approved by the State Administrative Board or Office of Financial Management, it shall be contingent upon such approval and no Award payments shall be made until this contingency is satisfied.

Further, the Grantee acknowledges that the Council's payment of the Award is dependent upon the continued receipt of government funding. In the event that the State Legislature or any State official, commission, authority, body, or employee, or the federal government (a) takes any legislative or administrative action, which fails to provide, terminates, or reduces the funding necessary for this Grant Agreement, or (b) takes any legislative or administrative action, which is unrelated to the source of funding for this Grant Agreement, but which affects the Council's ability to fund and administer this Grant Agreement, and other Council programs, then the Council may terminate this Grant Agreement by providing notice to the Grantee of termination in accordance with the notice requirements in Section 7.

As required in Section 1, the Grantee may be required to provide evidence of Matching Funds sourced from local and/or private sources. The Matching Funds may include the reasonable value of services, materials, and equipment as allowed under the Internal Revenue Code for charitable contributions. For Awards under the Mission Support and Experience Support Programs the Council shall receive proof of the entire amount of the Matching Funds in the Final Report.

No member of the State Legislature or any individual employed by the State may share in the Award or share in any benefit that arises from the Award.

The Council requires the payments under this Grant Agreement be processed by electronic funds transfer (EFT). The Grantee is required to register to receive payments by EFT at the State Integrated Governmental Management Applications (SIGMA) Vendor Self Service (VSS) website (www.michigan.gov/VSSLogin).

5. Redistribution Prohibition

The Grantee may not redistribute any portion of the Award or the Matching Funds to any other entity, unless specifically provided for in this Grant Agreement.

6. Clawback

The Grantee shall be required to repay all or a portion of the Award proceeds distributed to the Grantee upon the occurrence of one or more of the following events (each resulting in a "Repayment Event"):

- Failure to complete the Project: If the Grantee fails to complete the Project by the End Date.
- Using any portion of the Award for items not included in the Scope of Work.
- Failure to adhere to the Program Standards: If the Grantee fails to adhere to the Program Standards as described in Section 3 of this Grant Agreement during the Term.
- Failure to meet any reporting requirements:
 - Failure by the Grantee to submit a timely and accurate final report as required in Section 15 of this Grant Agreement.
 - Failure by the Grantee to submit an updated or corrected Final Report to the satisfaction of the Council within ten (10) days of receipt of an initial written notification by the Council that details all deficiencies in the Final Report.
- Failure to Provide Proof of Matching Funds: If the Grantee fails to secure and provide verifiable proof of Matching Funds as required in Section 4 of this Grant Agreement.

The amount owed under a Repayment Event will be determined at the sole discretion of the Council (the "Repayment Amount"). The Council will provide written notice of the Grantee specifying the Repayment Event, the Repayment Amount, and provide a thirty (30)

day period to cure the Repayment Event prior to initiating any clawback actions.

The Grantee shall repay any Repayment Amount under this provision within sixty (60) days of receiving written notice of the Repayment Event from the Grantor. Failure to repay the Repayment Amount within this period may result in legal action, and the Grantee shall be responsible for any additional costs incurred by the Council in the process of collecting the Repayment Amount. Additionally, any Grantee who fails to repay the Repayment Amount may be disqualified from awards of future Council grants for a period of up to three (3) years from the date of the written notice of the Repayment Event.

7. Termination of Grant Agreement

The Council may terminate this Grant Agreement for any reason by giving five (5) days written notice to the Grantee. Upon termination, the Council shall have no further obligation to make any further payments described in Section 4.

8. Grantee's Liability

The Grantee will furnish and maintain the following items during the Term: public liability, property damage, and workers' compensation insurance insuring, as they may appear, the interests of the parties to this Grant Agreement. The Grantee is responsible for ensuring that all precautions are exercised at all times for the protection of all persons and property. The Grantee shall secure all necessary certificates, licenses, permits or other proper authorization from municipal or other public authorities and comply with all federal, state, and municipal laws, ordinances, and regulations as may be required in connection with the performance of this Grant Agreement.

