

# The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs & Regional Regranting Minigrant Program

The deadline to apply for FY 2012 Minigrants is October 3, 2011.

New requirement this year: applicants must participate in the

## [Michigan Cultural Data Project.](#)

**What is it?** Arts and cultural organizations enter financial, programmatic and operational data into a standardized online form and can then use the CDP to produce a variety of reports designed to help increase management capacity, identify strengths and challenges and inform decision-making. They can also generate reports to be included as part of the application processes to participating grantmakers.

**How do I participate?** Go to [www.miculturaldata.org](http://www.miculturaldata.org) to get started. Take online training or attend a free training session tba in early Fall. CDP also has friendly help desk staff just a phone call away to answer your questions. Are you a small organization? Click on “Hints for small groups” on the left side of the website.

**What is the exact requirement to apply for Minigrants?** Organizations must have the most recently completed fiscal year’s data entered into CDP at time of Minigrant application (October 3). Applicants will submit an “MCACA Funder Report” with their minigrant application. This is a PDF generated from the CDP site after their data is entered.

**Are there any exemptions for this requirement?** Organizations whose mission is not primarily arts and culture, AND who do not do regular, repeated arts and cultural programming AND for whom this is a one-time project, may request an exemption. Another exemption would be if the organization is new and does not have a complete fiscal year’s data. K-12 schools are also exempt.

The exemption request should be submitted in writing well in advance of the minigrant deadline. The regranting organization and MCACA will determine if the exemption is given and their decision cannot be appealed. If the exemption is denied, the application will not be considered without a CDP funder report.

