

## In fiscal year 2022, Lake Region Arts Council awarded the following grants:

### Artist Quick Start Grants

Individual Artists may apply for \$750.

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Annett Richter	Clay County	\$750
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Richter performed two recitals of English, French, and Italian music for voice and lute accompanied by Dr. Linh Kauffman, a critically acclaimed Vietnamese-American soprano from Minneapolis.

W. Scott Olsen	Clay County	\$750
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Olsen acquired a Nikon z50 DSLR camera with one lens, adaptor, filter and hood with help from the grant funds.

Beth Gilbert	Becker County	\$750
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Gilbert attended three online workshops hosted by Gotham Writers of New York City to further her skills to craft engaging and creative non-fiction and develop a book idea.

Amy Schmidt	Wilkin County	\$750
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Schmidt will be furthered her ceramics skills with studio time at The Creation Shop in Fergus Falls, MN, and acquired ceramic supplies such as clay, glazes, etc. to continue her work with clay.

### Career Development Grant

Individual Artists may apply for up to \$2,000

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Annette Marchand	Clay County	\$2,000
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Marchand used the grant to pay for the fees, travel expenses, lodging and loss of wages while attending a ceramic workshop entitled, "Throwing Relaxed, Gestural Forms" with Steven Hill at the Adamah Arts Studio in WI.

Heather Hjelle	Grant County	\$2,000
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Hjelle will use the grant to participate and study in The American Wagner Project in Nevada.

Vincent Reusch	Clay County	\$1,930
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Reusch will use the grant funds to pay for childcare as he writes a historical-fiction feature film screenplay as well as stage a reading/workshop of the work.

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

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Tina Gross	Clay County	\$1,850
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Gross used the grant funds to pay for an in-depth manuscript consultation/critique with acclaimed poet Jude Nutter (two-time winner of the Minnesota Book Award for poetry).

Richard Kagigebi	Becker County	\$2,000
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Kagigebi used the grant to gain greater professional recognition, grow and learn from other artists, and bring Ojibwe cultural teachings to more communities through the culturally-inspired appliquéd mural blankets that he designs and creates.

Christy Goulet	Clay County	\$2,000
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Goulet will continue studying and writing in the Ojibwe language under the tutelage of Kurtis Moose, a tribally enrolled member of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.

Dennis Krull	Clay County	\$1,670
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Krull used the grant to purchase a larger, archival wide-format printer so that he may have the opportunity to create larger encaustic pieces that include his images from his photography ventures.

Amanda Callahan	Otter Tail County	\$2,000
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Callahan will use the grant funds to purchase supplies and support time to create a new body of sculptural ceramic work for exhibit at the Waage gallery at MState, Fergus Falls in the spring of 2023.

Ruth Hanson	Otter Tail County	\$1,150
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Hanson studied with Karen Knutson, Minneapolis artist, to learn and experiment with a new technique in abstract watercolor.

**McKnight Fellowship**

Each year one artist is awarded \$5,000 to recognize and honor their accomplishment. (2022 Visual and Musical Arts)

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Chris Walla	Clay County	\$5,000
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Walla's Fellowship plan is to purchase materials for making new work. The ease of burden that the Fellowship provides will allow him to focus on actualizing work that reaches its aesthetic potential. He plans to also set aside a portion of the funds for shipping of artwork to exhibitions, allowing him to seek out opportunities that otherwise might be out of reach because of the cost of moving sculpture.

**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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W. Scott Olsen Clay County \$2,475

Olsen will promote small town street photography through preparing a street photography project he completed in Fargo/Moorhead for display at the Kaddatz Galleries in Fergus Falls, and holding an artist talk and photo-walk around downtown Fergus Falls.

Heather Hjelle Grant County \$7,975

Hjelle will produce and perform in “The Every Person's Guide to Opera” at Roosevelt Hall in Barrett, MN. The concert is meant to target all rural community members that do not normally have access to opera and is designed to meet the needs of this community by creating a safe and fun learning environment through interactions with the audience.

