

In fiscal year 2019, Lake Region Arts Council awarded the following grants:

Artist Quick Start Grants

Individual Artists may apply for \$750.

Maureen Berg	Otter Tail County	\$750
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Berg's artistic journey began in the water color and oil mediums. Her project will focus on expanding into the pastel medium with the purchase of two sets of paints, landscape and portrait. Her new works will be completed on sanded pastel paper.

Grace Clark	Becker County	\$750
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Clark will be creating a social practice project "Art is Hard". First, she will collect stories and testimonies from contributors at all stages of their careers about their creative hardships. Then, she will compile these into an affordable zine-like book using grant funds to print, distribute and pay for a portion of her time.

Dar Eckert	Otter Tail County	\$750
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Eckert is a ceramic artist that makes ceramic wall panels from clay slabs. She will purchase a vertical slab roller. The wall panels are lighter than a solid slab of clay, dry faster and resist warping during firing and drying. After the panel is constructed, it is allowed to dry and then fired in a kiln. She then use the panel as a painter uses a canvas, to paint on with ceramic glazes.

Meghan Kirkwood	Clay County	\$750
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Kirkwood will be attending the 2018 Review Santa Fe Photo Festival from October 16-20, 2018. The Review Santa Fe is the premier juried portfolio event for emerging and mid-career photographers in the United States. 100 photographers are chosen from over 600 applicants from all over the world to attend the weekend conference.

Annie Minske	Becker County	\$750
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Minske will be taking classes in the area of printmaking and bookarts. She would also like to explore beginning ceramics classes. Her artistic focus in the past/currently has been in photography and has left very little time-funds to seek out additional artistic avenues. She has always enjoyed printmaking and book arts, while clay/ceramics is a new media for her.

Javier Lara-Ruiz	Traverse County	\$750
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Lara-Ruiz will continue his research on sexual assault of Indigenous people, however he will focus his attention to the sexual assault of Native men and how it effects the community. In this body of work, he will work to bring light to a topic that is rarely talked about. He will travel though out the region in the hope of bringing healing and awareness in a mindful way.

Career Development Grant

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

Blayze Buseth	Otter Tail County	\$1,200
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Buseth will be traveling to Jingdezhen, China for a three month International Artist Residency at The Sculpture Factory, a community of clay artists. During his residency, he will document his research, blogging about his artistic journey and documenting his residency.

Individual Artists are awarded funds to enhance art access, art education

Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants

and art cultural heritage in the LRAC region

Dominic Facio	Otter Tail County	\$10,810
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Facio will produce a series of performances for the community which will provide opportunities for underserved performers and audiences. He will present makeup application work shops for performers to increase their knowledge and skill in applying effective theatrical makeup for different performances styles. He will capture and document his own makeup creations to build a portfolio of his work along with recording the work of other artists.

Paulette Friday	Douglas County	\$14,729
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Friday will research, write, direct, and produce a show about the prairie pioneer settlers of the 19th century. This production will depict experiences of those who settled the MN prairies in the 1800s. The stories and songs will speak to their dreams and their struggles, and most of all, to their love of the land. Friday will hire the musicians and storytellers to bring this production to life. The performances will feature historical photos in a rear-projected stage background. Performances will take place in the Fall 2019 at Roosevelt Hall, Barrett, and Andria Theatre, Discovery Middle School, and Grand Arbor, Alexandria .

Kathleen Ray	Grant County	\$8,000
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Ray will create an original play that celebrates the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment by dramatizing the history of Minnesota's suffrage movement. She will invite students in West Central High School's 9-12th grade history classes and interested community adults to participate in the historical research and script development. Ray will hire Ann Reed, Twin Cities singer/songwriter, to help participants write original songs for the play. After the script is complete, it will be workshopped, cast with local actors, and performed in 4 venues during the summer of 2020.

