

In fiscal year 2017, Lake Region Arts Council awarded the following grants:

Artist Quick Start Grants

Individual Artists may apply for \$750.

Bradley Wegscheid	Otter Tail County	\$750
To purchase a clay extruder which will not only speed up his current work but it will also allow him to extrude hollow forms and make it possible to create dimensional free standing work quickly and effectively.		
Faythe Mills	Pope County	\$750
To illustrate, self publish, and market a 32 page children's book, "Vern, the Miracle Puppy". She will be working in watercolor and pastels		
Jonathan Hartman	Otter Tail County	\$750
To purchase a second kiln in order to increase production and expand his work.		
Donald Palardis	Stevens County	\$750
To purchase equipment to furnish the basics for a silversmith workshop. The key tool for a silversmith is a torch. It is the most expensive and essential piece of equipment; needed to provide a steady, hot flame.		
Meghan Kirkwood	Clay County	\$750
To acquire supplies for the public presentation of works from her new series, "Homebuilding," in the Memorial Union Gallery at NDSU. The exhibition will open Oct. 4, 2016 with a public reception, and close Nov. 3rd. It is a photographic series of staged collaborations between Kirkwood and her father in New Hampshire.		
Eric Santwire	Otter Tail	\$750
To frame of fifteen photographs for Kaddatz Galleries' "Studio K" solo exhibit throughout the month of January, 2017. Titled, "Distortions: Filters and Refractions (and Other Aberrations)", it is a new collection of photographs that explores a greater interest in abstraction than much of his previous work.		

Career Development Grant

Individual Artists may apply for up to \$1,200

Kimble Bromley	Otter Tail County	\$1,200
To attend a brush making workshop by Renowned artist and brush maker Glenn Grishoff at the Castle Hill Truro Center of the Arts in Truro, MA this summer. He will learn to make a variety of brushes using a number of different materials for a variety of different. This five day workshop offers brush making in the mornings and studio time in the afternoon to work with one's newly created brushes, giving one the opportunity to explore and test the newly made brushes.		
Bruce Engebretson	Becker	\$1,200
To take a series of 7 classes taught by a master weaver Jeanine Ehnert, who specializes in Norwegian weaving to further develops his weaving skills. As a mid-career weaver whose design work is focused on creating traditional textiles that reflect Nordic design, these master classes will equip him with the technical skills to produce a series of new textiles, including wall hangings, blankets, and kitchen linens.		

**Career Development Grant
(continued)**

Individual Artists may apply for **up to \$1,200**

Adam Priebnow Clay County \$1,200

To purchase supplies to expand his inventory; APM Elements, Ferro Frit 3110 and Zinc Oxide. His current work is crystalline pottery which is both functional and decorative.

Arlyn Swenson Grant County \$1,200

To purchase an upright string bass to advance his capabilities as a bass player. He has selected the Estle Louis Laminated Top, the laminated construction is more durable and will hold up better when transported and exposed to our variable climate.

Amy Tichy Clay County 1,200

To collaborate with a Veterans support group to participate in developing a theatrical performance about military issues/experiences. As a drama therapist, she will guide the participants through the process of developing the stories and rehearsing the performance.

Nancy Valentine Otter Tail \$1,200

To purchase supplies to create a new body of work. The images will capture moments of her grandfather while he enjoys his regional hobbies this summer and fall. After developing these photographs

Sonja Worth Clay County \$1,200

To dedicate to the creative and collaborative process of commissioning, learning, and performing a new composition for violin and piano by Dr. Richard Lavenda. In commissioning this work, she aims to do the following: develop a deeper understanding of music through collaboration, contribute to the repertoire of Western Art Music, and share what I have learned with students, colleagues, and audiences.

Each year one artist is awarded \$5,000 to recognize and honor their accomplishment. (2017 Literary and Performance)

McKnight Fellowship

Carolyn Wintersteen Clay County \$5,000

To present "Our Boy", a new production by playwright Rob Urbinati, at the Minneapolis, MN and Boulder, CO Fringe Festivals. Wintersteen will be work with her husband, David Wintersteen, Director of Theatre at Concordia College in Moorhead, and playwright Urbinati, Associate Artistic Director at Queen's Theatre in the Park, New York. "Our Boy" is new a play about parents struggling with an accusation that their young adult son has committed a sex crime

Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants **Individual Artists** are awarded funds to enhance art access, art education and art cultural heritage in the LRAC region.

