

## **Alpine Tourism Grant Application**

**Name of Organization:** Star Valley Arts Council

**Event or Project Name:** Montana Shakespeare in the Parks

**Event or Project Location and Date:** Not Yet Determined, - Alpine

**Applicant Address:** PO Box 1082, Afton WY 83110

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### **List of organizations Board Members and positions:**

Janet Erickson - Chairwoman - Vocal Instructor

Val Bagley - Artist

Tim Hale - Treasurer - Financial Planner

Doug Monson - Art Gallery Owner/Artist

Denise Christensen - Therapist/Social Worker

Eileen Hale - Retired teacher

Taryn Boals - Artist

Annie Heiner - Graphic Designer

Corinne Storey - Substitute School Teacher

**Organization Structure: Non-Profit, Individual, Municipality?** Non-profit

**Organization EIN:** 83-0329440

**Organization W-9 if applicable:** See attached

**Organization board minutes approving grant Applications:** Grant applications were

discussed at our annual board meeting on January 11, 2025, and the minutes were approved on February 5, 2025.

**Amount of funds requested?** \$3,000

**Proposed Cost of Project?** \$3,000

**List of other donors?** The Alpine Tourism Board is the main organization we are applying to for the MSIP.

**Describe Project/Event; Purpose, Objective:**

We are requesting grant funding to host a performance of Montana Shakespeare in the Parks (MSIP) in Alpine, Wyoming, as part of their regional tour in the summer of 2026. This free, outdoor theatre experience offers a rare opportunity to bring professional, high-quality Shakespearean performances to rural communities.

**Where will the project/event take place?**

Alpine - Location TBD

**Give a timeline with project/event deadlines?**

MSIP generally comes to our area during the last week of July. We don't get to choose the date or the show. It's assigned to us.

**What is the expected impact of the project/event? How many tourists will it attract? How will it benefit overnight stays and local business impact? Will there be a benefit to our local population?**

This event gives the public free access to the arts, and exposes community members to timeless literature and a high-caliber performance, especially where we have limited access to professional theater in our valley.

We hope to draw non-locals to this event, because even if our neighboring communities host MSIP, they will most likely have a different show than we will be assigned. This gives them a chance to see another performance relatively close to home.

**How will ToATT grant money be used?**

Last year the fees were around \$2,000, but they told us that the fee is going up this year. We are requesting funds to cover that fee, plus \$250 for advertising. Our best guess for the fee is that it will be around \$2,300, so that plus the \$250 is \$2,550. Our request of \$3,000 is just to cover our bases in case the fee is higher than we anticipate.

**Have you applied for other sources? If so, where?**

This is the only source we are applying to specifically for MSIP.

**Will there be other funds available? If so, how much?**

We will evaluate our grant funds once they are awarded to see what we might be able to put towards this. Additionally, we are seeking sponsors to help fund this project.

**Will there be a need for future funding? If so, explain?**

We like to rotate the venue for MSIP each year, but we would hope to apply for funding each time we try to bring it to Alpine. (We ask each town to help with funds when it's their turn to host.)