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## FAQ - MDE Music Grant (33c) 2023-24

**This grant is for K-5 schools which do not currently offer music education of any type.**

**1. Why is this grant exclusive to music education and not dance, theatre, or visual arts?**

The legislators who championed this effort started with a focus on music and visual arts. In the process, this was streamlined to music education. It is MAEIA's goal, and that of the MAEIA Partners, that visual arts as well as dance and theatre will see similar support in the coming years.

**2. Who should complete this application?**

K-5 schools who do not currently offer music education and meet the criteria should apply for this program. The application should be completed by district or school personnel who can make decisions regarding budgeting, scheduling, and logistical details. Recommendations regarding music curriculum are best made by music education professionals. Applicants may contact the [Michigan Music Education Association](#), which supports general music at the K-5 level, or other statewide music education associations to discuss.

**3. Can the grant funds be applied to existing programs that currently meet for less time than 90 minutes weekly?**

No, the grant funds must be applied to schools without any music instruction at all.

**4. Can the grant funds support before or after school programming?**

No, the legislation requires the music education be delivered during the standard school day.

**5. Can the grant funds support music education that is hosted off-site in partnership with a community provider?**

No, the intention of this grant is to support in-school music program.

**6. Will this grant be available next year?**

This grant is a result of a one-time allocation by the Michigan legislature.

**7. Must the grant funds be spent in the 2023-24 academic year?**

The grant funds are for use in the 2023-24 academic year. Unspent funds may be carried over into the 2024-25 academic year.

**8. Do all criteria need to be met for consideration of funds?**

Yes, all criteria need to be met in order for a school to receive grant funds.

**9. We don't have an additional classroom to designate for music. Can we offer music on a cart or in a shared space?**

The legislation mandates a designated space for music class that is considerate of instructional resources and storage. If the school's selected curriculum can effectively be delivered by a music-on-a-cart model, then this satisfies the criteria. Please see the Michigan Blueprint for Quality Arts Education for the ideal spatial requirements for a well-rounded music education for consideration in your school's continuous improvement plan.

**10. The timeline of this application and submission deadline is short. What if our school board does not, or cannot, approve a curricula before the application deadline?**

In this instance, please apply for the grant by December 15. If you are awarded the requested funds, you may accept contingently upon approval from your School Board.

**11. How do we find a certified music educator?**

Job notices may be submitted to the statewide music education associations. K-5 general music is supported by the [Michigan Music Education Association](#). You may also find certified educators through the [Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association](#), [Michigan School Vocal Music Association](#), and the [Michigan chapter of the American Strings Teachers Association](#).

**12. Who will be reviewing the applications and determining awards?**

The review panel consists of arts and education professionals from the organizations who collaborate as the Michigan Arts Education Coalition for which MAEIA serves as the backbone. These agencies include MDE, Michigan Arts and Culture Council, and the Michigan Education Association. This group assembles to streamline and align activity that advances arts education statewide. The review panel for this grant consists of representatives from each of these partners and includes disciplinary experts in music education.

**13. On what basis will the funds be awarded?**

The funds for this grant will be allocated on a first come, first served model for applicants who meet all of the criteria. We encourage you to prepare your materials prior to December 1 for expediency in uploading your application for consideration.

**14. Does this grant require a final report?**

There is no final report required by the legislation. A final expenditures report will need to be uploaded to the NexSys platform by October 30, 2024.

**15. Who do I contact if I have questions or need support?**

For questions related to the grant, the application, or the process of application, please contact Mary Head, Office of Educational Supports, Michigan Department of Education at [HeadM1@michigan.gov](mailto:HeadM1@michigan.gov).

For technical assistance, please contact Dylan Rozansky, Office of Educational Supports, Michigan Department of Education at [rozanskyd@michigan.gov](mailto:rozanskyd@michigan.gov).

For questions related to music education, the MAEIA resources, sample application or more, please contact MAEIA Professional Learning Director, Heather Vaughan-Southard, at [hvsouthard@gmail.com](mailto:hvsouthard@gmail.com).