Alan Davis Clay County \$6,500

To work on his fourth collection of stories based on the concept "clouds are the mountains of the up-per Midwest". His project includes writing, sharing both through publication and public performance as well as through workshops. The stories are designed to celebrate place in all of its subtlety and to explore the cultural, emotional and psychological conflicts that define it.

Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants (continued)	Individual Artists are awarded funds to enhance art access, art education and art cultural heritage in the LRAC region	
Gordon Ekberg	Grant County	\$3,820
<p>To edit and self publish his manuscript “Between the Cattails and the Bulrushes”. The book will feature his adventures and stories told in his unique style. Gordon will present author’s talks about writing and read excerpts from his book at various locations in Grant County.</p>		
Jon Solinger	Otter Tail County	\$3,270
<p>To develop a new traveling exhibit based on the Working Land project. The exhibit will include 20-25 of his photographs along with text panels that build a richer context for the images using both words and hand-drawn maps and diagrams made by the portrait subjects. It will tour the LRAC region as an exhibit at public libraries. Jon will present artist talks at each installation, providing insight into his process and cultural influences.</p>		
Dominic Facio	Otter Tail County	\$2,345
<p>To produce the Fergus Falls Zombie Crawl with a pre event Makeup Workshop on Saturday, October 7, 2017 for adults 21 and over. His makeup workshop will teach the students the techniques for creating a Zombie character with contouring and highlighting of the face and how to create a simple wound. The Crawl will start at the old Flour Mill at 5:30 pm with the Crawl moving to the Spot for an evening of live music and entertainment.</p>		
Meghan Kirkwood	Otter Tail County	\$6,730
<p>To document and interpret the Buffalo-Red River Watershed District through a series of landscape photographs. She will visit 10 locations in the watershed and create an interpretive image set for each location using strobe lighting. With the aid of this equipment, her goal is to go beyond picturesque views of tranquil streams and rivers, and instead create imaginative, fantastical images of the spaces that attend to the myth, spirit, and deeply felt connection residents have to these particular riparian systems. Fifteen images will be printed, framed, and donated to care centers, libraries, and public offices in the four-county area.</p>		
Carlee Kuhn	Becker County	\$5,460
<p>To teach the art of Flow Dancing at workshops in various location during the summer of 2017. Participants will design their own hoops, learn the hoop dance techniques, and experience the benefits of hoop dancing. There will be guest instructors including fire flow artist from the Twin Cities. The first classes will take place through Alexandria Community Education with more taking place in Detroit Lakes and Callaway. The project will culminate with a Hoop Gathering in October.</p>		
Pamela Longtine	Becker County	\$5,750
<p>To present a music-based program entitled “Fiddle Fun: Passing Down the Tradition” at six locations within the LRAC area. The program teaches children and adults about the art of passing down traditional fiddle playing through storytelling and fiddle tunes featuring traditional Minnesota fiddle tunes from Native American (Metis), French-Canadian and Scandinavian traditions.</p>		
Keith Martinson	Douglas County	\$9,500
<p>To compose, orchestrate, and premiere his first orchestral work collaborating with the Central Lakes Symphony Orchestra and the Alexandria High School Orchestra. As an accomplished solo piano composer, he will be expanding his composition efforts beyond the piano to include the chamber or symphony orchestra.</p>		

Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants (continued) **Individual Artists** are awarded funds to enhance art access, art education and art cultural heritage in the LRAC region

James Wedgwood Pratt Otter Tail County \$23,740,

To work with Pioneer TV to record the pilot MINNESHOWTA on October 8, 2017 at the UofM, Morris theatre. The production will feature performances by Sound Exchange and Mary Rowles along with various character sketch by James and his puppets. MINNESHOWTA will be a 30-minute television/online variety program featuring high quality musical, comedy and variety artists from across Minnesota. Taped in front of a live audience at the Edson Auditorium on the University of Minnesota Morris campus by Pioneer Public Television, MINNESHOWTA will be seen not just in the LRAC region, but by thousands across the state.

Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants **Non profit arts organizations, public institutions and other non profit groups** are awarded funds to enhance art access, art education and art cultural heritage in the LRAC region.

