

City of La Crosse Arts Board**1. Small Project Grants**

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Section 1 (SG) - Contact & Project Information**1. Name(s)/Organization**

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My name is Meghan Ferge and I am a local dance TA and performer in La Crosse. I am 24 years old and I have always been a lover of the arts and the community that comes with that. This community has always served me as a performer and I would like to try my turn at directing and providing for the community. Dance has always been my favorite medium to work with and I would love to share that with others in La Crosse. Dance, to me, is about discovering and connecting with your body and how it moves. Sharing this passion with others is my goal.

7. Project Title

This project will be referred to as an Adult Dance Showcase.

8. Brief Project Description

Adult dance is hard to come by, especially in the form of performance. Instead of just teaching a class or leading a workshop, I would like to provide a performance opportunity for adults. It will include auditions (an assessment of one's abilities and desires for placement) taking place in late February 2026, with the performance dates being

Friday, July 24th and Saturday July 25th, 2026. This project can be described as an adult dance recital consisting of 7-10 dance numbers choreographed by myself and potentially two other local choreographers.

9. Project Start and End Dates

Start dates-- February/March 2026

End Date-- July 25th 2026

10. Requested Funding Amount

750

11. List of Participants

So far, Just myself and anyone else who is interested in participating.

12. Conflicts of Interest

No Conflicts of Interest.

13. Previous Funded Projects

This is my first time requesting funds from the La Crosse Arts Board.

14. Are you a non-profit that is registered in the City of La Crosse?

No

15. Federal Tax-Exempt Status

Section 2 (SG) - Project Description

1. Project Location

This performance will take place at The Pump House in La Crosse.

2. Project Description

Participants permitting, I would like this performance to consist of 10 dance pieces of varying style. The styles I would explore would be, lyrical/contemporary, musical theatre, jazz or freeform jazz, interpretive, modern, and potentially tap. This project provides a safe space for adults who enjoy dancing, have dance training, want to try something new, and are looking for performance opportunities. The dance and movement community in La Crosse is small. A lot of the dance opportunities for adults consist of classes or workshops, not usually performances. Giving adults an opportunity to apply dance skill and perform boosts confidence, opens the public up to the world of dance, and can be enriching for people who enjoy consuming the arts. Adult dance is hard to come by, especially in the form of performance. Instead of just teaching a class or leading a workshop, I would like to provide a performance opportunity. Typically, dance education ends after high school. The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse provides dance as a minor, but not a major. Opportunities for adults to apply dance skill in a fun, accessible, affordable/free way after high school or college is slim, especially in smaller communities. I rarely see opportunities for dance performance outside of community theatre in La Crosse. This project's intention would allow the dance and movement community to grow and develop within performance to enrich La Crosse and the arts for free.

3. Project Execution & Timeline

Auditions will be held sometime in late February/early March of 2026 and we will rehearse according to dancer and choreographer availability until our performances on July 24th and 25th of 2026.

4. Required Materials

The Pump House will provide marley, dance flooring, in their theatre on the second level for us. All costuming, black leotards, shorts/skirt, black shirt, black leggings/tights, will be the responsibility of the participants. All lighting effects will be provided by The Pump House and myself. All technical elements are provided by The Pump House, including sound. This project doesn't require a ton of materials considering the content will be made with our bodies. I would like to keep the costuming elements of this performance simple to focus on the movement and choreography.

5. Durability & Maintenance Plan

6. Plans for Removal

7. Target Audience

This show will hopefully encourage folks who enjoy consuming the arts to expand their viewing to dance. Dance and movement can be impactful in the same way that live theatre can. Our target audience will hopefully be individuals who enjoy The Pump House and what it has to offer, as well as other local dancers and performers in the community. I think this audience will learn a lot about themselves and expand their interests through consuming dance. Ticket pricing will be somewhere between \$10 and \$15 a ticket making this performance an affordable one. The Pump House also offers discounts for local students and military.

8. Under-Served Audience (optional)

9. Artistic Goals

Receiving this grant would mean so much to myself and other dancers in the community and hopefully continue this performance annually. Bringing more and more dancers into a safe and welcoming community is the ultimate goal for this project, as well as expanding the arts community in La Crosse with more dance activities. I hope that this adult dance recital will positively impact dancers with an enriching experience as well as boosting confidence to perform. I hope to impact the community by providing a new eye into the dance world and enrich the arts in the area with dance performance. We need more dance in La Crosse!!

