

In fiscal year 2018, Lake Region Arts Council awarded the following grants:

Artist Quick Start Grants

Individual Artists may apply for \$750.

Peter Schultz	Clay County	\$750
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To write the sequel (The Bear and His Daughter) to his first novel (The Blind Dragon).

Dennis Krull	Clay County	\$750
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To purchase a portable exhaust system to create a safer studio. This will help to create new encaustic work with fire and toxic materials such as shellac, which will be shown at various art galleries including his personal gallery.

Ashley Kunz	Clay County	\$750
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To purchase a camera, accessories and a year subscription to Adobe so she can take clearer photographs of her paintings.

Maranda Pederson	Clay County	\$750
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To create a new body of work that will expand her portfolio and allow for new works to be displayed in future exhibits.

Kate Andrews	Otter Tail	\$750
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To update studio space with true color lighting, ventilation and shelving. In completed studio create 25 new pieces of art with haiku impressions and display them at a local venue.

Career Development Grant

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

Gail Johnson	Otter Tail County	\$900
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To study with Andrea Stern, a regionally renowned Celtic harpist, in order to learn proper harp technique.

Bethany Lacktorin	Pope County	\$1,200
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To study with Bill Gossman, master potter, the ceramic art process from instrument design to kiln firing to create ceramic musical instruments and compose a musical performance demonstrating the ceramic instruments I create.

Brad Wegscheid	Otter Tail County	\$1,200
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To purchase a new ceramic kiln so that work may continue, be more reliable, and expand into new areas such as large outdoor ceramic sculpture.

Richard Kagigebe	Becker County	\$1,200
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To produce 8 blankets with new designs as featured artist in 2019 Fiber Art Show at Miikanan Gallery - Watermark Art Center, Bemidji.

**Career Development Grant
(continued)**

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

Donald Palardis Stevens County \$1,200

To purchasing equipment to re-purpose his silver scraps to use in new jewelry pieces.

Peder Butenhoff Otter Tail County \$1,200

To repair a used kiln and buy operation supplies to help start up an Artist production studio.

Heather Slomski Clay County \$419

to work toward the completion of the first draft of a novel based on the Greek myth of Hero and Leander.

Each year one artist is awarded \$5,000 to recognize and honor their accomplishment. (2018 Music and Visual Arts)

McKnight Fellowship

Kristi Swee Kuder Otter Tail \$5,000

To learn more about working with paper fibers to create 3-dimensional work. First, she will take an introductory class on the paper making process at MCAD (Minnesota College of Art and Design) with Bridget O'Malley. Then she will incorporate this technique into the creation of new work combining paper pulp into her mesh work. The addition of light weight paper pulp will give her the opportunity to build more complex forms on a larger scale. Equally as important, she will be exploring the use of flax and native plants including prairie grasses and wetland reeds in this process. Incorporating these native elements into her wire work is in harmony with her eco-printed work, making this collection a profound artistic expression of the region's natural environment.

Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants

Individual Artists are awarded funds to enhance art access, art education and art cultural heritage in the LRAC region.

Ferolyn Angell Stevens County \$6,450

To make her second film featuring her choreography, following her first successful project, "In The Shadow". The film will use imagery of the dehumanizing effects of technology and contrast these with dance images, exploring the question: will dance exist and what will it look like in a world of cyborgs, robots, and androids. This process will include travel within the LRAC region to determine film locations, use of a camera to capture images of people interacting with electronics in a variety of settings, and to explore options for screenings

Dominic Facio Otter Tail County \$2,600

To upgrade his music production equipment with the purchase of a new MacBook Pro. The equipment will allow him to create his vision of "Danse Macabre", A monthly new-wave/post-punk/avant-garde dance night for the community to attend and enjoy. "Danse Macabre" is originally a French term that translates to "Dance of Death."

Meghan Kirkwood Clay County \$4,615

To develop new skills in representing landscapes -- specifically the grassland and river interface--using a drone. The photographs will interpret four one-mile stretches of the Otter Tail and Buffalo Rivers from the surface to the adjacent banks, forests, and agricultural lands. There will be two public workshops on drone operation, safety and applications in the visual arts (including a discussion of her work) and an additional public lecture about her work and drones.

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

Christina Kolaya	Stevens County	\$9,500
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To edit her second novel for publication over the course of the summer after the successful publication of her debuted book, "Charmed Particles". The book received a starred review from Booklist, was one of the American Library Association's best books of 2016, and was featured on the cover of the Chicago Tribune's Books Section. Upon completion, she will solicit publishers for her fictional work.