City of Moorhead (Local Government) Clay County \$10,000

To reach out in the Oakport neighborhood and community to develop an artistic design that represents Life in Moorhead, incorporated into the recoating of the Oakport water tower – Our Tower. This spring, there was an art contest to select the design for the tower. Committee member and professional artist Su Legatt will work with the contest finalists to make the necessary modifications to ensure the design fits within budget and construct ability constraints.

Alexandria Area Arts Association Douglas County \$11,700

To present Shakespeare’s “Romeo and Juliet”, in April 2017. In addition to the two week run of public performances, there will be two full days of performances and interactive workshops for area high school students. The workshops will include stage combat skills, mask making, and acting for a Shakespeare production. Experts will lead students in full day of hands on learning.

Henning Landmark Center Otter Tail County \$4,000

To sponsoring three week artist residency with fiber artist Kristi Kuder, She will teach hand-stitching techniques to students and adults during two 2-day workshops, incorporating digital printing on fabric. Participants will be invited to participate in a 3-week open studio at Landmark, producing a 4’x7’ quilt work titled “Homecoming”. Henning students will participate in producing a documentary video of this process, using photography, video, and audio of participants stitching and discussing the theme “Places that Formed Us”. An exhibition of fiber work at the Henning Landmark Center, including the completed “Homecoming” project, stitched works by students & workshop attendees, and work by other fiber groups within the community.

Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County Clay County \$6,684

To continue to develop and expand audio describing services for the region. The project’s focus will be to continue their work by developing audio described touch tours with written and recorded scripts and to hire Ms. Shirek to edit a d scripts and provide advice and guidance. The goal is to design accessible museum exhibits and artifact displays by setting up an environment that is high contrasting with objects placed in a way that enriches the experience of people with vision impairments, developmental and neurological disabilities including dementia. In addition, the grant will fund the creation of a website specifically for the use of arts and cultural organization staff and patrons with disabilities and their families.

Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants Organizations, (continued)

Kaddatz Galleries Otter Tail County \$3,180

To present three upcoming exhibits with educational opportunities for the public. First, The Trophy Wife Collective will be January 4 through February 11 with an Artist Panel Discussion on Saturday, January 21. Five member artists (Susan Haas Morrissey, Clare Degerness, Karen Perry-Anderson, Julie Overby, and Vicki Kessler) will discuss how they work together as a collective group to create art and installations. Second, Michael Weatherly, printmaker, will exhibit February 16 March 30, with a one week artist residency. Michael will work closely with a group of students, teaching them various printmaking techniques. Third, Barbara La Valleur, photography and photo journalism, will exhibit April 6 through May 13. Barbara will offer a salon talk during the time of exhibition.

Lakes Chamber Music Society Douglas County \$13,830

To celebrate their 25th anniversary year in 2017. The number of concerts will be expanded to honor the occasion. The Festival of the Lakes 2017 event begins on August 1 and will conclude on August 30. Concert dates are August 5, 9, 11, 13, 17, 23, 27. All concerts will be held at the Alexandria United Methodist Church. The grant will cover additional expenses for marketing and producing the month long celebration.

Rourke Art Gallery Museum Clay County \$3,590

To present the Rourke Art Academy with three primary goals; to celebrate the history and the future of the arts in our region, to connect the community to artistic traditions through contact with regional artists and professors, and to provide a free or low cost, educational space available to the community's academics, musicians, poets, writers, designers, architects, and visual artists as a venue to share their work, vision, craft, and dreams with the LRAC region.

Ulen Hitterdal Public School Clay County \$3,690

To sponsor an artist residency with NBC's VOICE contestant Kat Perkins at Ulen-Hitterdal School on May 12-13, 2017. Perkins will conduct a choir residency program with senior high choir (70 students) on techniques of performance. The students work with Perkins on her song "Fearless" and they will be backing her up during general public evening performance the evening of May 13.

City of Moorhead Clay County \$17,000

To contract with Sharon Rodding Bash, Senior Program Director of ArtLab, to facilitate Phase 1 of a comprehensive, city-wide arts, and cultural master plan. The plan will be formed by engaging the entire community to identify Moorhead's unique arts and cultural needs, strengths, and aspirations and to create a roadmap to integrate arts and culture into the community- 'Wayfinding Moorhead'. Phase 1 scope includes 1) define arts and culture encompassing Moorhead's community values; 2) develop a community arts and culture vision; and 3) determine the community strategy/ expectations for Phase 2 which will include initiatives/projects/catalysts/etc. 'Wayfinding Moorhead' will establish a steering committee comprised of key/influential stakeholders who are willing to spearhead, represent, and fully participate in the planning process.

