

**Supportive Arts for Incarcerated Persons
and
Persons on Supervised Release
2024 Report for the Legislature**



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Introduction:

The Supportive Arts for Incarcerated Persons and/or Persons on Supervised Release is a newly created grant in fiscal year 2024 for non-profit organizations that will provide supportive arts programming to incarcerated persons and/or persons on supervised release. \$425,000 was appropriated in the 2023 Minnesota Public Safety Bill, Senate File 2909, Article 2, Section 6, Subd. 2 (k). Funds may be used through June 30, 2025. The supportive arts program must use the arts, including but not limited to visual art, poetry, literature, theater, dance, and music, to address the supportive, therapeutic, and rehabilitative needs of incarcerated persons and/or persons on supervised release.

Background:

A competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued on December 14th, 2023, soliciting proposals from programs that could provide supportive arts programming. On December 20th, 2023, a virtual Informational Webinar was held for potential applicants to ask questions about the RFP as needed and discuss requirements of the grant. The solicitation for this grant was closed on January 22, 2024.

A total of six applications were submitted for this RFP. One application was ineligible to be forwarded for review, as the applicant was not registered and in good standing with the Minnesota Secretary of State as a non-profit doing business in Minnesota. The other five applications were forwarded to a peer review committee on February 6th, 2024. The Minnesota Department of Corrections is currently conducting risk assessments per Office of Grants Management Policy 08-06 prior to execution of grant agreements.

Legislative Requirements:

Noted in the RFP, grant outcomes are required as a condition of this grant and must be reported to the Minnesota Department of Corrections Commissioner for reporting to the chairs and ranking members of the legislative committees and divisions having jurisdiction over criminal justice finance and policy on the implementation, use, and administration of the grant program established under this section. The report is due March 1st of each year. The requirements are identified in the 2023 Minnesota Public Safety Bill HF 2909, Article 2, Section 17.

At a minimum, the report must provide:

- 1) the names of the organizations receiving grants.
- 2) the total number of individuals served by all grant recipients, disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and gender.
- 3) the names of the jails and communities where incarcerated persons and persons on supervised release are participating in supportive arts programs offered under this section.
- 4) the total amount of money awarded in grants and the total amount remaining to be awarded, if any.
- 5) the amount of money granted to each recipient.
- 6) a description of the program, mission, goals, and objectives by the organization using the money; and
- 7) a description of the measures of success, either qualitative or quantitative

At the time of this report, the grantees have not begun work to provide any data to the reported requirements above.

Conclusions:

Once the risk assessments are conducted, the DOC will move into negotiations to complete grant agreements, and it is anticipated that work will begin by the end of March 2024. It is anticipated that a project manager assigned from the facilities at the DOC will oversee implementation of this programming.