

Recent Monday Musical Club Grant Recipients

Since Monday Musical Club offers grants to organizations that “support music instruction, programs, performances, or other purposes that would engage and educate people of all ages, that description has resulted in a wide range of activities over the past few years. What follows is a list of recent recipients and the projects which MMC grants supported, which might inspire potential applicants to dream new dreams.

2026 Grantees

Performing Arts Workshop: PAWS regularly offers 5 day summer workshops to elementary through high school students that promote music appreciation and literacy through singing, instrumental music, acting and dance. The grant was used to offer needs-based scholarship to economically disadvantaged children.

Acorn Center for Performing Arts: Over 500 students from River Valley, New Buffalo and Bridgman middle and high schools participated in a four-day residency program from JazzReach, a nationally renowned music education nonprofit. Not only did students learn about jazz, but they had the chance to perform side by side with professional jazz musicians.

Lincoln Township Library Foundation: The Library assembled an inter-generational, week-long choir camp during the summer. People who might not normally have a chance to sing in choir were able to do so. A live concert at the end of the week capped off the experience.

LOGAN Community Resources, Inc.: The LOGAN center offers services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Their grant permitted them to purchase musical instruments, including special outdoor instruments, to be used in a therapeutic manner, as well as supported their annual holiday concert.

Lakeshore High School: The cost of sheet music in recent years has skyrocketed, and the high school was awarded a grant to be able to purchase new music specifically for solo and ensemble musicians.

Roti Roti Art Center: To provide family-friendly free concerts to Buchanan area residents, the Roti Center used its grant to support their three-concert series held within one of their art galleries.

St. Joseph High School: 140 students and 70 adult chaperones traveled to Italy and presented a series of concerts, a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The grant allowed them to rent large instruments in Italy rather than trying to transport them.

The Citadel Dance and Music Center: The grant supported a director stipend and sheet music for the second year of “Some Strings Attached” Adult Community Orchestra.

Children’s Musical Workshop: Grant funds were used to purchase the professional full-length production version of the “Wizard of Oz” musical involving 87 children from first grade through age 18.

Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra: Each year, the Symphony offers a free classical music concert to third and fourth graders from 20 local schools. Narration accompanies the live concert in a professional theater venue to help them understand music and how instruments work together.

Ghostlight Productions: Their summer CircEsteem program exposes youth to various arts and how they interact with music including movement, rhythm and ensemble work. The grant helped pay for teaching artists’ stipends and instructional materials.

2025 Grantees

Acorn Center for the Performing Arts, JazzReach residency program

Citadel Dance & Music Center, instrument petting zoos and Kindermusik demonstrations

Freedom Center for Arts & Education, youth Songwriting Program

Lincoln Township Library Foundation, intergenerational summer choir

Logan Autism Learning Center, Therapeutic percussion instruments & holiday program

River Valley Elementary School, bucket drumming unit supplies for 3rd graders

Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan, three chamber music summer concerts

Performing Arts Workshop, scholarships for summer workshop series

2024 Grantees

Lake Michigan College Music Department, Lake Michigan College Jazz Festival

Harbor of Hope, Rise Up and Be Well Children’s Band

Southshore Concert Band, Spring Concert support

Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library, Music Moments program

Children’s Musical Workshop, High School Musical production