

In fiscal year 2021, Lake Region Arts Council awarded the following grants:

Artist Quick Start Grants

Individual Artists may apply for \$750.

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| Kandace Creel Falcón | Otter Tail County | \$750 |
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Creel Falcón expanded her Chicana art history knowledge through a new series of work called “Kitchen Series”. The grant purchased books and supplies to create 13 new oil paintings on wood.

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| Phyllis Joos | Stevens County | \$750 |
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Joos acquired a small home press. The 906 etching press is ideal for a home studio. The press is gear driven for the easy pulling of etchings, linoleum cuts prints, and waterless lithography prints. The maximum print size is 12" x 24".

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| Ashley Kunz | Clay County | \$750 |
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Kunz created new series of paintings on plexiglass to be viewed by both sides. She had previously painted on textured surfaces so painting on plexiglass allowed her to be challenged by working with acrylics on a smooth, non-porous surface.

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| Luke Votava | Clay County | \$750 |
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Votava made demo recordings of his newest musical, Sirens of Craigville. These recordings were of both the music and dialogue sections of the show. The grant covered a portion of a five-hour recording session at the Minnesota Public Radio’s Maud Moon Weyerhaeuser Recording Studio.

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| Erin Webb | Otter Tail County | \$750 |
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Webb attended a workshop concrete sculpture from Wouterina Riana de Raad, who has been teaching for 10+ years. These sculptures are lighter weight than solid concrete and are suitable for mosaics.

Career Development Grant

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

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| Kimble Bromley | Otter Tail County | \$1,000 |
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Bromley purchased a digital camera to create professional images of his work for gallery and grant submission, to increase the quality of his marketing images, and to capture images for future works.

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| Carmen Bruhn | Becker County | \$1,200 |
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Bruhn created and exhibited a new series of paintings focusing on abstract expressionism with the theme of Love. She experimented with a variety of mediums to explore her mark making and painting strokes. Her next exhibit will be at the Rourke Art Gallery Museum in February 2022.

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

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| Ann DuHamel | Stevens County | \$1,200 |
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DuHamel commissioned Mitch Grussing to compose 2 new sets of piano miniatures. In considering how 2020-21 has been a dark year, and how the shadow side of our psyches is reflected in our daily lives, she contemplated the idea of the shadow self in relation to Jungian archetypes, and asked Mitch to write 2 companion works, each a different facet of these archetypes.

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| Dominic Facio | Otter Tail County | \$1,200 |
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Facio expanded his ability to create, customize, and design wearable art through screen printing techniques with supplies and equipment. Obtaining this equipment and supplies allowed him to work more efficiently, expand possibilities, and create new works of wearable art.

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| Jackson Grove | Douglas County | \$1,200 |
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Grove worked one on one virtually with two mentors; Marianna Bassham, to focus on acting for film, scene study, monologue techniques, and Cathy Rand to fine tune his musicianship and audition techniques with the goal of preparing to audition for musical theatre productions.

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| Annie Hough | Clay County | \$1,200 |
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Hough produced her newest children's theatre script "Vineyard Adventures" The 40-minute play, which explores the animals, insects and flora at a Minnesota vineyard, was performed at RiverArts in Woodlawn Park in Moorhead, MN. Hough explores the connection to the environment through her theatrical productions.

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| Eric Santwire | Otter Tail County | \$794 |
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Santwire will frame and exhibit his most recent collections of photographs at the Kaddatz Galleries, Fergus Falls in winter 2022.

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| Naomi Schliesman | Otter Tail County | \$1,200 |
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Schliesman will purchase a laptop to increase her online presence by updating her new artist website and professional social media platforms of Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn. As a artist, her professional growth will continue to develop as an exhibiting, curating, consulting artist on community projects, community toolkits for digital and in-person projects.