Anna Lassonde Becker County \$7,036

Lassonde continued her successful “Art for the Sages” classes, which offer painting classes to assisted living residents giving them an opportunity to relax, laugh and create. The classes will run approximately 2 hours each at four locations in Detroit Lakes and Perham along with public classes at the Holmes Art Cellar in DL .

Christy Goulet Clay County \$7,300

Goulet’s grant project will help keep the Jingle dress indigenous art form alive through the one-on-one experience of making these spiritual symbols. The culmination of the project will be events held at the Moorhead Public Library and the Heritage Hjemkomst Interpretive Center where Goulet will display the newly created Ojibwe Jingle Dress. The oral story, songs, and significance will be featured at this community event.

Annette Marchand Clay County \$7,960

Marchand will purchase studio equipment, dedicate time to create a new body of art for a solo exhibition and artist talk at the Rourke Art Museum, and use the grant funding to provide access to a hands-on workshop for "at risk" students at the Ceramic Shop in Fergus Falls, MN.

Peter Bremer Stevens County \$2,510

Bremer will use the grant to facilitate the publication of a short story collection in print and electronic formats on various platforms and outlets, thereby expanding the potential audience. Upon publication, Bremer will hold artist talks throughout the region, including public libraries in Elbow Lake, Detroit Lakes, and Morris.

Ferolyn Angell Stevens County \$5,220

Angell, a choreographer and filmmaker, will create a trans-atlantic choreography exchange between dancers in the LRAC region and dancers from her mother's hometown in Germany. She will work with dancers to produce “What We Leave Behind”, a short film that focuses on the plight of refugees & immigrants.

Debbi Anderson Douglas County \$4,990

Anderson will create a photo encaustic series, resulting in an exhibit titled “Foraging for Hope” which will be displayed at Alomere Health, Douglas County Hospital. The exhibit is meant to show how Anderson has discovered hope in every-day sights, and built those images into fine art.

**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

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Joshua McGowan	Otter Tail County	\$2,970
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McGowan will purchase equipment needed to create a series of videos for beginning musicians who don't have private lesson instructors in their area (like many in rural areas). McGowan intends to create these short videos covering the basics of many instruments, and will make them available on YouTube Shorts.

Blayze Buseth	Otter Tail County	\$7,890
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Buseth will develop the myth of Tom, a story that brings the symbolic aspects of pottery into an easy-to-interpret adventure story. He intends for the finished product to be an 10-20 page illustrative book with a short written metaphorical narrative for each drawing. Upon completion of the work, Buseth will hold artist talks and book readings at various locations in the area (dates to be determined), including local libraries and schools.

DomFreq Productions	Otter Tail County	\$1,200
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DomFreq Productions produced a workshop where youth can learn about the art and culture of drag, and produce a public performance with participants from the workshop. The workshop aspect will include performance inspiration discussion, how to prepare for a performance, and "tips and tricks" of their art.

Kristi Kuder	Otter Tail County	\$810
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Kuder hosted a cyanotype-making event for the community of Battle Lake as part of Art of the Lakes' Summer Solstice event. Participants were able to create their own 8"x10" cyanotype, using their own items or organic materials to block the light and produce variation in the prints. Framing supplies and exhibit space were made available for participants who wished to display their creations.

**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.

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Minnesota State University Moorhead School of Art	Clay County	\$19,510
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MSUM School of Art is partnering with two lead artists and the clients, children, and staff at Churches United for the Homeless (the region's largest homeless shelter) to create indoor and outdoor murals over the course of 2022.

City of Pelican Rapids	Otter Tail County	\$9,550
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Pelican Rapids sixth graders, led by their art teacher, Kate Martinez, researched and produced a mural in collaboration with Midwest mural artist Paul Johnson that was installed on a prominent building on main street in downtown Pelican

Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance	Stevens County	\$5,000
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The Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance (PRCA) will partner with the Morris Theater Cooperative to sponsor the Prairie Light Film Festival. Five to seven carefully chosen films will be shown in rotation, over 7 days, in the fall of 2022. In addition, the film festival will include an award-winning Minnesota filmmaker, M.R. Fitzgerald, who will talk about screenwriting and movie production, helping audiences gain a greater appreciation of the filmmakers' art.

## Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants Organizations, (continued)

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Ulen-Hitterdal School Clay County \$8,600

Ulen-Hitterdal School brought in a professional choreographer, Patrick Kasper, to work with students on dance numbers for their school musical production.

Historic Holmes Theatre Becker County \$14,200

The Historic Holmes Theatre of Detroit Lakes will purchase and install a new state-of-the-art sound board in the theater, which will greatly improve the overall theatrical experience for everyone who enters the Holmes to attend an event.

Fergus Falls A Center for the Arts Otter Tail County \$8,995

A Center for the Arts will upgrade to an ION-XE-2000 lighting board which will give the facility the ability to teach, train and use with modern lighting plots.

City of Moorhead - Parks and Recreation Clay County \$2,650

The City of Moorhead - Parks and Recreation Department sponsored the annual Celtic Festival featuring Celtic music, dance, storytelling, and other cultural enrichment performances. The music, dance, stories, and food make this an event that is fun for all ages and the goal is to continue to increase the exposure of this event and the culture of the Celtic nations year after year.

Otter Cove Children's Museum Otter Tail County \$3,450

Otter Cove Children's Museum will replenish their Maker Shop's stock of art supplies that are used daily by museum members and visitors. They will also purchase new materials to be responsive to the changing needs and interests of children and families in the community and provide materials that are inclusive to all, including modified tools and paint, crayons, paper, etc. representing a wide variety of skin tones.

Immanuel Church Building Association Grant County \$414

The Immanuel Church Building Association hosted "Syttende Mai 2022" (17th of May), a celebration to commemorate the signing of the Norwegian Constitution in 1814. The event will featured Norwegian music, dress, art, food, and a traditional barnetog children's parade, to honor the first official barnetog that was launched in Christiania (Oslo), Norway on May 17,1870.

UMN Morris Prairie Gate Literary Festival Stevens County \$10,940

UMN Morris Prairie Gate Literary Festival (PFLF) will use the grant funds to feature five Native writers at their biennial "celebration of writing" on the University of Minnesota Morris Campus. Exact dates to be announced for sometime in October, 2022.

## Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants Organizations, (continued)

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Pelican Rapids Multicultural Committee      Otter Tail County      \$8,360

The Pelican Rapids Multicultural Committee presented an International Friendship Festival on Saturday, June 18, 2022 in Sherin Park, Pelican Rapids MN. The event included performances by around 5 groups presenting music and dance from different cultures, including Mexico, Somalia, Vietnam, Sweden, and Native American cultures.

Art of the Lakes      Otter Tail County      \$9,690

Battle Lake's Art of the Lakes will provide a series of art workshops to the public focusing on new art forms, instructors and techniques. Six artists will teach their mediums over the course of these classes, including oil pastel landscapes, an introduction to acrylic painting, clay sculpture, watercolors, and plein air outdoor painting.

College for Kids & Teens - MSUM      Clay County      \$5,000

MSUM's College for Kids & Teens program will use the funds to provide funding for need-based scholarships for K-12 students interested in taking summer program courses in the Arts. The program's mission is to enhance artistry and community enrichment by educating students, of all ages and ethnicities, in the fine arts.

Fergus Falls A Center for the Arts, Inc.      Otter Tail County      \$20,000

Fergus Falls A Center for the Arts will use the grant funds to present two, week long outreach programs with international performing artists Robin Spielberg and Pavlo and his band. AC4TA will also involve the community with open workshops and masterclasses, including the healing power of music, the business of the arts, and songwriting.

Fargo Moorhead Choral Artists      Clay County      \$17,020

The Fargo Moorhead Choral Artists produced 'Mozart and Minnesota!', a choral and instrumental concert featuring music by Mozart and several emerging Minnesota-based composers. The concert will feature 60 singers and a chamber orchestra of nearly 30 artists performing Mozart's Coronation Mass, as well as pieces by emerging Minnesota composers Jake Runestad, Jocelyn Hagen, and Emily Feld.

Central Square      Pope County      \$18,800

Central Square will present a series of performances featuring 21 artists, with 9 artists funded by this grant. Artists and groups include "Southern Raised", "The Legends of Soul!", and Branden & James.

Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County      Clay County      \$2,769

HCSCC will sponsor a cross-cultural concert of two consummate fiddle players, each known for his area of cultural expertise, in a crosscultural concert. Hardanger fiddle master Robert "Bud" Larsen of Brainerd, MN will collaborate with Turtle Mountain Métis (Mitchif) fiddler Cabrael (James) "Cubby" LaRocque in a concert that explores the distinctions and exchanges between Norwegian and Métis fiddling traditions.

**Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants Organizations, (continued)**

City of Fergus Falls	Otter Tail County	\$15,600
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The City of Fergus Falls commissioned 12 regional artists to produce works of art inspired by the river and exhibited them in non-traditional retail or public spaces that will transform how people see the river. Following exhibition in Fergus Falls, the collection will tour libraries in other river cities of Breckenridge, Moorhead, and then return to Fergus Falls library for the Over the River celebration.

Ulen-Hitterdal School	Clay County	\$6,190
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Ulen-Hitterdal will sponsor an artist high school band residency program, high school mini-concert and evening general public performance with C Street Brass from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The group will conduct a workshop with the Ulen-Hitterdal School junior high band and the senior high band with a total of 70 band students to be involved. C Street Brass will also perform a mini-concert for all 7-12 grade students, and a general public show.

Kaddatz Galleries	Otter Tail County	\$18,832
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Kaddatz Galleries will expand and sponsor Kaddatz's Art Reach program serving underserved populations in our community with classes and a public exhibit. Courses will be offered to Fergus Falls groups. Each course will be led by a different experienced artist, teaching a different media, subject or style, including ceramics, printmaking, impressionism, mixed media arts, and 2D & 3D media and techniques. The program will culminate with an exhibit at the Kaddatz composed of student work .

Historic Holmes Theatre	Becker County	\$16,750
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The DLCCC used the grant funds to purchase and install a portion of new seats in the balcony of the Holmes Theatre. Plans included removal of 72 center balcony seats to be replaced with 58 new seats. Also, 27 seats were removed balcony house right to create a safe platform and the addition of 6 wheelchair spaces plus 6 companion seats.

DanceBARN Collective	Otter Tail County	\$7,560
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DanceBARN Collective will produce the 8th annual DanceBARN Festival, including producing community classes and performances in Battle Lake, MN. 20 professional dancers will engage with the community through providing free dance classes for all abilities, opportunities to observe professional classes, free outdoor performances, and a dance Movie Night featuring the new hit movie West Side Story in the Art Alley of Downtown Battle Lake.

Kicks Band of Fargo Moorhead	Clay County	\$9,000
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The Kicks Band will increase college age awareness and participation in the jazz arts through big band swing dancing. Four dances will be held at Minnesota State University Moorhead Ballroom. The dances will be open to the general public, and one hour before each dance officially begins, the college's dance club will provide free basic dance lessons. The Kicks Band will perform 2, 1-hour sets each evening.

The Fergus Falls Public Library	Otter Tail County	\$7,660
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The Fergus Falls Public Library (FFPL) will increase the public's access to artwork by acquiring new works for the library's permanent and circulating art collections with a particular focus on expanding the gender and racial/ethnic diversity of artists reflected in their collections. Seven pieces of artwork by four artists will be added to the collection.

## Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants Organizations, (continued)

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Kicks Band of Fargo Moorhead	Clay County	\$6,482
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The Kicks Band will record original big band compositions of area composers using local musicians. The organization hopes that area composers, musicians, and ultimately, the local community will benefit from this project. The end result will be a professional recording featuring 16 local musicians and between 5 and 8 composers' original that will be available for download.

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### Project Grants

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

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Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County	Clay County	\$3,000
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HCSCC plans to display the outstanding mixed-media traveling exhibition *Savages and Princesses: The Persistence of Native American Stereotypes* from June 20, 2022 to Oct. 15, 2022 at the Hjemkomst Center in Moorhead, MN. This art exhibition will offer the sardonic response to continuing stereotypes by 12 contemporary Native American artists with 32 works.

Minnesota State University Moorhead Performing Arts Series	Clay County	\$3,000
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MSUM Performing Arts Series brought two different performances to the region, The Minneapolis Guitar Quartet and GRAMMY-nominated jazz singer Cyrille Aimée.