9. Limitation of Liability

The State of Michigan, and the Council, and their organizational units, officers, agents, and employees shall not be liable to the Grantee, nor to any individuals or entity with whom the Grantee contracts, for any direct, indirect, incidental, consequential or other damages incurred as a result of activities, actions or inactions on the part of the Grantee for services rendered pursuant to this Grant Agreement including litigation; the Council's decision not to make an Award payment to the Grantee pursuant to Section 4; the Council's determination that a Repayment Event has occurred pursuant to Section 6; or termination of this Grant Agreement pursuant to Section 7.

Any liability resulting from activities, actions or inactions engaged in by the Grantee under the Grant Agreement shall be the sole responsibility of the Grantee. Any liability resulting from activities, actions or inactions engaged in by individuals or entities with whom the Grantee contracts shall be the sole responsibility of the subgrantee or as otherwise specified in a subgrant agreement between the Grantee and the subgrantee; however, under no circumstances shall the State, or the Council, and their organizational units, officers, agents and employees be liable for the activities of the Grantee or any subgrantee. The Council shall not be required to indemnify the Grantee or any subgrantee. The Grantee, to the extent permitted by law, shall be required to indemnify the Council in any claims that may arise from the performance of this Grant Agreement or any subgrant agreement executed to fulfill this Grant Agreement. This section shall not be construed as a waiver of governmental immunity.

10. Third Party Beneficiary

The Grant Agreement is not intended to make any person or entity not a party to this Grant Agreement a third-party beneficiary of this Grant Agreement or to confer on a third party any rights or obligations enforceable in their favor.

11. Support Credit

The Grantee shall prominently display the Council's name and logo in printed materials associated with the grant and include support credit in each broadcast promotion as follows:

'This activity is supported in part by an award from the Michigan Arts and Culture Council'

When no printed material is used, verbal acknowledgment shall be given prior to or at the beginning of each presentation. The Grantee shall transmit copies of printing, photographs, advertising and program materials prepared for this activity to the Council included in the Final Report.

12. Accounting and Administrative Requirements

The Grantee shall maintain appropriate documents, journals, ledgers, and statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, retain these records for the term of the Retention Period (as defined below), and make these documents available for examination and audit by appropriate agents of the Council, the State and/or Federal Government. The Grantee shall comply with the applicable administrative requirements for grants-in-aid and use cost accounting principles which comply with Federal requirements as set forth in 2 C.F.R. pt. 200 (Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost, Principals, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards).

13. Equal Opportunity

The Grantee certifies compliance with the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, 1976 PA 453, MCL 372.101 et seq., as amended, and the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act, 1976 PA 220: MCL 37.1101 et seq., and all other pertinent federal, state and local fair employment practices and equal opportunity laws. The Grantee covenants not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment, to be employed when services under this Grant Agreement are undertaken, with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, or any matter directly or indirectly related to employment, on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex or disability, or to exclude any person from participation in, deny any person the benefits of, or discriminate any person due to the above-listed grounds with respect to any program or activity funded in whole or part under this Grant Agreement. The Grantee agrees to include the aforementioned covenant in every contract or subgrant entered into by the Grantee to effectuate the Grant Agreement. The Grantee certifies that the Grantee has an established policy to provide equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from all programs, activities and services and equal employment opportunities; and agrees to state in all promotional materials, advertisements, and recruiting materials its equal opportunity policies.

14. Fair Labor Standards

All professional performers and related or supporting professionals employed on projects or in productions which are financed in whole or in part under this Grant Agreement will be paid, without deduction or rebate on any account, not less than the minimum compensation determined by the Secretary of Labor to be the prevailing minimum compensation for persons employed in similar activities. Furthermore, no part of any project or production which is financed in whole or in part under this Grant Agreement will be implemented under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or evidence of compliance. The Council may terminate this Grant Agreement if the name of the Grantee or any contractor, manufacturer or supplier of the Grantee appears in the register compiled by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs pursuant to the State Contracts with Certain Employers Prohibited Act, 1980 PA 278, MCL 423.321 et seq., or the Grantee fails to comply with subpart C of 2 CFR § 180, as adopted by the National Endowment for the Arts in 2 C.F.R. 3254.