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| Nancy XiaoRong Valentine | Otter Tail County | \$1,200 |
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XiaoRong Valentine purchased traditional Chinese painting and mounting supplies to increase the resiliency and archival quality of her artworks on rice paper for preservation and exhibition. Through learning and implementing display and preservation techniques of traditional Chinese scroll mounting, she reduced the fragile and ephemeral nature of her artworks on rice paper and increase their lifespan.

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

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| Mike Weatherly | Grant County | \$1,200 |
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Weatherly virtually studied with master printmaker Ron Pokrasso and purchased supplies for the classes. The classes covered many different printmaking techniques including the use of solar plates, photopolymer platemaking, mixed media techniques, using viscosity in printmaking and transforming works of paper onto panel. In addition his latest work will be virtually critiqued by Pokrasso.

McKnight Fellowship

Each year one artist is awarded \$5,000 to recognize and honor their accomplishment. (2021 Literary and Performance Arts)

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| Bethany Lacktorin | Pope County | \$5,000 |
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Her Fellowship Project will be to continue her exploration of the concepts she studied at Atelier REAL (now called AND Lab) by participating in what is called Practices of Dis-Immunization, a collaboration between AND LAB artists/philosophers Fernanda Eugenio and Dani d'Emilia. This is an exploration of the ability to "perceive others through multiple senses and modes of knowing, inhabiting the contradictions, incoherencies and vulnerabilities that arise in the process of daring to blur borders between notions such as identity and otherness, individuality and collectivity, tension and trust." This is an extension of a series of investigations that deeply analyze modes of conversation, modes of solitude, modes of pause, and modes of occupation.

Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants

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

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| Anna Lassonde | Becker County | \$9,660 |
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Lassonde is an artist, painter and art instructor with a love of sharing art and guiding people through the creative process. She believe art is for everyone. Her grant is to offer painting classes to the assisted living residents giving them an opportunity to relax, laugh and create. They would let their hands get a little messy! She will coach, offer technical help and help them find their inspiration. The classes will run approximately 2 hours each in Detroit Lakes and Perham along with public classes at the Holmes Art Cellar in DL during the summer months. The project will end with a celebratory Art Show in their honor at the end of September.

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| Kimble Bromley | Otter Tail County | \$9,720 |
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Bromley's interest in landscape painting and it's history has led him to studying Claude Monet. In 2019 he traveled to France to visit the four museums that feature Monet's work along with his county home in Giverny. His latest body of work focuses on Minnesota landscapes influenced by Monet's vision. Living in a state with as many lakes and waterways as Minnesota, the community can easily relate to his work. His work is a lot about color, light, place and beauty. These are attributes seen all over Minnesota. The grant will provide support to frame the new works to be exhibited at the Kaddatz Gallery this summer along additional supplies to continue painting. In addition, he will seek other galleries in the state to exhibit the work, specifically in the Twin Cities.

Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants Organizations, (continued)

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| Central Square | Pope County | \$7,300 |
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Central Square will bring the community together in a Covid safe environment outdoors on Saturday, July 24, 2021. The event will take place the same day as the Glenwood All-School Class Reunion, which was postponed from last year. During the day there will be an art fair and live music during the afternoon by a local duo. The grant funded concert will take place shortly after the reunion, on the same grounds. Mason Dixon Line (MDL) is the Mid-West's premier Country-Rock outfit. The band focuses on a live show that brings their audiences the biggest hits of the 1960's, 1970's, 1980's and 1990's by country music Hall of Famers and icons. This event will bring old classmates and members of the community together for the first time since the pandemic.

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| Fergus Falls Center for the Arts | Otter Tail County | \$21,000 |
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FFC4TA will present their 2021 Summer Concert Series in the new green space, created by the City, behind the old Regional Treatment Center which forms a natural amphitheater. Concerts will take place on Sunday evenings through the summer. Six of the eight concerts received grant funding which will feature John McAndrew, The Heartshakers (a Tom Petty Experience), Tonic Sol Fa, Matt Vee's Celebration of Neil Diamond, the Purple Hulls Duo, Harmonious Wail, Tony DeBlois (pianist), and Pavlo (guitarist). A Center for the Arts continues to bring in high caliber arts & entertainment this summer to instill arts into the community and public life.