Suzanne Legatt	Clay County	\$750
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To print and mount eight large format prints from the photographs collected from previous DISH events. These images will be shared at upcoming exhibitions at the Kaddatz Art Gallery, Studio K and the New York Mills Cultural Center. DISH is a thematic event focusing on food, Minnesota history, and personal experiences, hosted by various art and cultural institutions throughout the region and state.

Brook Miller	Stevens County	\$7,000
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To research and write a group of thematically-linked poems about working in the region. One way into this theme is to think about how people relate to machines in their jobs. These machines could be anything from remotely controlled, massive combine harvesters to simple mauls, and from assembly line conveyers to pianos. His work plan is to contact 20 workers in different industries, such as a tool die machinist, farmers responsible for automated combine harvesters, tiling projects, and threshing machines, a medical lab technician, a piano teacher, a cell phone repair technician, a restaurant worker, a construction worker, and others.

Chris Mortenson	Clay County	\$6,850
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To create a new exhibition of photographs about the Iron Range in Minnesota, focusing primarily on the Mesabi Range. The work made from this project will be an exhibition-ready body of photographs of the current state of the landscape, people, uses, challenges, and perceptions of the area. His interest in the Iron Range begins with the formations that are added to the landscape through the process of open-pit mining. The soil removed from the mines - known as Overburden - is piled into large topographic formations all over the area once it is removed. These small mountains of rock and soil are an oddity upon the landscape.

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.

Henning Landmark Center	Otter Tail County	\$4,360
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To create a ceramic work space open to the public. The grant will fund the purchase a new electric Kiln and related equipment to establish the studio. The goal is to make it more feasible to offer ceramics opportunities, and attract ceramic artists to offer training opportunities to their community and beyond.

Horizon Middle School, Moorhead	Clay County	\$6,293
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To sponsor The Dallas Brass, a world renowned Brass Group, with master class and public performance on April 21, 2018. During the day, Moorhead band students will attend a masterclass put on by the Dallas Brass in which they will lead the students through exercises teaching musical concepts such as breathing, intonation, and rudiment proficiency. Following the clinic will be a student rehearsal led by the Dallas Brass in preparation for a joint number to be performed

Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants Organizations, (continued)

Kaddatz Galleries	Otter Tail County	\$16,240
<p>To sponsor an artist residency with Peyton Scott Russell that will focus on graffiti and street art in monthly classes, community-based exhibitions, a summer camp, and a mural. The Project will be a five-month residency with artist, Peyton Scott Russell, that will focus on graffiti as an art form and include a variety of art-making techniques, historical content, civic engagement, and social interaction. During the week the instruction will take place at the Fergus Falls Alternative Learning Center. Additional weekend workshop will be offered along with a two week summer workshop open to all students in the region. This camp is a condensed version of the ALC program and will result in a large-scale mural in Fergus Falls.</p>		
Otter Tail County Historical Society	Otter Tail County	\$15,000
<p>To partner with PlaceBase Productions (PBP) to produce a site-specific musical theater production in Otter Tail County that explores the history, stories, legends and lore of the area in celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Otter Tail County. The project will turn 4 communities (Perham, Battle Lake, Pelican Rapids and Parkers Prairie) into a stage exploring the history, stories, legends and lore of each location during September 2018. "Connecting Otter Tail County" (working title) will use site-specific musical theater—based on stories collected and research conducted by the artists.</p>		
Rourke Art Gallery Museum	Clay County	\$1,670
<p>To offer the Rourke Art Academy with new classes and presenters. It was built around 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.</p>		
Ulen Hitterdal Public School	Clay County	\$3,020
<p>To sponsor an author residency program on Feb. 26 to Mar. 2, 2018 for middle school students together with an evening adult and upper high school artist talk and writing workshop. This would be the first literary grant written for our school. This grant would support a residency program for visiting author Kevin Strauss. Kevin Strauss is a literary artist through the COMPAS program, based in Minneapolis.</p>		
CHI St. Francis Health Foundation	Wilkin County	\$735
<p>To sponsor the New York Kammermusker to perform at their facility in August 2018. NYK seeks to reintroduce the instruments and music of the double-reed band to modern audiences, playing music from the Renaissance era through Contemporary periods. The performance will be held in the 'Town Center Square' area of the nursing home that can accommodate a public component, with public invited to the event as well as LTC residents, family, and St. Francis staff.</p>		
City of Fergus Falls	Otter Tail County	\$10,000
<p>partner with Pedal Fergus Falls, the local bicycle and pedestrian advocacy group, to initiate a public art project featuring two well-known Fergus Falls artists, Naomi Schliesman and Carl Zachmann. They will design and build public art installations featuring artistic bike racks that will be installed in four locations in downtown Fergus Falls, the Fergus Falls Public Library and the Otter Tail County Historical Society Museum. The artists have chosen the prairie grass and butterfly concept because of the natural landscape that surrounds the existing counties. Using man-made materials to create these natural objects adds a fun and whimsical environment downtown.</p>		

Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants Organizations, (continued)

DanceBARN Collective	Otter Tail County	\$2,230
<p>To host a summer dance festival for dance professionals from across the county in Battle Lake on July 23 - 29, 2018. The festival will offer two stage performances for the community, multiple site specific performances, community classes, open classes/rehearsals, and opportunities to meet and learn from the dancers traveling here for the festival. In addition, a camp specifically for young dancers that partners with Young Dance (Minneapolis), the Fergus Falls School of Dance, and other local kids will be part of the festival. The week long kids camp will provide dance opportunities for rural community by creating a vibrant week of dancing for kids.</p>		
Fergus Falls Center for the Arts	Otter Tail County	\$20,000
<p>To present 9 performances during their 2018-19 season featuring 7 musical acts, "Ishmael", a one man theatrical production, and "Shapiro and Smith", a contemporary dance troupe. The musicals act range from solo performances to tribute ensembles for Chicago and Neil Diamond, from Brazilian music to blue grass, from film noir music to Memphis rock legends. Each of the events will have community outreach component working with local schools, dance studios, and senior centers during their time in Fergus Falls.</p>		
Historic Holmes Theatre	Becker County	\$18,675
<p>To provide community outreach during their 2018-19 season featuring eight performances from September to May. Highlights include three musical performances, four theatrical events, and one dance productions, with many focusing on family friendly audiences. Theatre performances included "Pinocchio" by ToutaTrac theatre and "Call of the Wild" by Theatre Heroes production. The musical acts this season focus on regional artists; Billy McLaughlin, Keri Noble, and Matt Wilson & John Munson. All events will include a community event from master classes for students to public discussions to a pet show competition.</p>		
Historical & Cultural Society of Clay County	Clay County	\$2,565
<p>To 2018. The five hour festival will feature German music, crafts, food and much more. The grant will fund the musical acts for the day, Dale Dahmen and the Beasts and Julie Lee and the White Rose Band. Dale is an virtuoso on the concertina and his band is from Buffalo, MN. Julie Lee and the White Rose Band is very popular with snowbirds in Arizona and they are from Fargo, ND.</p>		
Kaddatz Galleries	Otter Tail County	\$3,000
<p>To offer a two day fiber arts workshop in February 2019. Structured as a weekend workshop, this project is for the fiber art enthusiast who wants to expand their felting skills in a new direction. During two 5- 6 hour sessions, project participants will learn about fibers and felting techniques from renowned Minneapolis-based fiber artist Jaana Mattson, whose innovative and award-winning approach to needle felting results in impressionistic and often photorealistic landscapes from wool fiber. Participants will receive a kit with dyed wool roving in the landscape palette, felting needles, acrylic felt pinned to a foam block, and printed materials.</p>		
Morris Community Education	Stevens County	\$4,682
<p>To sponsor the Chinese American Asc of MN Chinese Dance Theater for the Autumn Moon Festival in the fall of 2018. CDT will provide K-12 teachers and U of M students educational materials, resources and links, including music, art, videos and instructions about cultural themes as well as this holiday that can be explored at school and home. In November 2018; CAAM CDT will hold workshops during and after school day for 9-12 schools and U of M Morris, including its Chinese students. Local performers will combine with CAAM CDT performers in a community wide performance.</p>		

Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants Organizations, (continued)

MSUMoorhead College for Kids and Teens Clay County \$9,000

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 and 2 weeks in July. Each year new classes are offered to inspire returning students. Some of the new arts courses to be offered this year include: Printing by Hand, Crafting with Recyclables, Flowers - Design and Display, Stuffed II - Advanced Hand Sewing, Digital Storytelling, Get Published, Macramé Madness and more.

