

THE CONEY

Children's
Foundation
of Michigan

Youth Arts Education Immediate Impact Grants

Renowned actor, writer, comedian, and founder of the Detroit Creativity Project Marc Evan Jackson created The Coney with the Children's Foundation of Michigan to support youth arts programs in Detroit. A portion of the funds raised by The Coney event will provide immediate impact grants to organizations that expand access, instruction, and cultural expression across Detroit. The three funding categories are:

Arts Infrastructure

Funding that strengthens the people, materials, equipment, and program supports needed to provide high-quality youth arts experiences. Eligible expenses may include program staff, teaching support, supplies, instruments, uniforms or performance attire, technical equipment, maintenance or repair of arts-related equipment, and direct program costs that help young people access, participate in, create, perform, exhibit, or otherwise engage with the arts.

Arts-Based Experiences

Funding that expands opportunities for Detroit youth to participate in, present, and celebrate the arts beyond usual program settings. Eligible activities may include travel, competitions, exhibitions, showcases, performances, festivals, residencies, and other public-facing or community-based experiences that allow students to share their creative work with audiences in Detroit, across the nation, and around the world.

Teaching Artists

Funding that supports organizations in engaging practicing artists who bring professional expertise, creative practice, mentorship, and real-world arts experience into youth learning environments. Eligible expenses may include artist fees, contract teaching support, guest artist residencies, workshops, coaching, curriculum development, rehearsal or studio instruction, and other costs that connect Detroit youth with working artists and expand their exposure to arts careers, creative processes, and high-quality instruction.



Funding Ranges:

\$5,000 to \$10,000

for eligible nonprofits with annual gross receipts of \$50,000 or less

\$15,000 to \$75,000

for eligible nonprofits with annual gross receipts of \$50,000 and higher.



Who should apply:

Michigan-based nonprofit organizations serving Detroit youth and young adults through arts and culture programs should review the eligibility criteria and required documents before submitting an inquiry.

How to apply:

Interested organizations must first submit the Children's Foundation of Michigan Inquiry Form; eligible nonprofits will be invited to apply after the inquiry review and virtual meeting process.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA - WHO CAN APPLY?

Applicants must meet the organization, operations, and financial eligibility criteria and have all required documents available at the time of application.

Minimum Organization and Operations Eligibility



Michigan-based 501(c)(3) organization located and operated in Michigan



Two or more years in existence serving youth and/or young adults up to age 26



Organizations with and without a fiscal sponsor



Youth-serving organization in Detroit



Most youth and young adult participants are City of Detroit residents

Priority Considerations

- Priority given to youth-serving organizations with arts and/or culture mission statements.
- Priority given to organizations where arts and/or culture programs represent 85-100% of the organization's programs.

WHO CANNOT APPLY?

- Individuals
- Hospitals
- Trade associations
- Credit unions
- Insurance trusts
- Fraternal orders
- For-profit entities
- Organizations that are 501(c)(4)s, 501(c)(6)s, or otherwise other than 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19)
- Municipalities, municipal subdivisions, and other government agencies
- Religious programming; faith-based nonprofits may apply as long as the organization does not discriminate based on religion





REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Requirements at the time of application submission

Financial Eligibility Documents

- All organizations: IRS determination letter showing that the nonprofit has been in existence for at least two years
- All organizations: Copy of the filed 2025 IRS Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-N/e-Postcard
- Organizations with audited or reviewed financial statements: Most recent audited or reviewed financial statement

Other Required Documents

- Organizations with a fiscal sponsor or organizations that file the full Form 990: Most recent annual report
- Organizations that file Form 990-N or Form 990-EZ: Recent report or brochure describing the previous year's program accomplishments, if an annual report is not available
- All organizations: List of board members, including board committee membership and professional affiliations

Information for Regional and National Organizations

- Regional and national organizations with a local affiliate can apply; however, we will give preference to local affiliates with an EIN separate from the larger organization and an independent board of directors.
- Local affiliates of national organizations should ensure that their application materials reflect only local operations.

Timeline THE CONEY - YOUTH ARTS EDUCATION IMMEDIATE IMPACT GRANTS