Kenyon Williams	Clay County	\$1,500
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Williams will commission an original 5-8 minute duo composition for percussion and flute from Mr. Eryilmaz to be performed at MSUMoorhead in September 2019. The world premier concert will be a part of an all-duo chamber recital that will feature Williams in a variety of "percussion + one" musical settings (flute, cello, electronics, etc). By working with a variety of local artists, he will strengthen Moorhead's musical community by crafting a recital that highlights the skills of multiple performers in a collaborative setting, with the world premier of Erberk's work as a highlight of this collaborative event. In addition, the concert will be recorded to create a high-quality multi-angle videographer-produced video recording to publicize the new composition.

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.

Elbow Lake Arts Advisory Council Local Government Grant	Grant County	\$10,000
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ELAAC will offer a summer art camp featuring nine weekly sessions with an afternoon class specifically for children ages 8-15, and an evening class for participants 16-adult. The classes will emphasize the seven elements of art (line, shape, color, value, form, texture and space) through various mediums and approaches. The intent is to build a sustainable, long-term summer art program to offer summer activities beyond sports, and to support artistic offerings, exposure and access over the summer for years to come. The grant will be spent to build a foundation of art equipment which can be used years into the future, as well as to pay for the teachers and purchase renewable supplies for this first year. "Summer Art Camp" is free of charge to make it as accessible as possible to all.

Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants Organizations, (continued)

Andria Theater Douglas County \$15,840

The Andria Theatre will present their Student Theatre Project (STP) Disney's Lion King Jr. for two weekends in August 2019. The grant will cover an artist residency with master puppeteer, Matt McGee. He is a professional performer and puppet builder. He will lead workshops on puppet building that will be open to both DLK JR cast members and the theatrical community. During rehearsals and in the workshop, he will work with the students directly to teach them how to breathe life into their puppets with unique characteristics that make them believable. He will also work with students on the fundamentals of puppetry including eye focus, lip syncing and, and arm movement. The production will feature an animated projected backdrop to add the visual experience of an African landscape.

Central Lakes Symphony Orchestra Douglas County \$7,040

CLSO will collaborate with the Minnesota Opera and perform the first act of the opera "La Traviata" and other operatic works for their February 2019 concert. This collaboration joins seven singers from the MN Opera with the CLSO for two rehearsals and the performance. There will be educational programming within the community both at the local public school and the senior citizen center.

Central Square Pope County \$4,226

Central Square will purchase and install projection equipment (projector and screen) in order to enhance the quality and create more diverse opportunities for future performances. This will meet the technical needs of many of the touring acts by having on site dedicated technical equipment for the enhancement of presentations.

City of Pelican Rapids Otter Tail County \$18,880

The grant will be used to research and produce three bronze benches that will be installed in prominent locations in downtown Pelican Rapids. These benches will be created from the theme of promoting cross cultural conversations amongst community members. The project will begin in the Pelican Rapids Elementary art room, with a collaborative partnership between the 3rd- 6th grade art classes and Midwest metal artist Tom Christiansen. Christiansen's one day workshop will introduce students to casting metal art and functional public art. He creatively designs the back rest of his bronze benches to represent two individuals, facing one another, having a conversation. These benches are 45 inches long x 24 inches wide x 36 inches tall to seat two adults or three children comfortably.

DanceBARN Collective Otter Tail County \$11,516

DanceBARN Collective will host the monumental fifth year of the DanceBARN Festival that will bring 20 professional dancers to our community. The grant will also support the Youth Camp that will bring 15 young dancers ages 11-18 to Battle Lake to have a quality dance experience in and with the community. With both events, they will engage their community through free events, community classes, performances, and a Screendance Festival that exposes our community and visitors to dance films from all over the world.

