

In fiscal year 2015, Lake Region Arts Council awarded the following grants:

Artist Quick Start Grants

Individual Artists may apply for \$750.

Jeffrey Thornton	Pope County	\$750
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To offset the cost to frame 23 pieces for an exhibit at the Phipps Museum of Art in Hudson, Wisconsin in January 2015.

Michael Weatherly	Grant County	\$750
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To will be purchase silk screen equipment to further his printmaking versatility. His art was featured in the 2014 Solo Exhibition Program Group Shows, Altered Esthetics, Minneapolis, MN.

Vicky Radel	Traverse County	\$750
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To complete her studio space with the installation of an exhaust system and acquisition of paints and tools. This will enable her to create encaustic painting in a safe, well ventilated environment.

Eileen Hanson	Becker County	\$750
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To print a series of photographs for her upcoming exhibit at the Detroit Lakes Public Library in November and December 2014. She will create her marketing campaign with business cards and a brochure to promote her work.

Gary Wahl	Steven County	\$750
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To connect his physical and digital studio practices through the purchase of a desktop 3D printer capable of printing plastic objects from his files thereby improving his viability when pursuing large-scale public sculpture commissions.

Amanda Nygaard	Clay County	\$750
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To record and produce an album of original work. The grant will pay for additional time to complete the project and release the album in January 2015. She was the recent winner of the Brainerd Battle of the Bands and won time in a recording studio.

Career Development Grant

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

Blayze Buseth	Otter Tail County	\$940
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To purchase video equipment, clay and carving tools to create time lapses videos of his artistic process and carving technique. He works primarily in porcelain and creates unique vessels and custom urns.

Amanda Koskela	Clay	\$1,000
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To purchase equipment, Huion tablet and LED tracing Board to enhance her technical skills for creating a graphic novel. The digital equipment will enable her to create art at the digital level and bypass the step of converting visual images.

Barbara Nagle	Clay County	\$1,200
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To experiment with acrylic mixed media collage by utilizing acrylic paints, gel mediums and collage. She will be creating a new body of work for exhibitions in the region.

Karan Ouren Otter Tail County \$1,200

To purchase equipment and materials to make canvas stretchers, to be taught how to properly use and make stretcher and brace bars, roll of canvas, paints, paint mediums and brushes.

John Paulson

To purchase supplies and a drawing table to create geometric and abstract art and to make prints of the images.

Mary Smith

To attend a workshop at the 8th Biennial Conference of the National Basketry Organization; to focus on Tradition & Innovation in Basketry in Minneapolis, MN. She will be attending a three-day hands-on workshop "Explorations in Birch Bark" with Vladimer Yarish, an internationally respected basket maker and author from Russia

Mary Jo Wentz Otter Tail County \$1,200

To incorporate photos of the Phelps Mill machines into alcohol ink paintings depicting the surroundings of the machines, showcasing the size and function and its involvement in the process of grinding wheat into flour.

Richard Zinober Clay County \$1,200

To produce his play, "Heretics", which portrays the attempted deprogramming of a member of a new religious group. The play was selected to be performed at the Thespis Theater Festival in NYC in August 2015.

McKnight Fellowship Each year one artist is awarded \$5,000 to recognize and honor their accomplishment. (2015 Literary and Performance)

W Scott Olson Clay \$5,000

To work on his next manuscript; a collection of travel essays and photographs, that looks for and at that moment of insight one often has, or begin to have, when the world is in flux. Each essay will capture a specific facet of travel, the National Severe Storm Lab, an active fire camp, the Pony Express, Lake Superior, urban environments, former family homes, an expedition road trip, and chasing the regional news.

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

Lowell Carpenter Otter Tail County \$10,700

To create an original, full-length play written in collaboration with community residents and artists, examining the history of the Fergus Falls Regional Treatment Center to be performed at FF Center for the Arts in September 2015 during the Kirkbride celebration weekend .

Chandra Glaeseman Douglas County (moved to Otter Tail) \$4,204

To create object stories art integrating three "ordinary objects"; hunting blinds, lawn mowing techniques, and the recent construction of high tension power lines in Western Minnesota. She will be interviewing community members who have personal connections to these objects and interpreting these stories into artist expressions.

