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LANSING CHILDREN'S CHOIR has been awarded a grant of \$10,000.00 from the Arts Council of Greater Lansing and the National Endowment of the Arts. The grant was awarded via the GRIT (Gaining Recovery in Transition) Grants program for operational funds during the 2022-2023 artistic season.

Coming out of the pandemic, the Lansing Children's Choir worked hard to create a safe, healthy and inspirational space for children and youth in the greater Lansing area.

"We are absolutely thrilled to be receiving this grant," says Megan Higle, Artistic Director. "Our artistic staff, board members and parents struggled and continued to work toward giving the arts to our children and youth. This grant will allow us to come back to being 'full strength' in regard to our operational expenses and allow us to continue our work of bringing music to the lives of all households in the greater Lansing area."

According to a [2022 report](#) by Americans for the Arts, U.S. non-profit arts and cultural organizations had an estimated \$17.97 billion in losses, and 95 percent of arts and creative workers experienced a significant loss of their creative income. Prior to the pandemic, the arts and culture sector was a nearly \$900 billion industry that supported 4.6 million jobs across the U.S.

Made possible through support from the National Endowment for the Arts, GRIT Grants are providing an opportunity for those organizing and creating in the arts to receive funds that will provide pandemic recovery support. The GRIT Grants will fund projects and/or operational costs to help artists and arts and cultural organizations regain their strength and continue serving the Greater Lansing community.