SALINA ARTS & HUMANITIES

HORIZONS GRANTS PROGRAM

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Your Horizons Gift Makes A Difference

For 39 years, Horizons donors have steadfastly supported Salina's cultural landscape, helping to shape a community where art and creativity flourish. Your generous support doesn't just sustain programs—it nurtures emerging talent and ensures that art thrives in Salina. Thank you for making a difference!

The Horizons Grant Program continues to be a vital force in our community, empowering cultural organizations and individual artists. Each grant is awarded with a focus on fostering artistic growth and deepening community engagement through creative endeavors. The stories below highlight a few of the incredible impacts your contributions have made possible in 2025.

ENRICHMENT GRANTS of up to $1,000

Phil Black | Project: Purchase of In-Ear Monitor | **Granted:** $1,000

Black was able to purchase a four-driver in-ear monitor to help enhance the quality of bass sounds, that he was unable to hear due to hearing difficulties. With the new in-ear monitor, the sound quality improvement was so significant that Black was able to rehearse and record music with excellent clarity and precision, improving both live and studio performances.



LANA JORDAN DEVELOPING ARTIST GRANTS



Crystal Hammerschmidt | Project: PUERTOGRABANDO Printmaking Conference 2025 | **Granted:** $3,000

With support from Horizons, Hammerschmidt was able to travel to San Juan, Puerto Rico to attend Puertograbano, the Southern Graphics Council International Printmaking Conference. She will present a show in January 2026 at Peaceful Body & Wellness, featuring portfolio exchanges from her trip to San Juan and other past exchanges.

Pamela Harris | Project: Retrospective Solo Exhibition | **Granted:** $2,000

This Grant allowed Harris to purchase exhibition and promotional materials for her retrospective solo exhibition, "PROJECT", held at The Gallery at Kansas Wesleyan University. The PROJECT exhibition included original works from her collection, borrowed works from private buyers, and institutions.



ORGANIZATIONAL PROJECT GRANTS

Salina Educational Automobile Museum of America | Project: Car Part Art | **Granted**: $6,000

This Grant supported a community outdoor art installation at The Garage. Local businesses, car dealerships, artists, community organizations, and members worked together to collect used car parts to create two "Car Part Art Sculptures" for the west entrance into the museum.



ORGANIZATIONAL PROJECT GRANTS CONT.

Salina Art Center | Project: Native Voices | **Granted:** $6,000

The Salina Art Center will present the Native Voices: Contemporary Native American Art Exhibition, allowing the Salina community to engage with Native American cultures and arts. The funding supports artist honorariums, creative supplies, and expenses to promote cultural appreciation and dialogue. This initiative aims to bridge understanding between Native and non-Native communities through artistic expression.





Friends of the River | Project: Friends Puppetry Program Expansion | **Granted:** $6,000

The Friends of the River will be using Horizon Grant funding to update its puppet educational outreach with new stories, props, and lesson plans. They will work to expand their collection of puppet stories, which previously featured the same shows for three years. New scripts were created to introduce fresh puppet shows featuring characters such as Bella Beaver, Edna Catfish, Mr. Heron, Bartholomew Bullfrog, and Timmy Turtle.

Theatre Salina | Project: AACT New PlayFest Visiting Artist | **Granted:** $5,000

Theatre Salina was selected by the American Association of Community Theatres (AACT) to host a new, never been done before, play on our mainstage 2025 season. AACT received over 300 new scripts and several theatres entered to be considered for this opportunity, and only six were selected. With the help of Horizon funds, Theatre Salina was able to bring the playwright to Salina during the rehearsal process to offer a workshop for area theatre students and members of the community.





A Work In Progress Yoga Studio | Project: Art Haven at AWIP | **Granted:** $1,600

A Work In Progress was able to create a dedicated space for artists to hang their work for First Fridays. They have added a hanging system and a wireless PA microphone. Since these improvements, A Work In Progress has seen an increased interest from artists in displaying their work. As of now, they have already booked all of 2026 for First Fridays.

Salina Symphony | Project: Beyond the Planets | **Granted:** $6,000

The Salina Symphony will present a concert titled “Beyond the Planets” in October of 2025 at the Stiefel Theatre. The program will feature Holst’s “The Planets” and selections from Star Wars, both featuring vocalists from Kansas Wesleyan University and local high schools. World-renowned projection designer Camilla Tassi will create original projections for the concert featuring images from space, along with photos of murals created through BOOM! Salina Mural Festival in recent years.