Fergus Falls Center for the Arts Otter Tail County \$21,000

FFC4TA will present 8 performances during their 2019-20 season. Each of the events will have community outreach component working with local schools, dance studios, and senior centers during their time in Fergus Falls. This year's featured acts include The Issacs from the Grand Ole Opry, the Musical "Three Redneck Tenors", Triple Espresso Comedy from Minneapolis, Che Apalache, a Appalachian Style String Ensemble from Argentina, James Sewell Ballet "30th Anniversary Tour", "Dolly, Patsy, Loretta", Legendary Ladies of Country Music, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by American Shakespeare Center, violinist Christian Howes, an eclectic blend of jazz, Latin, bluegrass and Americana.

Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants Organizations, (continued)

Knute Nelson Foundation	Douglas County	\$4,630
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Knute Nelson will provide a canvas painting workshop at three locations for their residents and Alexandria school children led by artist Leanne Larson with a public art exhibit event featuring the painted canvases and live musical entertainment in April through May 2019. During the painting demonstration, they will incorporate an exercise where students and residents will switch paintings. Each location will host an exhibit reception featuring musicians for the public.

MState Fergus Falls	Otter Tail County	\$7,817
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MState, Fergus Falls in collaboration with the Kaddatz Galleries will sponsor a printmaking workshop for area students and the public with exhibitions of the created artwork in February 2019. The Kaddatz Galleries will cohost this workshop series which will honor the legacy of Charles Beck and exhibit the art work that is created in the workshop.

Pelican Rapids Multicultural Committee	Otter Tail County	\$4,072
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The Pelican Rapids Friendship Festival will be Saturday, June 22, 2019. This event will introduce the next generations to the art, music, food and culture of the many communities of Pelican Rapids. This year's Festival includes music from 5 different cultures; Ballet Folklórico México Azteca, Twin Cities, traditional Mexican folk dance, Somali Museum Dance Troupe, traditional dances from different regions across Somalia, The Associates, Pelican Rapids ensemble, classic American music, The Buffalo River Singers and Dancers, Fargo/Moorhead, Native American dances, and Fargo Spele-mannslag, a Hardanger fiddle group, Scandinavian heritage.

Theatre L'Homme Dieu	Douglas County	\$8,176
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TLHD will upgrade the theatre's sound system in order to be compliant with the new FCC band width requirements prior to beginning their 2019 summer performance season. Recently the FCC sold bandwidth to cellular companies and changed laws for microphones and audio equipment, resulting in a need for theaters, churches, and stadiums across the country to replace their audio equipment. Institutions failing to upgrade to new band width equipment could be subjected to fines by July 2020.

West Central Area Schools	Grant County	\$5,720
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WCA Schools will sponsor an artist residency focusing on the art of story telling with videographers, Steve and Jackie Henning, in the Fall of 2019. The residency will work with students to create and edits videos. Topics covered will include: a review of different video storytelling approaches, planning a storyboard, the use of voice, framing a scene, common types of shots, basic sound design, lighting concepts, recording, and basic editing, In addition, there will be public classes at the Elbow Lake Library and WCA community education program for any interested adults. A reception to premier the video stories will be open to the public at the end of the residency.

Project Grants	Arts Organizations and Public Institutions up to \$3,000, 20% match
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Concordia College Percussion Ensemble	Clay County	\$2,590
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Concordia Percussion Ensemble will present their Percussion Day on April 6, 2019. The Percussion Day is recognized throughout the US for bringing the world's top percussion artists to our region to share their experiences and expertise. Four world-class percussionists from a variety of percussion performance, education and business backgrounds will participate in clinics, demonstrations and performances. Pius Cheung, Eriko Daimo, Dave Gerhart, and Danny Seraphine shared performance techniques, equipment, innovative teaching ideas and other insights into the music profession as composers, authors, recording artists, etc., during their clinics.

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

Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County Clay County \$3,000

HCSCC will mount an exhibition at the Hjemkomst Center featuring 77 black and white photographs of well known regional photojournalist Colburn Hvidston III for his first ever solo retrospective, entitled "Truth in Focus". The exhibition of artist selected images represents the long storied career of this prolific photographer from the age of seven to present day. The heart of the exhibition will be images from his 42 years as of photojournalist, 37 of them at the Forum. The exhibit opens July 1 through November 17, 2019, with the artist reception on July 16.