Fergus Falls Center for the Arts Otter Tail County \$19,250

To conduct community and educational outreach for seven of its touring productions in the upcoming 2017-18 Season. The performances include concert pianist Richard Tostenson, "Unsinkable Women" a one woman play by actress Deborah Templin, telling the stories of women who survived the Titanic, guitarist/vocalist "Dana Louise & the Glorious Birds" in concert, holiday performances of the "The Nutcracker" by the Minnesota Ballet, regional blue grass ensemble "Monroe Crossing" in concert, the award winning Canadian female vocal trio the "Good Lovelies" in concert, and a contemporary musical event "Artagious", where Art and Music collide to create masterpieces on stage

Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants Organizations, (continued)

Grant County	Grant County	\$13,022
<p>To fund a portion of the expenses to restore the four historic paintings by historic artist, Oden J. Oyen, located in the Commissioner's Room of the Grant County Court House. These paintings will be preserved in a high quality manner with the expertise of John Canning Studios, the company that has successfully completed the primary component of the second floor restoration.</p>		
Henning Landmark Center	Otter Tail County	\$2,020
<p>To host glassblowing artist, Jon Offutt, for a 2-day workshop series of 6 demonstrations per day, on location at Landmark Center using a portable Glass Blowing studio. Anticipated dates would be early May, with possible demo dates being May 12 & 13.</p>		
Historic Holmes Theatre	Becker County	\$21,500
<p>To present an entire year of community outreach designed to provide a wide range of Minnesotans with the opportunity to engage in and celebrate music and theatre in the 2017-18 season, targeting audiences of all ethnic and economic backgrounds from the very young to senior citizens. The season will feature Arena Dances, a modern dance troupe, performing "Main Street Project", MN History Theatre new musical "Sweet Land", MN Music Coalition Caravan du Nord concert event, classical flute/violin duo "Sonic Escape" in concert, Theatre Latte Da's holiday production of "All is Calm, the 1914 Christmas Truce", Vocal Essence and Don Shelby in "River Songs and Tales with Mark Twain", MSP Children's Theatre new production "Seedfolks", Renowned vocal group "New Standards" in concert and Ragamala Dance presents Indian Dance and Kalam Art.</p>		
MSU Moorhead College for Kids and Teens	Clay County	\$9,550
<p>To provide scholarships for students to take the art courses in the program. The courses are taught by a variety of experienced adult art educators. There are 2 weeks in June (12 - 15 and 19 - 22) and 2 weeks in July (10 - 13 and 17 - 20). Each year new classes are offered to inspire returning students. Some of the new arts courses to be offered this year include: Creative Writing: Fiction and Poetry Workshop, Artsy Smartsy Art-Ventures, Trading Lines: Beginning Playwriting, Digital Storytelling, Paper-making and Printmaking, Creative Polymer Clay Creations, Playing with Perspective and more.</p>		
MSU Moorhead Planetarium	Clay County	\$6,500
<p>To plan and execute several large scale astronomically and educationally based glow-in-the dark murals for the entrance and inside of the MSUM Planetarium Youth Educational Services (YES) and MSUM School of Art,. The large scale works will fill over 100 linear feet of wall space. The lead artist will be mural artist, Karen Bakke, working with Brad Bachmeier and students from both the MSU Moorhead Art Department and the YES High School. Students will benefit greatly from the experience of working with a master mural artist and seeing all the planning and steps that take place before work is commenced and will gain real world problem-solving and painting skills</p>		
Plays in Morris	Stevens County	\$1,960
<p>To offer a Junior Players group for children. The group is designed to embrace, engage, educate, and entertain young artists and create lifelong learners. The programs will focus on students ages 4-14 and allow students ages 15-18 to work as artistic interns which will help to create artistic leaders in our community. Their focus will be to provide a solid foundation to assure young artists meaningful connections in theatre which are essential to advance from novices to lifelong appreciators and/or participants.</p>		

Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants Organizations, (continued)

Rothsay School	Otter Tail County	\$3,116
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To sponsor an artist residency featuring the F/M Kicks Jazz Band. The FMKJ Band will provide Rothsay High School Band students with Masterclasses.