Fargo Moorhead Choral Artists	Clay County	\$3,000
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FMCA presented a concert titled 'Singing the American Dream: the immigrant experience in song' in April of 2022. The concert included music by immigrant composers and feature texts and lyrics by immigrant poets. These composers include Irving Berlin, Kurt Weill, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Igor Stravinsky, and Alexander Gretchaninoff and Astor Piazzolla. The concert also featured a 20-minute work by Melissa Dunphy called 'American Dreamers.'

The Rourke Art Gallery Museum	Clay County	\$1,730
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The Rourke Art Gallery + Museum assembled "White Earth Window", a series by noted Minnesota photographer Wayne Gudmundson, as a touring exhibition for three Lake Agassiz Regional Library branches: the Breckenridge Public Library, Detroit Lakes Public Library, and Moorhead Public Library.

Ulen-Hitterdal School	Clay County	\$2,733
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Ulen-Hitterdal school sponsored a school residency program with mosaic artist Elizabeth Rockstad for students grade K-6 and 7-12 art students. The artist demonstrated to each class how she creates her mosaics, and discussed properties of mosaic work, her art, and how she has achieved her high level of expertise.

Alexandria Community Education	Douglas County	\$3,000
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Alexandria Community Education hired Theresa Ziebarth-Moritz, Ojibwe artist, to teach Ojibwe stories and meaning as the audience learned the art of seed beading medallions and making bone necklaces.



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

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Act Up Theatre	Clay County	\$2,000
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Act Up Theatre will hold a week-long workshop and staged reading to support the development of a new musical by Act Up Alum Alex Church and invite community conversation on the topic of addiction. The musical, titled "Relapse" by Alex Church, focuses on alcohol abuse.

Kicks Band of Fargo Moorhead	Clay County	\$3,000
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Kicks Band will use the grant to bring jazz to Hawley High school through an artist residency and history of jazz program for the community. The project is an opportunity for young musicians interested in music, specifically jazz, to work one on one with professionals and consists of three sections: masterclasses, workshops, and a public performance.

Fargo Moorhead Choral Artists	Clay County	\$2,000
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FMCA's grant will provide funding to produce their Fall Concert in October of 2022, 'Finding Voice, Giving Voice'. Repertoire presented on this concert program will include music from modern day composers, including a number of MN-based composers, and music from a number of historical periods including the Renaissance, Baroque, and Romantic eras.

Lakes Chamber Music Society	Douglas	\$3,000
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The Lakes Chamber Music Society will produce their annual summer classical chamber music four-concert series, Alexandria Festival of the Lakes. The August 2022 festival will include four concerts at a new venue this year, First Lutheran Church in Alexandria.

Browns Valley School District	Traverse	\$3,000
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The Browns Valley School District sponsored a one-week Artist in Residency with the Prairie Fire Children's Theatre with a public performance of a play. Prairie Fire Children's Theatre is a professional touring company based in Barrett, Minnesota that brings a theatrical experience to communities and schools.

Underwood Community Education	Otter Tail County	\$3,000
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Underwood Community Education sponsored a one week artist residency with Prairie Fire Theatre in the summer of 2022 for students in grades 2 - 12, featuring student education and a community production of a musical "Sleeping

Thorson Memorial Library	Grant County	\$1,194
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The Thorson Memorial Library of Elbow Lake hosted a Precious Plastic Lab Workshop Series on three separate afternoons or evenings in June 2022. The purpose of the project was to introduce a new art material that is created from

**Operating Support Grants****Arts Organizations apply for operating expenses, \$8,000 maximum**

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Act Up Theatre	Clay County	\$4,000
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The grant will assist in funding operating expenses (Advertising, marketing, postage, post office box, insurance, storage rental, etc.) and fund the expenses for services of the organization's accountant/certification monitor. 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.