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| Historic Holmes Theatre | Becker County | \$26,500 |
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Historic Holmes Theatre will purchase and install a high grade movie system that will allow HHT to present theatregoers with a quality movie experience and to present multi-media productions on stage. This will include a large, center screen, laser projector, zoom lens, and mounting equipment. HHT will fund the appropriate licenses associated with legally presenting movies at the Holmes Theatre. Among the ideas being pursued, a regional film festival drawing on professors from Concordia College in Moorhead and Minnesota State University-Moorhead film studies program, a monthly movie club, live-streamed events from places such as the Metropolitan Opera, community movie events, movie showings for summer day kids and area senior citizens, as well as working with school leaders to foster educational opportunities for members of the local school district's Native American population.

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| Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County | Clay County | \$6,280 |
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HCSCC will sponsor an exhibit with the overall theme "healing through art" focusing on veterans in the region. The exhibition will be on display at the Hjemkomst October 2021 to mid-March 2022 with a private reception for veterans on Oct. 5, 2021. The public performance of vets reading their writing and performing songs they have written will take place Nov. 10. All participants will benefit from the process of bringing together veterans and the art that helps them to heal the trauma experienced in service. Working with veteran Bemidji writer Wendell Affield, participants explore experiences regarding war and reintegration. Veterans will also create visual arts to express themselves through masking making and storytelling.

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| Henning Landmark Center | Otter Tail County | \$7,710 |
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The Landmark Center Arts Camp Series will provide summer arts workshops for all adults bringing in 4 artists to provide 5 different workshops for adult and youth participants. These activities will include a 1-day multi-generational painting workshop by Lana Beck. Beck will also design and oversee a community mural painting project using a 16x16' bathroom structure located in the Henning City Park. A group of local volunteers of all ages will be invited to take part in this project which will promote the arts, volunteerism, community, and creative inspiration. Additional activities include John Offutt's glass blowing demonstration, a watercolor gouache painting class with Ruth Hanson, and a series of pottery classes with Mimi Seykora.

Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants Organizations, (continued)

Theatre L'Homme Dieu Douglas County \$20,600

THLD is passionately committed to "returning to wonder" as a theme for their 2021 season. The season opens on June 19, Juneteenth, commemorating the ending of slavery in the US with a day of conversation and music featuring "The Reminders". "WonderLand" will follow at the end of June. A production of Collide Theatrical Dance Company of St. Paul, this outdoor experience was created to suit safety requirements of COVID-19. A compelling story of friendship and acceptance set in a psychiatric hospital, audiences are engaged questions of "what is normal." In July, TLHD will present "The Wonder Bread Years Starring Pat Hazell" (former Seinfeld writer). A fast-paced, hilarious production that gracefully walks the line between standup and theater.

Central Square Pope County \$6,560

Central Square will expand their Curbside Craft Kit program to provide opportunities for families to create art in the safety of their homes. The grant will fund the purchase of a display stand and additional supplies to create a variety of kits in the coming months. In addition, they will launch a new website to safely communicate with their audience and sell the art of the local artisans. The grant will pay for technical support expertise to expand the new website and a marketing budget to help achieve their continued goal of providing arts education and access to the arts for the community.

Historic Holmes Theatre Becker County \$7,000

Historic Holmes Theatre project is to complete a comprehensive Cultural Plan for the City of Detroit Lakes. The plan will include elements such as community dialogue, a list of stakeholders, an inventory of local creatives, building a web presence, and suggestions for next steps. Once the plan is written and adopted by the City, HHT will present the cultural plan to the public at an event at the Holmes that will bring together businesses and artists to nonprofits, schools, city/county officials, industry, faith community, and the Native American community. HHT believes all stakeholders can benefit from a strong, focused plan to bring the arts to the forefront of community life.