New York Mills Cultural Center Otter Tail County \$2,860

To present educational art programming as part of their summer arts workshop series and the Puppet Pageant theatre project. The arts workshops will be held in area parks for children with a focus on creativity and explorations for all students. Puppet Pageant summer theater incorporates traditional Finnish stories with the artistic creation of large-scale puppets, props and set. This experience creates a connection to the Finnish heritage in our region and includes 2 weeks of daily workshops, learning creative & artistic skills including puppet, props & set design, theater skills, stilt-walking & more, all culminating in 2 public performances.

Pelican Rapids Multicultural Committee Otter Tail County \$1,700

To sponsor , 2018. This event will be an opportunity to introduce the next generations to the art, music, food and culture of the many communities of Pelican Rapids. The grant will fund of the musical performances of the day, “Mariachi Jalisco” from Minnesota. In addition, the Tickwood String Band and Somali Museum Dance Troupe will be on stage during the afternoon. A wide variety of ethnic food will be sold for a truly international experience.

Terrace Mill Foundation Pope County \$3,475

To sponsor their first Native American Arts Festival featuring flute music, storytelling with star gazing, and drumming and dance, with performances, demonstrations, and workshops on Saturday, May 19, 2018. A set of workshops will be conducted by flute maker/player Jeffrey Chapman and Native Sky Watcher presenter Jim Knutson-Kolodzne. The Detroit Lakes Native American Drummers and Dancers will demonstrate traditional dances that are common to the Dakota/Lakota people followed by a concert by Chapman playing a variety of flutes.

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

Alexandria Public School Douglas County \$3,000

To present their first ever, “Fine Art Exhibit and Makerspace” on Saturday, March 24th, from 9 am -12 pm at Alexandria Area High School. Community members will meet local artists and see examples of their work, and then explore the medium with the artist through hands on activities. This "teaser" activity and exploration will bring greater curiosity and lifelong learning of the various art forms. The conclusion of the event will be a public performance showcasing musical and theatrical artists.

DanceBARN Collective Otter Tail County \$1,877

To present the Screendance Festival from July 25th to 28th with public performances on the 28th at the Battle Lake Alley which will be converted to an outdoor theatre. It will be a free community event that presents professionally made screendances from all across the world. A two-fold event, the Screendance Festival strives to engage the community of Battle Lake in the art form by educating the public through seeing and doing

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

MSUMoorhead Cheryl Nelson Performing
Arts Series

Clay County

\$1,800

To present the 2017 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition to campus for two performances. Kenneth Broberg, a Minnesota native, grew up in the Twin Cities, and studied with piano teachers there. He is a young, dynamic performer, who performed works by Franck, Barber, Liszt and Bach on Thursday, Oct. 19th on the Gaede Stage in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts.

MSUMoorhead School for the Performing
Arts

Clay County

\$3,000

To present their fall musical "The Wizard of Oz" in November with day time performances for elementary students through the region. This adaptation requires a variety of fantastical creatures to be on stage (munchkins, kalidahs, winkies, talking crows, and flying monkeys). The grant will fund the creation of puppets for these creatures, as well as Toto and Oz (44 puppets in total). This is the largest number of puppets ever created for a single show.

Nordic Cultural Clubs

Clay County

\$1,800

To sponsor Skålmusik, a five piece group from Brainerd, MN at the 2018 Hjemkomst Festival June 22nd and 23rd. The name is a combination of the Swedish words for cheers of admiration and music. The music is meant for lively atmospheres, festivals, celebrations, and dances. All members of Skålmusik are also members of Skål Klubben Spelmanslag. Skål Klubben Spelmanslag is a large 20 pieces group. Skålmusik is the name the group uses with they split into smaller ensembles.

Ulen Hitterdal Public School

Clay County

\$1,480

To sponsor a residency program featuring Ken Omundson, ceramic artist, with an evening Artist Talk and demonstration in the Art Room on April 23 - 27, 2018. The class room time will be with students grades K-6 and arts students grades 7-12. Local visual arts organization, Northern Lights Art Guild members, and the general public will be invited to the evening session. It would include an Artist's Talk by Omundson, and a pottery wheel demonstration. He will also serve as a judge for elementary art show and high school art show.