Theatre L’Homme Dieu	Douglas County	\$15,000
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To renovate their stage for the upcoming 2017 Summer Season. As part of their long term strategic plan to improve the facility for both the performers and the public, the stage upgrade will improve the performance space for upcoming and future productions.

Ulen Hitterdal Public School	Clay County	\$6,720
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To sponsor an artist residency to bring in Continental Ballet, from Bloomington, Minnesota for three days, November 2-4, 2017, to Ulen-Hitterdal School/Top Hat Theatre, Ulen, Minnesota, with their Cinderella production. The residency will include dance workshops, masterclasses, and several performances for students, assisted living residents and the community. The full length production will be the final public performance of the residency.

Project Grants	Arts Organizations and Public Institutions up to \$3,000, 20% match
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Alexandria Public School	Douglas County	\$2,285
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To present Theater Latté Da’s production of "All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914". The performance is based on a true story about the 1914 Christmas truce during WWI. It captures an astounding moment when Allied and German soldiers laid down their arms to celebrate the holiday together by trading carols, sharing food and drink, playing soccer and burying the dead.

Central Lakes Symphony Orchestra	Douglas County	\$1,825
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To collaborate with The Shaun Johnson Big Band to perform three pieces that have been commissioned for big band and full symphonic orchestra.

Concordia College Cultural Event Series	Clay County	\$3,000
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To bring two 2016 award winners/finalists to Moorhead as authors-in-residence for 2 days in March 2017 with master classes, free public “Readings and Conversations” hosted by John Ydstie from NPR and a community gathering for conversation.

Henning Landmark Center	Otter Tail County	\$2,360
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To sponsor painter, Mary Jo Wentz, to be the Artist in Residence at Henning School. The residency will include a 2-week session teaching four classes of Henning students and one adult class on Saturday, March 25th covering various techniques used to create Alcohol Ink Paintings.

Historical & Cultural Society	Clay County	\$3,000
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To install a history and art exhibition by renowned photographer Ken Andersen. Over the last five years, Andersen has experimented with 30 different historic methods for developing photographic images that range from using fruit juice to traditional film baths.

Project Grants (continued)**Arts Organizations and Public Institutions up to \$3,000, 20% match**

Underwood Community Education Otter Tail County \$790

To bring in Prairie Fire Children's Theatre to the Underwood Community for an artist residency. PFCT will work with children in grades 2 - 12 to learn about theater and to perform two performances of stage production "Alladin and His Magic Lamp".

Evansville Arts Coalition Douglas County \$240

To present regional singer/songwriter Patty Kakac. Her songs tell stories pertinent to life in West Central Minnesota. Patty brings the special voice of the storyteller to her songs.

Evansville Arts Coalition Douglas County \$280

To present well known West Central Minnesota musician Kevin Klimek. He is a fingerstyle guitarist that plays the bass line, rhythm line, and lead line simultaneously. He is a band leader and lead guitarist for Connie Lee, a country music star in Alexandria MN.

Evansville Arts Coalition Douglas County \$710

To present "Skally Line" featuring Fred Keller on mandolin and Tom Cornish on guitar and fiddle. Skally Line chose their name based on a historical railroad that ran between St Paul and Duluth. It ran through a number of small towns along the way. They base their songwriting on the sort of music that would fit with that area. This group has unusual music and storytelling.

Evansville Arts Coalition Douglas County \$330

To present singer/songwriter Jim Burt. He is originally from Southern California and has recorded several CDs. He provides a unique voice combining traditional country with smooth pop rock and crooning vocals. He has been performing around Minnesota since 2003.

Evansville Arts Coalition Douglas County \$500

To present "Folk N Blues" featuring Adam Hammer and Dave Cofel. Folk n Blues brings a variety to the music schedule for the Evansville Art Center. Their high energy performances will set them apart from the usual programming. They will also play Saturday afternoon at the Evansville Assisted Living Facility.

Evansville Arts Coalition Douglas County \$400

to present "Broken Fiddle", a four person ensemble. Broken Fiddle varies in the number of musicians involved beyond the typical EAC concert of one or two performers. Their combination of blues, rock, bluegrass, and country covers a broad spectrum of the music scene.

Evansville Arts Coalition Douglas County \$230

To present "Sellin and Company", featuring Tom Sellin, Shari Wallace, and Marisa Rousu. These are Tom's granddaughters who perform with him in our area.