Perham Center for the Arts Otter Tail County \$6,750

Perham Center for the Arts will pay the expenses to power wash, scrape, sand, prime and paint eaves troughs on the building. Due to the extreme height of the building, the contractor will rent a boom lift in order to access the work area. It is essential to make these improvements to preserve the structure as a community gathering place for arts enrichment and experiences. Its architectural and cultural history has enriched the lives of community members since 1922. Recently, the structure has been repurposed as a Center for the Arts and will provide arts opportunities and activities for ongoing generations.

Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance Stevens County \$2,175

PRCA will upgrade their gallery with the purchase and installation of track lighting in the gallery exhibit area and front windows to better showcase the art and items on display. Two options were provided by Wehking Electric for flood style heads in each area. Option 1 uses LED light bulbs, and option 2 is an LED fixture built into the lamp head. This will better define the exhibit space and augment the art shown there while helping to further eliminate the "tunnel" effect noted by the consultant that can draw the customer's eye away from the art. Likewise, directed lighting in the front windows will attract walk-ins and better convey the promise of the treasures inside.

Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants Organizations, (continued)

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| The Rourke Art Gallery Museum | Clay County | \$3,710 |
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The Rourke will develop a reading room and archive on site to preserve archival materials and offer cultural materials in a digital format. The Legacy funds will procure the equipment needed to accomplish the work including a desktop computer, a high-speed feeder scanner to digitize paper records and photos, an on-site file server to host the digitized materials, and a tablet for the reading room collections on the mobile library management app. The goals are to preserve the materials that tell the story and share the legacy of the regional artists and arts enthusiasts for generations to come, to foster education and scholarship of the rich visual arts history of Western Minnesota, and to inspire continued creation in the visual arts with access to engaging reference materials. These digital offerings will serve artists, learners, scholars, and visitors from the region and beyond.

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| Theatre L'Homme Dieu | Douglas County | \$5,500 |
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TLHD's Legacy grant will pay for the rental of a covered, outdoor stage to be placed on the TLHD property for September of 2021 to help create an environment for quality outdoor programming. Additionally, the grant will help cover costs of making repairs to the indoor stage, including resurfacing and painting, and supplies to accomplish the tasks, for optimal experience indoors.

Project Grants

Arts Organizations and Public Institutions up to \$3,000

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| Act Up Theatre | Clay County | \$3,000 |
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Act Up Theatre will present a musical revue called "UNsung: A celebration of BIPOC, LGBTQAI+ and Womxn-created musical theatre". This theme was selected by the Act Up board and creative team in an effort to expand and build a diverse theatre program from underrepresented populations in the Fargo-Moorhead region. The performance will feature under-represented communities, including artists with disabilities, artists of color and LGBTQAI+ artists. Songs in the revue will be written by artists from the aforementioned underrepresented populations.

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| Detroit Lakes Public School Community Ed | Becker County | \$2,980 |
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DL Community Education will produce and present a month-long summer musical theatre day camp that will engage students, ages 5th -10th grade, concluding with three public performances of the junior version of Matilda at the Historic Holmes Theatre in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. Students will be involved in all aspects of musical theatre and gain friendships and confidence in performing. Dates for performances are the evenings of Thursday, June 24 and Friday, June 25 with a matinee on Saturday, June 26. If the production needs go virtual, the directors will create zoom practice schedules and the shows will take part in the city's open air band shell.

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| Fergus Falls Community Ed Early Childhood | Otter Tail County | \$2,980 |
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Fergus Falls Community Ed Early Childhood will sponsor "the NEST", a community-based, child-led interactive installation activated by visitors' performative participation. They will build a temporary home and evolving art space made-up of artifacts, artwork, and curated building materials to reveal and create the stories of a migrating creature in the Lincoln school building. Participants invent and explore the creature's story through open-ended play, creative movement, art-making, and collective storytelling and populate its giant home, an empty armature structure, with collected materials. This interactive event will May 6, 2021 and all families in the community are invited to participate in its creation.

