FY24 Grants for Organizations
Panel Meeting
Service Panel
Thursday, March 30, 2023
Panelists, while waiting for the meeting to begin, we invite you to:

1. Consider your verbal introduction: name & art form.
2. Silence or stow electronic devices not being used for this meeting - be present in the (virtual) space.
3. Gather materials and any drinks/snacks. We will break periodically throughout the meeting process.
Reference Shot of Features (1 of 2)
Reference Shot of Features (2 of 2)

- Share meeting details with guests
- View, remove, and pin participants, and invite more people
- Send chat messages
- Use Breakout rooms, Polls, Q&A and other meeting features
Introductions
Land Acknowledgement Statement

We acknowledge the lands and waters now known as Maryland are the home of its first peoples: the Accohannock Indian Tribe, Assateague People’s Tribe, Cedarville Band of Piscataway Indians, Choptico Band of Indians, Lenape Tribe, Nanticoke Tribe, Nause-Waiwash Band of Indians, Piscataway Conoy Tribe, Piscataway Indian Nation, Pocomoke Indian Nation, Susquehannock Indians, Youghiogheny River Band of Shawnee, and tribes in the Chesapeake watershed who have seemingly vanished since the coming of colonialism. We acknowledge that this land is now home to other tribal peoples living here in diaspora. We acknowledge the forced removal of many from the lands and waterways that nurtured them as kin. We acknowledge the degradation that continues to be wrought on the land and waters in pursuit of resources. We acknowledge the right of the land and waterways to heal so that they can continue to provide food and medicine for all. We acknowledge that it is our collective obligation to pursue policies and practices that respect the land and waters so that our reciprocal relationship with them can be fully restored.
Equity and Justice Statement

The arts celebrate our state’s diversity, connect our shared humanity, and transform individuals and communities. The Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) and its supporting collaborators are committed to advancing and modeling equity, diversity, accessibility, and inclusion in all aspects of our organizations and across communities of our state. MSAC and its grantees are committed to embracing equity and non-discrimination regardless of race, religious creed, color, age, gender expression, sexual orientation, class, language, and/or ability.
Vision

The Maryland State Arts Council plays an essential role ensuring every person has access to the transformative power of the arts.

Mission

Maryland State Arts Council advances the arts in our state by providing leadership that champions creative expression, diverse programming, equitable access, lifelong learning, and the arts as a celebrated contributor to the quality of life for all the people of Maryland.
Goal 1. Increase Participation: Broaden MSAC’s constituency, providing avenues designed to increase pathways to engagement

Goal 2. Provide Intentional Support: Embrace thoughtful and targeted approaches to serving known and yet to be known MSAC constituents

Goal 3. Build Capacity: Work strategically to further build organizational and governance capacity to ensure that MSAC is capable of vigorously delivering on its mission

Goal 4. Leverage Connections: Further enhance current relationships and involve additional partners, collaborators, and constituents who will benefit from and advance the work of MSAC

Goal 5. Bolster Maryland Arts: Showcase the high caliber, diverse and relevant work of Maryland’s artists and arts organizations; their contributions to community vitality and MSAC’s role as a catalyst
Creative Meeting Actions

Celebrate being in the space with other creative people.
Engage with everyone’s presence as a gift.
Acknowledge that together we know a lot.
Enter the conversation with curiosity and inquiry.
Share your idea and trust that it will be heard.
Use “I” statements.
Focus your language on the task at hand.
Hold one another accountable with care.
Apply “Yes, and!” - "I hear your idea and I'm going to add to it!"
Balance speaking and listening.
Equity: Impact vs. Grant Writing
The application is meant to inspire authentic reflection and internal analysis for each applying organization, with the knowledge that the Maryland State Arts Council is to be seen and utilized as a collaborative partner in the process.

One aspect of the partnership is to guide panelists to see beyond the “polish” of grant writing that may be inequitably influenced by the privilege of resources (financial, educational, etc…) and, instead, focus upon the impact of the applicant.
Responses as Recommendations

"The strategic plan was unclear and did not speak to the organization’s mission and goals"

Becomes:

"I would recommend that the organization clarifies the strategic plan by adding language that connects directly to the mission, vision, and goals"
Today’s Goal

Arrive at a final average score for the 22 applications in the Service discipline.

The panel % score will directly impact the funding formula:

\[ \text{Allowable Income} \times \text{Panel} \% \times \text{cap allocation} \% = \text{Grant Award} \]
Panel Meeting Structure

- 2 minutes: Artistic Activity Panelist
- 2 minutes: In-Depth Conversation Panelist
- 4 minutes: Discussion - new information to add; new perspective to share; additional questions
- PD will share additional thoughts/recommendations
- 3 minutes: Scoring submission in Smart Simple for Final Score

We will take breaks periodically throughout the day

*Timing is subject to change*
Practice Round!
Applicant Review

Applicant Organization: 1Maryland State Arts Council

Application ID #: - 23656

Average Initial Score: 85%

Average Final Score: 90%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: NAME
Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: NAME
Applicant Organization: Artivate, Inc.