Operating Support Grants	Arts Organizations apply for up to 10 % of expenses, \$6,000 maximum	
Arts Of the Lakes Gallery	Otter Tail County	\$6,000
<p>To engage the services of Architect Mark E. Nelson to work with AOTL on plans to remodel the current gallery at 108 south Lake Avenue in downtown Battle Lake and add a program education space by building an addition. In addition, it will partially fund the wages of a part-time administration employee. This is a continuation of the work started in 2016 with the goal of launching a capital improvement campaign in 2017 as they celebrate their 50th anniversary.</p>		
Central Square	Pope County	\$6,000
<p>To cover a portion of the rental dues paid to the Central Square Condo Association each month. Central Square is located in a portion of the renovated Glenwood high school building. Central Square provides a number of artistic events including performances, concerts, artistic exhibits, workshops, and classes.</p>		
Fargo Moorhead Choral Artists	Clay County	\$4,710
<p>To cover basic operating expenses for the coming year including sheet music for singers, instrumentalists for collaborative concerts, programs and other promotional materials (season brochures, posters, and postcards), and radio advertising. Under the leadership of Michael Culloton, Artistic Director, the FMCA was named the 2016 Arts Organization of the Year by The Arts Partnership</p>		
Gooseberry Park Players	Clay County	\$6,000
<p>To cover the rental expenses for the off site scene shop and the performance stage at MSU Moorhead Theatre. This season's production will be "Joseph and the Technicolored Dream Coat". The set will be built at an off sight location and assembled on stage for the annual production. GPP provides opportunities for FM area youth and their families to gain hands on theatre experience participating in all parts of the production.</p>		
Henning Landmark Center	Otter Tail County	\$4,280
<p>To cover a portion of the expenses for the utility bills in the coming year. In addition, the grant will provide administration support for the Director's salary for a portion of the year. The Center continues to expand their monthly programming and seasonal activities reaching new audiences and introducing new art forms to the community.</p>		
Lakes Chamber Music Society	Douglas County	\$1,450
<p>To offset a portion of the Lakes Chamber Music Society operational expenses such as rent, phone, office supplies, chamber of commerce membership, and bank fees. The LCMS is celebrating their 25th anniversary season this year and they have expanded the number of concerts in August to 7 performances. There will be both new works along with returning favorites in the repertoire this year.</p>		
Phelps Mill Country	Otter Tail County	\$5,280
<p>To pay for general operating support including insurance premiums, the Otter Tail County user fee and the jurors fees for the 2017 Festival. The festival features the work of high quality artists and performers, hands on arts and craft projects for children and many other activities.</p>		
Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance	Stevens County	\$1,260
<p>To pay salaries of the gallery coordinator, bookkeeper, and marketing/outreach/social media coordinator. Funding will be used to insure not only the continued functioning of the gallery, outreach and networking, and implementing of new accounting software; but also addition research into long term sustainability</p>		

Operating Support Grants**(continued)****Arts Organizations apply for up to 10 % of expenses, \$6,000 maximum**

Prairie Wind Players Community Theatre

Grant County

\$3,820

To cover the expenses to install a new intercom system in the building to connect the sound/light control booth, the backstage area, and the dressing room area. In addition it will cover a portion of the Directors and Officers insurance policy for the PWP Board members. PWP is expanding their seasonal program in 2017, bringing back the big summer musical and the "Harvest Moon" festival along with other productions.

Red Willow Arts Coalition

Douglas County

\$2,500

To pay for a portion of the program director's salary for the 2017 season. This will be the ninth season of outdoor concerts at the Douglas County Courthouse lawn . The 15 concerts will vary in musical style from country to big band to pop, every Thursday evening from June to September.

Rourke Gallery Art Museum

Clay County

\$6,000

To pay for a portion of the insurance policies required to run the Rourke in the 2017, including liability, commercial property, workmen's compensation, and indemnity coverage. The Rourke continues to offer a wide range of educational exhibitions and workshops for all ages in the FM region.

Terrace Mill Foundation

Pope County

\$2,400

To pay a portion of the utilities and annual insurance premium for their 2017 season. Terrace Mill features a number of art events during the summer season, including three gallery exhibits, two children's theatre workshops and performance, and their annual Fiddlers Contest, along with other special artistic events