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

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| Henning Landmark Center | Otter Tail County | \$2,090 |
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Landmark Center will sponsor Glass Blowing artist Jon Offutt 's mobile glass blowing unit to present glassblowing demonstration for 2 days, May 22 and 22, 2021 with six 30-40 minute demonstrations per day. These demonstrations will be presented free of charge to any community members of students that wish to participate. These fast moving demonstrations provide historical context of glass blowing, while explaining the science behind the process and the many techniques required to master the art. Participants will see several pieces of blown glass art come to life start to finish within a short 30-40 minute free demonstration.

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| Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County | Clay County | \$3,000 |
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HCSCC will present the fiber art exhibit "Forced to Flee" from July 3 to Nov 7, 2021. Thirty-six richly colored art quilts vividly depict the perils of refugee reality in the touring exhibition Forced to Flee assembled by Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA). Close examination of seemingly abstract images reveal the painful memorials of Holocaust survivors or the orange life jackets of the Lesvos refugees. Some works depict the strikingly realistic long lines of the "Displaced" or the "Child Behind Barbed Wire." As SAQA states, "Throughout history people have been forced to flee from their homes for their own safety and survival due to war, oppression, natural disasters, and atrocious human rights violations. The refugee crisis has imposed severe impacts on the social, economic, and political structures of host countries, especially poor and developing countries. This powerful and timely exhibition illustrates the global challenges arising from the current refugee crisis impacting countries across the globe".

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| Kicks Band of Fargo Moorhead | Clay County | \$2,000 |
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FM Kicks Band will present a summer park concert on June 24, 2021 at Gooseberry Mounds Park, Moorhead, MN, that will include collaborations with regional musicians. A short Q&A with the audience will follow the concert. The outstanding musicians of The Kicks Band will provide a high-quality jazz arts performance, supplemented with anecdotes and historical references to introduce each upcoming selection. The music will feature jazz arrangements of well-loved big band classics (e.g. Duke Ellington's C Jam Blues) and introduce audiences to contemporary works (e.g. Gordon Goodwin's Jazz Police). An informed audience is more likely to enjoy a concert (and come to another), so we'll also incorporate gentle (not pedantic) educational moments. This "break" between songs allows the musicians a couple of minutes to get the next chart ready.

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| Perham Center for the Arts | Otter Tail County | \$2,675 |
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Perham Center for the Arts will present "The Wichita Lineman--A Tribute To Glen Campbell. The performance will be held on October 2022 at the Perham High School Auditorium. With the many challenges of the past year of the pandemic, people are hungry to get back to some sort of normalcy and no better way to do that then listening and relaxing to music of the one of the greatest legends of his time. The Glen Campbell Show will definitely appeal to a more "mature" audience, but we feel the number of "younger folk" appearing with their parents is increasing. Shows of this caliber are primarily held in larger cities and by bringing a show to a rural community , gives seniors an opportunity to experience the arts that they probably would not be able to experience otherwise.

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

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| Act Up Theatre | Clay County | \$2,500 |
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The grant will fund a portion of the general operating expenses including seasonal marketing, postage, insurance and box office supplies for the upcoming 2021 season and the purchase of 3 portable microphones to expand their audio equipment. Act Up Theatre provides musical performing opportunities to young adults with a focus on musical productions that create a more socially conscious community. Their mission is to empower artists and audiences to positively instigate social awareness and change through exceptional performing art.

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| Art 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 2021 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. This year, they have expanded their online presence with a virtual gallery featuring works of their members.