Alexandria Art Guild	Douglas County	\$1,000
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The grant will fund ongoing expenses for insurance, chamber of commerce dues, website hosting and domain name, PO Box expenses, and printing costs. Alexandria Art Guild works to bring the visual artists together to form a cohesive, collaborative and cooperative artist community in Alexandria, Minnesota and surrounding area. Their mission includes building and supporting the visual artist community in the Alexandria area, community collaboration, and providing members opportunities to successfully promote, display, and sell their art.

Art of the Lakes Gallery	Otter Tail County	\$8,000
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The grant will help to pay part of the organization's part time employee's salary to free up time for artists and board. 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.

Central Lakes Symphony Orchestra	Douglas County	\$6,000
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The grant will underwrite operational salaries of key staff members within the organization and maintain sustainable leadership by offering competitive pay for clearly defined work within the contexts of best practices for non-profit management. CLSO musicians are community members, students, and teachers from Alexandria and surrounding areas, students. This organization continues to strive for excellent music making and innovation within the classical music genre by supporting new, diverse, and local composers and their works.

Evansville Arts Coalition	Douglas County	\$4,000
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This grant will fund a portion of the utilities for the organization's location, including insurance, electricity, and insurance premiums. 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.

FM Choral Artists	Clay County	\$8,000
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The grant will fund a portion of the salary for the Artistic Director to provide full seasons of choral experiences for the community and surrounding area. 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.

**Operating Support Grants (continued)****Arts Organizations apply for operating expenses, \$8,000 maximum**

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Gooseberry Park Players	Clay County	\$8,000
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The grant will fund a portion of the to pay salary of Artistic Director for the coming season. 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.

Grant County Prairie Wind Players	Grant County	\$6,000
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The grant will fund a portion of annual insurance premiums, utility expenses, and building improvement expenses for Roosevelt Hall, the home of Prairie Wind Players, freeing up funds to be directly invested into support of their core mission. PWP has presented a range of theatrical performances including larger musicals, smaller cast comedies and dramas, improvisational arts, free 'open mic' events, and other special/custom performances only seen at Roosevelt Hall.

Henning Landmark Center	Otter Tail County	\$8,000
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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.

Kicks Band of Fargo Moorhead	Clay County	\$4,000
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The grant will to upgrade the organization's stage presence via the addition of band risers, and salary support for administration. 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.

Lakes Chamber Music Society	Douglas County	\$3,300
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The grant will pay for LCMS Music Director's salary, office rent, office supplies, and mailing, printing and postage expenses. Lakes Chamber Music Society is dedicated to bringing outstanding chamber music to the residents of rural central Minnesota. Our mission is to promote a continuing interest in the arts and to support the local student and adult community by presenting high-quality musical performances in the Alexandria area.

Perham Center for the Arts	Otter Tail County	\$4,000
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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.

Phelps Mill County	Otter Tail County	\$6,000
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The grant will cover a portion of the manager and assistant manager's salaries for the 2022 annual Phelps Mill Festival in rural Otter Tail on July 9-10, 2022. 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.

**Operating Support Grants (continued)****Arts Organizations apply for operating expenses, \$8,000 maximum**

Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance      Stevens County      \$4,000

The grant will support rent and stipends for the organization's two paid contractors. 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 also have a virtual gallery featuring the art works of their members.

Prairie Woodcarvers      Douglas County      \$1,000

The grant will pay for building use for monthly carving sessions for the organization. Prairie Woodcarvers' mission is to educate and provide knowledge in the art of woodcarving to people of all ages through demonstrations as well as workshops. They meet about once a month for carving sessions, in which they like to bring in an instructor and work on a designated project.

Red Willow Arts Coalition      Douglas County      \$4,000

The grant will fund a salary for their Program Director to streamline all activities of the organization. RWAC marked its thirteenth season of concerts in 2021, and will continue to produce 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.

Terrace Mill Foundation      Pope County      \$4,000

The grant will cover a portion of the annual insurance premium and monthly utilities. Terrace Mill's arts activities usually 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      \$8,000

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

Three Rivers Arts Council      Wilkin County      \$4,000

The grant will pay for a part time Arts Programmer for the organization. The mission of the Three Rivers Arts Council is to increase awareness of, appreciation for and involvement with the arts in our community by seeking out artists, promoting art events and helping potential artists achieve their goals through community outreach, public relations and art education.