Lakes Chamber Music Society Douglas County \$1,210

LCMS, as part of their Alexandria Festival of the Lakes, will present the Lux String Quartet on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at Bethesda Lutheran Church. They are a young and talented chamber music group with a significant repertoire with connections to the area. The concert will feature Fratres by Arvo Part, String Quartet #1 by Gyorgy Ligeti, and Felix Mendelssohn's String Quartet in E Minor, op. 44, #2. This will be an outstanding ensemble performance of interesting chamber music for an affordable adult and free student admission cost.

MSUMoorhead Performing Arts Series Clay County \$3,000

The MSUM Cheryl Nelson Lossett Performing Arts Series will bring Nobuntu, a female acapella quintet, to campus to perform and lead two workshops on October 20, 2018. The ensemble represents a new generation of young African women singers who celebrate and preserve their culture, beauty, and heritage through art. Nobuntu presented two free workshops focusing on African dance styles and techniques and African harmonies and rhythms.

MSUMoorhead Performing Arts Series Clay County \$2,980

The Performing Arts Series will sponsor the James Sewell Ballet to campus for a three-day residency culminating in a public performance of Sewell's ballet "Titicut Follies:The Ballet." on April 27, 2019. The ballet is based on Frederick Wiseman's 1968 documentary "Titicut Follies," which was shot in a Massachusetts prison for the criminally insane and provides a candid look at the lives of psychotic people who have committed major crimes. The ballet was organized around an inmate and staff variety show called "Titicut Follies," and was an expression of the ideas and feelings of the film, transformed into the language of ballet. MSUM was thrilled to work with Sewell on this important work, which premiered at New York University's Center for Ballet and the Arts in 2017.

Stevens County Historical Society Stevens County \$930

Stevens County Historical Society will sponsor two workshops creating Barn Quilts lead by Cindy Haffner, an experienced designer and painter of Barn Quilts. The workshop will walk through the various steps of making their own unique Barn Quilt. Two 6-hour workshops will be conducted in the Morris Area High School art class room on Saturday, November 17, 2018 and Saturday, December 8, 2018. Each 6-hour workshop will provide each participant with a finished barn quilt that reflects some aspect of the barn quilt owner's culture.

Terrace Mill Foundation Pope County \$2,030

Terrace Mill will be present The High 48s Bluegrass Band with opening act, Crow River Junction, as part of their Fall Festival and Bluegrass Jamboree on Sunday, September 29, 2019 on the outdoor stage at the Historic Terrace Mill. The afternoon will also feature a free acoustic guitar 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 workshop participants will be featured on stage playing along with The High 48s during part of their concert.

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

The Rourke Art Gallery Museum	Clay County	\$2,880
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The Rourke Art Gallery Museum will tour an exhibition of 24 woodcuts by the late Charles Beck which had been collected by the late poet, Timothy Murphy. Some of the woodcuts are paired with appropriate lines of verse by Murphy. Both Beck and Murphy drew great inspiration from the natural environment of our region. The exhibition will be mounted at locations in Becker, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, and Wilkin Counties for a period of about six weeks.

Theatre B	Clay County	\$2,780
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Theatre B will present the adaptation of A BEAUTIFUL HELL on late spring of 2019 at their venue in Moorhead, MN. A BEAUTIFUL HELL, by Fargo-Moorhead author Carol Kapaun Ratchenski, was adapted for the stage by Laurie J Baker, under the direction of Carolyn Wintersteen. Laurie and Carol will continue to make script edits, and most of the artists from the 2018 production will be available to mount the show for 4 performances, with one role being recast from the Theatre B ensemble

Ulen Hitterdal School	Clay County	\$1,490
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Ulen Hitterdal sponsored an artist residency program with glass artist Jon Offutt for students grade K-6 and 7-12 art students, and staff on April 24 & 25, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Ulen-Hitterdal School. Offutt demonstrated to each class how he creates his art work, discuss properties of glass, his art, and how he has achieved his high level of expertise, along with taking student questions. They hosted an evening general public artist talk and demonstration by Offutt on April 25, 2019.