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| Evansville Arts Coalition | Douglas County | \$1,240 |
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This grant will fund a portion of the utilities for the coming 2021 season, including insurance and electricity. Evansville Arts Coalition provides an intimate venue for professional musicians who bring quality performances to their audiences. EAC looks forward to provided their regular concerts include the First Friday performances, Open Mike nights, and special events.

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| FM Choral Artists | Clay County | \$6,000 |
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The grant will fund a portion of the salary of Artistic and Managing Director for their 2021 Season. It will include a fall concert in October/November 2021 and it will be a celebration of the return to live choral performances. 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.

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| Gooseberry Park Players | Clay County | \$6,000 |
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The grant will fund a portion of the salary of their new Artistic Director for the 2021 season. This year's production "Beauty and the Beast" is a classic story adapted by Disney. Their goal is to try to present a live performance following the CDC guidelines. Gooseberry Park Players is 6+ week summer theatre program that provide young people, ages 11 to 18, with a unique educational and multi generational summer theatre experience. It provides young people with opportunities to develop creative outlets through the experience of drama.

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| Grant County Prairie Wind Players | Grant County | \$4,330 |
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This grant will fund a portion of the utilities for the coming 2020 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**

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| Henning Landmark Center | Otter Tail County | \$6,000 |
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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, Kids Art Camp, and more.

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| Kicks Band of Fargo Moorhead | Clay County | \$2,340 |
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The grant will fund the a portion of the liability insurance, the music director's salary during the upcoming 2021 season and the purchase of a drum microphone package to enhance their live performance. Kicks Band provides high-quality jazz arts performances and education to the region. Since 2014, their mission has been to educate and perform big band jazz, taking it into the schools through high school artist residency collaborations and jazz education workshops. Their performances range from formal season concerts, summer park concerts, a jazz festival, and big band dances, and to their "A Journey through Jazz" history of jazz programs.

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| Perham Center for the Arts | Otter Tail County | \$3,470 |
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The grant will pay a portion of building insurance for the Perham Center for the Arts. The Perham Center for the Arts was founded in 2011 and is housed in the former St. Stanislaus Church building in Perham, Minnesota. PC4TA promotes arts education, appreciation and experiences for the community and surrounding region while strategically preserving a landmark headquarters and hub of arts activity such as concerts, touring performances, exhibits, workshops and a summer arts festival.

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| Phelps Mill County | Otter Tail County | \$5,410 |
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The grant will cover a portion of the manager and assistant manager's salaries for the 2021 37th annual Phelps Mill Festival in rural Otter Tail on July 10-11, 2021. The Festival combines high-quality arts and crafts for shopping, daily musical entertainment, and hands-on art activities for both children and adults attracting 20,000 each year (weather dependent). Festival grounds can accommodate up to 150 artists and there will be about 100 artist booths. Performances by regional musicians take place through the day at the stage area.

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| Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance | Stevens County | \$2,930 |
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The grant will to cover a portion of their building's rent and the administrative salaries for their Gallery Coordinator and Bookkeeper for the coming 2021 season. PRCA provides arts education, with a full roster of arts programming, artist exhibits; Art Share classes for all ages, and Prairie Arts Camp for children; hosting receptions for exhibitions, sponsoring both poetry and prose author readings, and occasionally organizing musical events. They have expanded their online presence this year with a virtual gallery featuring the art works of their members.

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| Red Willow Arts Coalition | Douglas County | \$2,810 |
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The grant will fund the program director's salary for the upcoming 2021 season. RWAC will mark its thirteenth season of concerts in 2021, 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. The children's play area and wide variety of genres provides an entertaining experience for the whole family.

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

Terrace Mill Foundation

Pope County

\$1,600

The grant will cover a portion of the annual insurance premium and monthly utilities during their 2021 season. Terrace Mill's arts activities include a Saturday evening outdoor concert, the annual Children's Musical workshops and productions, and the annual Fall Festival.

The Rourke Art Gallery Museum

Clay County

\$6,000

The grant will cover a portion of the annual insurance premium during their 2021 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.