15. Reports

The Grantee shall furnish the following report or reports to the Council:

- a. A final report covering the Term (the "Final Report"), which is due within 30 days of the End Date. The Final Report shall, at a minimum, indicate the following information:
 - i. Project revenues and expenditures, including verifiable proof of the Matching Funds (if applicable);
 - ii. Number of individuals attending events or engaged during the Term;
 - iii. A narrative summary of the Project and its outcome; and
 - iv. Proof of expenses for Facility Improvement & Equipment purchase (if applicable).

Failure to submit the Final Report in a timely manner will result in a Repayment Event under Section 6.

16. Reviews and Evaluations

In order to provide members of the Council, appropriate Council evaluators and staff an opportunity to inspect and appraise the nature and caliber of activities supported by the Award, the Grantee agrees to admit those individuals to activities without charge and to cooperate with in-depth reviews and evaluations as may be required.

During the Term, and for five (5) years after the end of the Term, (the "Retention Period") the Grantee shall maintain reasonable records including evidence that the Project was actually performed and the identity of any contractors or individual paid from the Award and shall allow access to those records by the Council or its authorized representatives at any time during the Retention Period.

If any records are involved in any litigation, claim, or audit which arises before the expiration of the Retention Period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved or until the end of the Retention Period, whichever is later.

All records pertinent to this Grant Agreement are subject to public disclosure under the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the Michigan Freedom of Information Act; 1976 PA 442; MCL 15.231 et seq. unless determined to be exempt. The Grantee shall insert the provisions of this section into any subcontract entered into to accomplish the terms of this Grant Agreement.

17. Other Certifications

The Grantee certifies, by signature to this Grant Agreement, that neither they nor any principals or contractors retained for service under this Grant Agreement are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in the grant by any federal department or agency.

18. Governance

This Grant Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Michigan. This Grant Agreement, together with the Grantee's Grant

Application (including the Grantee's Assurance of Compliance) submitted to the Council, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and may not be amended, except by written instrument executed by both the Council and the Grantee prior to the end of the Term set forth in Section 2. In the event of a conflict between the Grantee's Grant Application and this Grant Agreement, the terms of this Grant Agreement, as amended, shall control. No party to the Grant Agreement may assign this Grant Agreement or any of their interest or obligations hereunder without prior consent of the other party. The Grantee agrees to inform the Council in writing immediately of any proposed changes of dates, budget or services indicated in this Grant Agreement, as well as changes of address or personnel affecting this Grant Agreement. Changes in dates, budget or services are subject to the Council's written approval. If any provision of this Grant Agreement is deemed void or unenforceable, the remainder of the Grant Agreement shall remain valid.

19. Compliance with Laws

The Grantee shall otherwise be in compliance at all times with all applicable federal laws, regulations, rules and orders including, but not limited to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.; Executive Order 13166; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 701 et seq.; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.; the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, 42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.; the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, 16 U.S.C. § 470 et seq.; the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988, 41 U.S.C. § 701 et seq.; Lobbying restrictions, 18 U.S.C. § 1913, 2 C.F.R. § 200.450, and 31 U.S.C. § 1352; Davis-Bacon and Related Acts 40 U.S.C. § 3141; the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990, 25 U.S.C. § 3001 et seq.; the U.S. Constitution Education Program, P.L. 108-447, Division J, Sec. 111(b); and the prohibition on funding to ACORN, P.L. 111-88, Sec. 427.

20. Counterparts

This Grant Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts and transmitted by facsimile, email, pdf or other electronic means, each of which shall constitute an original, and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

21. Survivability

The terms and conditions of Sections 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18 and this Section 21 shall survive termination or expiration of this Grant Agreement.

MICHIGAN ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL

COUNTY OF ISABELLA



Alison Watson
Director

Frank Engler
Chairperson

March 18, 2026

Date

APPENDIX A

SCOPE OF WORK

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Project Support:

(Description of Project)

Grantee will use grant funds to commission a public, outdoor mural at Coldwater Lake Family Park, located on the sidewall of one of the park's pavilions.