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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The grant will fund a portion of the part time administrative employee for the 2019 season. 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 Square	Pope County	\$6,000
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The grant will fund a portion of the rent for the Central Square Box Office and Gallery space, located on the main street in Glenwood. This location improve arts access and supports the work of many artists from the area. Central Square produces year-round arts programming and classes for youth and adults. Each program includes diverse classes that exposes the participants to multiple media of art. The Art in the Square Gallery is open regularly to the public that features local and distant artists to share their aesthetic and cultural exhibits.

Evansville Arts Coalition	Douglas County	\$1,310
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This grant will fund a portion of the utilities for the coming 2019 season, including insurance and electricity. Evansville Arts Coalition provides an intimate venue for professional musicians who bring quality performances to their audiences. Regular concerts include the First Friday performances, Open Mike nights, and special events through the year. EAC provides artistic opportunities for all with their gallery, workshops, photography club, and other activities.

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

Fargo Moorhead Choral Artists Clay County \$6,000

The grant will fund a portion of the salary of Artistic and Managing Director for their 2019 Season. FMCA provides a musical outlet for the finest choral musicians in the region. The singers come from many walks of life and are dedicated to performing choral music with artistry and precision to enrich and enhance the artistic communities within Minnesota and North Dakota.

Gooseberry Park Players Clay County \$6,000

The grant will fund a portion of the salaries of the Co Artistic Directors for the 2019 season. Gooseberry Park Players is 6+ week summer theatre program that provide young people with a unique educational and multi generational summer theatre experience. This year's production "Wizard of Oz" has a significant number of featured roles for both male and female performers. It is a popular musical with a broad appeal for the young and young at heart.

Henning Landmark Center Otter Tail County \$6,000

The grant will fund a portion of both the Director's salary and the utilities for the coming year. 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. Art projects have included Watercolor painting, Oil Painting, Rosemaling, Quilting, Hand stitching, Glass Blowing, Ceramics, Blacksmithing & Bladesmithing, woodworking, Reading group, Writers group, Zentangle, Calligraphy, Kids Art Camp, Summer reading programs, and more.

Lakes Chamber Music Society Douglas County \$2,800

The grant will fund the music director's salary during the upcoming 2019 season and the office rent for the year. Festival of the Lakes is an annual classical chamber music concert series presented by the LCMS, the performances involve some of the most talented professional musicians in Minnesota and other parts of the US and Canada. A typical concert season includes three to four concerts.

Phelps Mill Country Otter Tail County \$5,060

The grant will cover a portion of the manager and assistant manager's salaries for the 2019 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 13-14, 2019.

Red Willow Arts Coalition Douglas County \$2,735

The grant will fund the program director's salary for the upcoming 2019 season. RWAC will mark its eleventh season of concerts in 2019, 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 \$2,760

The grant will cover the purchase of a color printer along with a portion of the administrative staff salaries for the coming year. PRCA houses both a retail sales gallery featuring work by local and regional artists, and a small exhibition space. They provider of 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.

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

Terrace Mill Foundation	Pope County	\$2,900
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The grant will cover a portion of the annual insurance premium and monthly utilities during their 2019 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.

The Rourke Art Gallery Museum	Clay County	\$6,000
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The grant will cover a portion of the annual insurance premium during their 2019 season. The Rourke has been dedicated to showcasing regional talent with artistic excellence serving as the primary consideration in programming. The most celebrated artists in the region are regularly included in The Rourke's exhibition schedule. The Rourke is home to permanent collections which have grown to include over 5,000 works. The Permanent Collections of The Rourke Art Gallery Museum run the gamut from important regional art and major 20th and 21st century artists and movements to artifacts representing diverse global cultural traditions dating back from over 1,000 years ago to the present day.