Concordia Percussion Ensemble

Clay County

\$2,626

To present their Percussion Day on April 7, 2018. The Percussion Day has become recognized throughout the US for bringing the world's top percussion artists to our region to share their experiences and expertise. Five world-class artists from a variety of percussion performance backgrounds presented clinics, concerts, and master classes. The audience had the opportunity to observe these expert musicians utilizing their musical skills in numerous performing situations.

Henning Landmark Center

Otter Tail County

\$2,480

To host the return of three skilled metal artists demonstrating step by step the making of functional metal arts objects on September 20 & 22, 2018. Day 1 will include: forging Mastermyr (Viking Age) chest hinges, forging a Viking age seax knife, sculpting a 3D dragon head letter opener, making a Celtic Penannular brooch fastener. Day 2 will include creating of a ram's head fire poker, using chisel and punches to create animal head, creating a large, hand forged, iron hook door latch, and a hand forged iron coat rack using traditional techniques.

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

Henning Landmark Center Otter Tail County \$1,230

To sponsor Merodie (Mimi) Seykora to give a free ceramics techniques demonstration to a public audience at Henning Landmark Center, followed by a five-day paid workshop over a period of 20 days. The public demonstration will be at the Landmark Center workshop utilizing the new ceramics equipment installed in 2018. Mimi will demonstrate clay handling and forming techniques, bisque firing techniques, and glazing techniques. This demonstration will be free, and open to the public. Mimi will also offer a five day paid workshop, teaching hands-on ceramics techniques, during five 3-hour classes. Techniques covered include the following; Intro, pinch pot or scoop, Slab building ideas such as box, vase, or cup, Coil method planter, coasters, tray, Make a final piece and trim up finished pieces, and Glaze pieces.

Morris Area Community Education Stevens County \$2,360

To sponsor global multi-instrumentalist Todd Green for an artist residency with 2 day time concerts for Morris students on October 2 and an evening on Thursday, October 4, 2018. His performances will featuring original music inspired by many different cultures in the Middle East, Central Asia, Far East and South America on over 30 acoustic string, flute and percussion instruments from these regions. Todd will demonstrate 25 of his most fascinating instruments, relating them historically, geographically and culturally as well as to our own familiar Western instruments. He will also demonstrate unusual rhythms and quartertone scales used in other cultures.

Otter Tail County Historical Society Otter Tail County \$3,000

To sponsor old time traditional dances at three locations across the county featuring the Red Herring String Band. Traditional square dances are patterned dances; circles, squares and reels, where "figures" are "called" with the music. Some calls ("join hands", "circle right") are self-evident; others can be learned with brief instruction. The dance program will include old-time couples dances (waltzes, polkas, schottisches). The locations and dates are Star Lake Town Hall - June 9, NY Mills Cultural Center - July TBD, Dalton Opera House -Sept 8.

MSUMoorhead Percussion Studio Clay County \$3,000

To host a Day of Percussion and Mass Steelband event in the MSUM Center for the Arts featuring four guest artists and over 100 student performers from throughout the region on November 2, 2018. During this day-long event, guest artists will present clinics and masterclasses from a wide variety of percussion disciplines for hundreds of attendees. The Day will also contain two headline performances: an African drumming and dance performance featuring MSUM percussion and dance students performing with two of the guest artists as well as a grand finale mass steelband concert comprised of high school and university steelbands from across MN and ND sharing the stage with guest artists. .

Terrace Mill Foundation Pope County \$1,970

To present The High 48s Bluegrass Band with opening act, Crow River Junction, as part of their Fall Festival and Bluegrass Jamboree on Sunday, September 30, 2018 on the outdoor stage at the Historic Terrace Mill. The afternoon will also feature a free fiddler workshop. The High 48s have been performing for over 10 years, and have released 8 albums. They perform original material as well as standard favorites. The High 48s fiddler, Eric Christopher, conducts fiddle workshops at festivals and jam camps around the country. He contributes his teaching method to his first teacher's patient, persistent approach.

Ulen Hitterdal School Clay County \$1,719

To present "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" April 12-14, 2018. This project will feature an artist residency with choreographer Patrick Kasper to work with the students on three major dance numbers for the performance. By bringing in a professional choreographer to work on dance productions, it will enhance the quality of these dance performances and help the students to gain confidence in their dance ability.