Application ID #: 2024-18584

Average Initial Score: 94%

Average Final Score: 93%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Angela
Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Tracey
Applicant Review

Applicant Organization: Arts Education in Maryland Schools

Application ID #: 2024-18397

Average Initial Score: 87%

Average Final Score: 93%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Angela
Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Tracey
Applicant Review

Applicant Organization: Arts Every Day

Application ID #: 2024-18333

Average Initial Score: 95%

Average Final Score: 99%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Tracey
Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Angela
Applicant Review

Applicant Organization: Arts for Learning Maryland

Application ID #: 2024-18795

Average Initial Score: 96%

Average Final Score: 99%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Laura
Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Angela
BREAK
**Applicant Review**

**Applicant Organization:** ArtStream, Inc.

**Application ID #:** 2024-18312

**Average Initial Score:** 97%

**Average Final Score:** 99%

**Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit:** Angela

**Panelist - In-Depth Conversation:** Sharon
Applicant Review

**Applicant Organization:** Baltimore School for the Arts Foundation

**Application ID #:** 2024-18084

**Average Initial Score:** 90%

**Average Final Score:** 95%

**Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit:** Sharon
**Panelist - In-Depth Conversation:** Laura
Applicant Review

Applicant Organization: Baltimore Youth Arts

Application ID #: 2024-18798

Average Initial Score: 94%

Average Final Score: 99%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Tracey
Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Sharon
Applicant Review

**Applicant Organization:** Creative Nomads

**Application ID #:** 2024-18004

**Average Initial Score:** 94%

**Average Final Score:** 97%

**Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit:** Laura

**Panelist - In-Depth Conversation:** Angela
Applicant Review

Applicant Organization: Downtown Frederick Partnership

Application ID #: 2024-17024

Average Initial Score: 88%

Average Final Score: 95%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Angela
Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Laura
Applicant Review

**Applicant Organization:** Great Blacks in Wax Museum

**Application ID #:** 2024-18592

**Average Initial Score:** 72%

**Average Final Score:** 82%

**Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit:** Tracey

**Panelist - In-Depth Conversation:** Angela
BREAK
Applicant Review

Applicant Organization: Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance

Application ID #: 2024-18824

Average Initial Score: 91%

Average Final Score: 97%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Laura
Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Sharon
Applicant Review

Applicant Organization: Justice Arts Coalition

Application ID #: 2024-17937

Average Initial Score: 91%

Average Final Score: 98%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Sharon
Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Tracey
Applicant Review

Applicant Organization: Leaders of Tomorrow Youth

Application ID #: 2024-18367

Average Initial Score: 93%

Average Final Score: 97%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Laura
Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Sharon
Applicant Review

Applicant Organization: Maryland Citizens for the Arts

Application ID #: 2024-18619

Average Initial Score: 94%

Average Final Score: 97%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Sharon
Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Angela
Applicant Review

Applicant Organization: Maryland Lawyers for the Arts

Application ID #: 2024-17841

Average Initial Score: 89%

Average Final Score: 98%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Sharon
Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Laura
Applicant Review

Applicant Organization: Maryland Music Educators Association

Application ID #: 2024-18831

Average Initial Score: 95%

Average Final Score: 99%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Angela
Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Sharon
Applicant Review

Applicant Organization: Montgomery Comm Television

Application ID #: 2024-18783

Average Initial Score: 91%

Average Final Score: 96%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Sharon
Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Tracey
BREAK
Applicant Review

**Applicant Organization:** National Dance Education Association

**Application ID #:** 2024-17091

**Average Initial Score:** 87%

**Average Final Score:** 95%

**Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit:** Tracey
**Panelist - In-Depth Conversation:** Sharon
Applicant Review

Applicant Organization: Open Works

Application ID #: 2024-18830

Average Initial Score: 94%

Average Final Score: 97%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Laura
Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Tracey
Applicant Review

**Applicant Organization:** Shore Retreats on Broad Creek

**Application ID #:** 2024-17347

**Average Initial Score:** 75%

**Average Final Score:** 79%

**Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit:** Tracey

**Panelist - In-Depth Conversation:** Laura
Applicant Review

Applicant Organization: Station North Tool Library

Application ID #: 2024-18467

Average Initial Score: 91%

Average Final Score: 97%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Laura
Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Angela
Applicant Review

Applicant Organization: Youth Resiliency Institute

Application ID #: 2024-18484

Average Initial Score: 86%

Average Final Score: 92%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Tracey
Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Laura
Thank You!
Next Steps

Panelist Feedback Session - Tuesday, April 11th, 12pm - 1pm

- Option for sharing digitally as well (link will be sent)

- Be sure to upload completed W9 to Smart Simple to ensure timely payment. Invoices will be submitted during the week of April 10 (following all Panel Meetings)