SALINA ARTS & HUMANITIES

HORIZONS GRANTS PROGRAM

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Your Horizons Gift Makes A Difference

For 40 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 2026.

ENRICHMENT GRANTS of up to $1,000 are characterized by immediacy and are often the stepping stone towards a more complex Developing Artist or Organization Project grant.

Christ Cathedral | Project: Lenten Art Exhibit | **Granted:** $500

This grant allowed the Christ Cathedral Arts Committee to present its annual Lenten Art Exhibit - "Holiness in Our Midst,", an invitational, volunteer-driven visual arts show supporting downtown cultural life. Local and regional artists created original, faith-inspired work for display in the Cathedral's historic and architecturally significant setting.



Friends of the River | Project: Friends Puppetry Batik River | **Granted:** $400



Friends of the River Foundation used grant funds to create a dedicated batik riverway backdrop for its Arts Infusion puppet shows. Education Outreach Coordinator Anne Hoekstra, working with Executive Director Jane Anderson, used the new set piece across six science-and-storytelling performances, enriching annual arts and natural-world learning experiences for approximately 500 young children.

ENRICHMENT GRANTS CONT.

Leesa Peterman | Project: Digital Keyboard & Setup | **Granted:** $1,000

Peterman was able to purchase a Roland digital keyboard, wheeled case, portable bench, and keyboard stand for private and public performances. A pianist in Salina for 27 years, Peterman has accompanied schools, Theatre Salina, churches, and weddings, performed with Maggie Spicer-Brown in January 2026, and will perform with her again in November 2026.



Julie Cates | Project: Watercolor & Collage Workshop Art Retreat | Granted: $1,000



With support from Horizons, Cates was able to attend a workshop and retreat focused on watercolor and collage. Building on nearly 25 years of community-based artistic practice, including murals, festival installations, and exhibitions, Cates explored watercolor as a new medium and deepened collage skills through instruction from experienced artists.

LANA JORDAN DEVELOPING ARTIST GRANTS provide financial support for committed and accomplished artists, enabling them to take their careers to new levels, build partnerships and advance their work. Grant recipients must also implement a public component with their work to engage the community.

Morgan Allred | Project: Froze in Poetic Prose; an Anthological Production | **Granted:** $6,000

This grant supported the creation of a short film titled, *Froze in Poetic Prose*; Anthological Production. Allred brings together four Kansas poets, a local cinematographer, and their own narration to create a short visual anthology. The film preserves and amplifies Kansas voices, struggles, hopes, and artistic expression for future generations assumptions, and connection.



ORGANIZATIONAL PROJECT GRANTS provide dollars for innovative projects that engage patrons and audience members as active participants. Applicants are also required to develop strategic partnerships within the community to strengthen the reach of their activities.

Salina Art Center | Project: Tell Me What You Think of Me | **Granted:** $6,000



The Salina Art Center presented *Tell Me What You Think of Me: Part 2*, artist Ann Resnick's exploration of perception, judgment, and identity through community collaboration and contemporary art. Curated by Dr. Ksenya Gurshtein, the exhibition transformed Salina residents' survey responses into paintings, drawings, lightboxes, and video installations that encouraged reflection on empathy, assumptions, and connection.

Salina Symphony | Project: Rach & Rhapsody | **Granted:** $6,000

The Salina Symphony presents a concert titled "Rach & Rhapsody" concert at the Stiefel Theatre in November 2026, featuring works by Sergei Rachmaninoff and Michael Schachter. Guest artist Nachito Herrera performs with the Symphony, serves as Guest Clinician for the McPherson College Jazz Festival, and presents a free recital at McPherson College through the Lingenfelter Artist Series.



The Land Institute | Project: Prairie Festival 2026 | **Granted:** $6,000



This grant supported the Prairie Festival 2026 and brought community-centered arts programming to The Land Institute's 50th-anniversary gathering in Salina. The art was curated by Prairie Festival Fellow and artist Kelly Yarbrough, artist-led installations and gathering spaces fostered dialogue among attendees, regional partners, and the Kansas landscape.

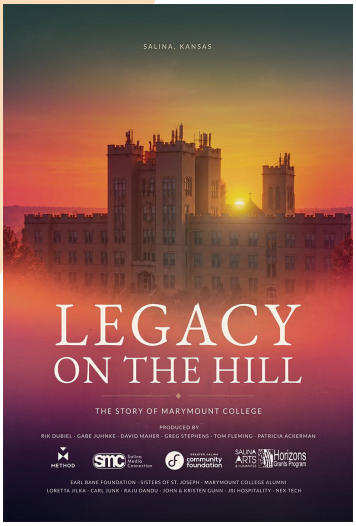
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Salina Innovation Foundation - The Temple | Project: The Temple's Historic Reimagined Sculpture Project **| Granted:** $3,000

The Temple commissioned local artist Bob Peck to transform its original 1927 elevator car into an interactive, educational sculpture. Each side invites you to touch, move, and engage with authentic pieces—bringing the experience of a 1920s elevator back to life. The project honored the Temple's historic legacy while reimagining the elevator's role as a community-centered work of public art.



Community Access TV of Salina - Salina Media Connection | Project: Legacy on the Hill - The Marymount College Story **| Granted:** $6,000



Tom Fleming and Greg Stephens of Salina Media Connection, collaborated with Method Productions and served as executive producers to create a documentary about the 66-year history of Marymount College. Organized as the first women's liberal arts college in the state of Kansas by the Sisters of St. Joseph at a time when women did not have the right to vote. Construction began in 1919 and Marymount officially opened in 1922. Using interviews, archival research, photography, and drone footage, the film preserves the College's legacy and reach audiences through screenings, festivals, retirement communities, and public television.

Good Things To Know about Horizons:

- Member's contributions help determine the number of projects funded each year
- Every dollar donated is used for grant funding, not operational costs
- Professional assistance by SAH staff is given to all who apply.
- Organization Project and Lana Jordan Developing Artist grants are evaluated by professionals in the funding-request areas
- Grants are available for Saline County residents and organizations, keeping your donations local.