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
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To fund a portion of the part time administrative employee. AOTL has become an Arts destination for tourists and summer people, as well as community members. The Gallery, Art & Craft Affair, and Studio Tour are part of AOTL's annual arts programming along with workshops, exhibits, and monthly art programs and demonstrations -- all open to the public. The gallery is open daily during summer months and Fridays and Saturdays most of the year.

Central Lake Symphony Orchestra	Douglas County	\$3,350
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To fund a portion of the rent for performance space and insurance along with a new part time administrative support staff salary. CLSO performs six concerts each year, four formal performances at Alexandria Area High School (AAHS) in the Tastefully Simple Performing Arts Center. Each of these concerts centralizes around a theme in the music (i.e. War and Peace, Symphony in the Countryside, Spring in Spain & Latin America). CLSO incorporate symphonic works that call for voices in an effort to involve the Central Lakes Chorale each year.

Central Square	Pope County	\$6,000
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To fund the marketing and advertising expenses for the coming year including website maintenance, seasonal and series advertising. 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.

Fargo Moorhead Choral Artists	Clay County	\$5,510
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To fund the seasonal marketing expenses in the coming year. FMCA, conducted by Michael Culloton, performs choral music of all artistic styles and musical periods. The choir presents three subscription concerts, an annual benefit concert, and sings at Minnesota Public Radio Classical Music Festival. In addition to these regular concerts, the Choral Artists often collaborates with the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony Orchestra.

Gooseberry Park Players	Clay County	\$6,000
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To fund the performance site rental expenses for their 2018 summer season. Gooseberry Park Players is 6+ week summer theatre program that provides young people with a unique educational and multi generational summer theatre experience. This year's production "Big Fish" adapted from Daniel Wallace's 1998 novel Big Fish: A Novel of Mythic Proportions and the 2003 film Big Fish directed by Tim Burton.

Henning Landmark Center	Otter Tail County	\$5,800
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To fund a percentage of the director's salary, annual utilities, and the new carpet installation in the Landmark Gallery area. Landmark Center is located in a historic 103 year old home, serving as an arts retreat center, gallery and workshop venue, and a historic museum. They continue to expand their art programming with new and innovative classes including blacksmithing and fiber arts.

Lakes Chamber Music Society	Douglas County	\$3,170
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To fund the music director's salary during the upcoming 2018 season and to upgrade the computer equipment with the purchase of a laptop. LCMS sponsors an annual classical chamber music concert series in Alexandria, the Festival of the Lakes. Each year the concert season includes three to four concerts in August at Alexandria United Methodist Church.

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

Perham Center for the Arts	Otter Tail County	\$1,920
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To cover a portion of the building insurance premium during their 2018 season. PC4TA is located in the historic former St. Stanislaus Church building known for its outstanding acoustic performance space. A wide range of arts programming is presented each year including instrumental and vocal concerts, art classes by local artists, and an annual arts festival.

Phelps Mill Country	Otter Tail County	\$6,000
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To cover some of the expenses required to present the 34th annual Phelps Mill Festival in rural Otter Tail. The Festival combines high-quality arts and crafts for shopping, daily musical entertainment, and hands-on art activities for both children and adults. Festival grounds can accommodate up to 150 artists and there will be about 100 artist booths on July 14-15, 2018.

Red Willow Arts Coalition	Douglas County	\$2,640
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To fund the program director's salary for the upcoming 2018 season. RWAC will mark its tenth season of concerts in 2018, producing fifteen weekly Thursday evening concerts in addition to a patriotic Independence Day concert. The concerts are held on the Douglas County Courthouse north lawn, and attract weekly audiences from 500 to well in excess of 1000.

Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance	Stevens County	\$3,600
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To purchase a hanging system for displaying art in the sales area and exhibition space to improve the appearance of and access to the gallery and help drive sales. PRCA houses both a retail sales gallery featuring work by local and regional artists, and a small exhibition space. They provide arts education, with a full roster of arts programming, including mounting artist exhibits; promoting the arts through Art Share classes for all ages, and Prairie Camp for children; hosting receptions for exhibitions, sponsoring both poetry and prose author readings, and occasionally organizing musical events.

Terrace Mill Foundation	Pope County	\$2,500
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To cover a portion of the annual insurance premium and monthly utilities during their 2018 season. Terrace Mill's arts activities include an annual Art Crawl, exhibits at the Wheeler and Schoolhouse Galleries, a Saturday evening outdoor concert, Children's Musical workshops and productions, Rosemaling art classes and the annual Fall Festival.