



The First Annual Rochester City Jazz Festival featured local, regional, and nationally recognized jazz performers. It brought talented young jazz musicians to play alongside more experienced performers.

stART-Up Grant

Available to First-Time
Events in Downtown
Rochester

GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR 2017 EVENTS ACCEPTED STARTING NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2016

The Rochester Downtown Alliance's (RDA) Downtown Cultural Initiative (DCI) Committee is pleased to offer the stART-Up Grant which provides first-time events with up to \$3,000 in financial assistance towards hosted events within Downtown Rochester.

Application Process

Grant submissions for 2017 Events is open now through November 30, 2016 with decisions made by December 31, 2016. Each submitted request will be considered by the RDA's DCI Committee and juried based on mission alignment with the program, location, type of event, community engagement, focus, and marketing appeal.

The Arts & Cultural Event Grant is designed to help first-time event

organizers and artists' ideas come to fruition, while additionally creating unique, vibrant, and urban experiences Downtown that enrich the community of Rochester and its residents.

How to Apply

Go to <http://www.downtownrochesterminn.com/get-involved/community-opportunities> and submit an online application before November 30, 2016. You can request a paper application or ask questions by contacting Jenna Bowman at jbowman@rdowntownalliance.com.

Hijab for A Day documented the experiences of five non-Muslim women in Rochester who wore a Muslim hijab for one day. The event encouraged interfaith dialogue in the community and educated the public on the beliefs of Islam. Photo by Dawn Sanborn



The Harvey Milk Poetry & Spoken Word Slam by the Diversity Council brought non-traditional participants to write and perform while considering an inspiring quote from the LGBT leader.