Christine Kolaya	Stevens County	\$1,020
<p>To attend and present at a professional conference for writers, the 2015 Association of Writers and Writing Programs (AWP) Conference. At the conference, she will be presenting on the "Letters from the Snow Belt: Writing in the Land of Blizzards and Cabin Fever" panel, designed to highlight the work coming from rural Minnesota and the Midwest.</p>		
David Stoddard	Otter Tail County	\$1,120
<p>to update the equipment to create music for public consumption. It will also allow him to create the marketing tools for that music, as well as to continue helping to promote the music of others.</p>		
Christopher Walla	Clay County	\$7,900
<p>To assist in the funding of a new body of work with the purchase of materials, advertise the exhibit and speak about the process. The project themes are the current divisive political climate, debt, and access to the "American Dream". He will seek to create works of art that can have poetic implications and visual splendor while engaging in a larger critical dialog of the world we live in</p>		
Mara Morken Fogarty	Clay County	\$4,240
<p>To create a "Sticks Garden" which is intended as an outdoor public arts space and garden, in Moorhead's existing arts district-- across the street from the Rourke Art Museum and along one of our cities most traversed roads. Containing 10 unique stick sculptures as well as plants and trees, this will become Moorhead's first sculpture garden.</p>		
Elise Korentayer	Otter Tail County	\$14,750
<p>To create a new original show, "Crazy About You", to tour in three venues; (New York Mills Cultural Center, Glenwood's Central Square and Detroit Lakes' Historic Holmes Theatre) with workshops, performances, and child care for families. "Crazy About You" will be a new, original thematic story-and-song concert. The show will combine stories, songs, anecdotes, and music to examine the fine line between sanity and insanity, that line's historical shift, and the nature of how individuals don't always live on one side of it.</p>		
Jon Solinger	Otter Tail County	\$7,680
<p>To publish a book of photographs about rural work and life that describes and celebrates rural heritage and identity. By emphasizing aesthetic strength and lyrical content, he will help viewers interpret interconnections between the land and those who work it. His main themes are people's attachment to a place through work and landscapes formed by human labor.</p>		
Athena Kildegaard	Stevens County	\$6,380
<p>To research and write poems about a Minnesota prairie experience, "Prairie Daughter", utilizing primary sources from the Minnesota Historical Society in St Paul. Once the book is published she will lead creative writing workshops and present three performances with music by Patty Kakac. The event will feature readings of the poems and songs written by Kakac on the same theme.</p>		

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.

Terrace Mill Foundation

To rebuild the outdoor stage in the front of Terrace Mill. The new stage will be the same dimension, 16'X 20', as the original with the exception of the height which will be one foot to accommodate handicapped and younger children.

Theatre L'Homme Dieu Douglas County \$6,000

To provide transportation to seniors and others who are not mobile and therefore unable to attend six Theatre L'Homme Dieu productions during summer 2015. The transportation will be provided by Rainbow Rider and three vehicles will be arranging schedules throughout the Alexandria region each Sunday afternoon.

Frazee Vergas Public School Becker County \$9,990

To host a two day artist educational and performance residency with "Copper Street Brass Quintet" with all four bands from grades 6 through 12, March 25-26, 2015.

Alexandria Senior Center Douglas County \$13,170

To provide: 1) a shared studio for use by glass, metal, wood, and painting artisans 2) affordable classes and demonstrations and 3) an annual show of the work of such artisans. The newly renovated space will be equipped to provide classes and studio space in metal working, glass fusing, painting and wood working. The classes will be open to the public after the renovation is completed in 2015 and the studio space will be available for a minimal fee to artists who have completed the equipment training.

City of Fergus Falls Otter Tail County \$7,544

To create a city wide arts festival focusing on the Monarch Butterfly, where arts organizations and individual artists are invited to present multi-dimensional and participative public art in a city-wide arts experience. The Monarch festival will be multidisciplinary in nature. Dance, music, visual arts, film, theatre, spoken word; all will be represented.

Minnesota State University, Moorhead,
(MSUM) College for Kids Clay County \$8,500

To purchase art supplies for the classes and to provide scholarships for youth to attend an art educational experience during the two summer sessions. The first session is June 8-18 and the second session is July 13-23. The art classes are taught by qualified art professionals from the Fargo Moorhead region.

Dilworth Glyndon Felton Public School Clay County \$5,270

To sponsor an artist residency with Fargo Moorhead Kicks Jazz Band, with master classes and a concert, "A Journey through Jazz" in February 2016. The seven musicians will be working with all band students to enhance their instrumental skills and increase their knowledge of the history of Jazz.

MSUM Cheryl Nelson Losset Performing Arts Series Clay County \$16,500

To present five performances and related activities from authentic blues to European Renaissance to classical guitar to one-man theatre to big-band jazz fusion during the 2015/16 season. The list of performers include Heritage Blues Orchestra, vocal quartet New York Polyphony, Los Angeles Guitar Quartet, and one man actor and mime show, Robert Post.

Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County	Clay County	\$2,360
<p>To sponsor an artist residency featuring Dr. Jesus Negrete, his wife and performance partner, Rita. They will perform Braceros songs and share the history of Bracero and Mexican American migrant workers in Minnesota in three school and the Pangea Festival in November 2015. The Smithsonian Institute's Traveling Exhibit, "Bittersweet Harvest", will be on display at the museum during his residency</p>		
The Rourke Art Gallery Museum	Clay County	\$14,210
<p>To create a dedicated educational space within the Rourke Art Museum and provide six months of educational programming in this space including the hiring of an educational consultant who will book the artist teachers, promote the events and staff the classes.</p>		
Hawley Public School	Clay County	\$2,840
<p>To sponsor an artist residency with Fargo Moorhead Kicks Jazz Band, with master classes and a concert, "A Journey through Jazz" in October 2015. The seven musicians will be working with all band students to enhance their instrumental skills and increase their knowledge of the history of Jazz.</p>		
Evansville Arts Coalition	Douglas County	\$16,000
<p>To repair the back brick wall of the EAC building in order to continue to provide arts activities through out the year to the community. The historic building provides an intimate space for performances, exhibits, and workshops.</p>		
History, Arts and Cultural Association of East Otter Tail County	Otter Tail County	\$6,570
<p>To present a robust 2015 Cultural Arts Series for a variety of hands-on arts educational experiences including a photo essay contest, touring Musical Theater performance and Family Studio Art classes, and to upgrade the lighting in the gallery for future exhibits.</p>		
The City of Battle Lakes	Otter Tail County	\$14,210
<p>To transform an alley into a lively pedestrian walkway with interactive public art, "Art Stream" features an 11 foot 3D fish sculpture, a community "Paint the Pavement" project with free sidewalk chalk and seating area for the public. The construction will take place during the summer of 2015.</p>		
Fergus Falls Public Arts Commission	Otter Tail County	\$10,000
<p>To install "Freedom" in the Fall 2015. "Freedom is a sculpture designed by Duluth Artist Ann Klefstad, as a public art project at a roundabout intersection. It depicts birds in playful flight, reminiscent of "heart stirring flocks of birds following a tractor in a field at harvest time".</p>		
Fergus Falls Public Center for the Arts	Otter Tail County	\$25,500
<p>To expand the outreach of the "Center Series" with four concerts and two theatre productions during the 2015/16 season. The series will include performances by jazz singer Polly Gibbons and her band, Stuart Pimlser Dance Theatre, Twin Cities gospel singer Robert Robertson and a local choir, Adonis Puentes and the Voice of Cuba Orchestra, and pianist and musical therapist Robin Spielberg along with two theatrical productions, "The Importance of Being Ernest" by the American Shakespeare Company and the children's play "Junie B Jones" by Theatre Works USA.</p>		

Wheaton Public School	Traverse County	\$9,990
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To present a 2 day artist residency with the Copper Street Brass Quintet for grades 5 to 12 focusing on a Chamber Music Skills Camp.

Wilkin County Agricultural Society	Wilkin County	\$2,000
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To present a family art event with an afternoon concert and a make and take art workshop, offering transportation for seniors.

Three Rivers Arts Council	Wilkin County	\$9,870
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To sponsor the Red River Dance in order to preserve the history of the Métis people through the traditional dancing of the Red River jig. Red River Jig is the name of both the national fiddle tune and dance of the indigenous Metis people derived from Celtic and Native steps and musical instruments (hornpipe, violin, drum).

Project Grants	Arts Organizations and Public Institutions up to \$3,000, 20% match
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Morris Area Arts Boosters	Stevens County	\$1,360
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To bring visual artist Jim Mondloch to the Morris Area Elementary School's 2nd graders to teach drawing skills, shading techniques and art terminology during a 3-day workshop.

Nordic Culture Clubs	Clay County	\$2,880
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To sponsor "Ameriikan Poijat" a Finnish brass Band to perform at the 2015 Hjemkomst Festival.

Morris Community Education	Stevens County	\$535
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To host a one week artist residency for the elementary students with Prairie Fire Children's Theatre .

Concordia College Cultural Event Series	Clay County	\$3,000
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To bring two 2014 award winners/finalists to campus as authors-in-residence for 2 days in March 2015.

New Rivers Press	Clay County	\$1,990
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To present "Publish Your Shorts: Reading, Writing, & Publishing the Short Story" PARTS 1 & 2, offers two open-to-the-public events for reading, writing, & publishing short story fiction.

Ulen Hitterdal Public School	Clay County	\$2,940
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To host professional a cappella group, "Street Corner Renaissance" from Los Angeles, CA for a two day artist residency.

New Rivers Press	Clay County	\$2,750
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to publish of Great River Road: Memory and Memoir, by Minnesota author Madelon Sprengnether, with monies requested for production and distribution costs.

Concordia Percussion Ensemble Clay County \$2,300

To provide a one day educational event for students, educators, and professional musicians at the "Day of Percussion" featuring three internationally known percussionist on Saturday, April 11, 2015.

Alexandria Public School Douglas County \$1,040

To present Cirque Zuma Zuma, known as the 'Ultimate African Circus', this show is appropriate for all ages, featuring dance, acrobatics, tumbling and music at the Alexandria Area High School Performing Arts Auditorium on September 13, 2015.

Elbow Lake Arts Advisory Board
(City of Elbow Lake) Grant County \$915

To offer a poetry workshop, award-winning poet and writer, professor of creative writing at Iowa State University: Debra Marquart on Sunday, April 12, 2015 for writers at the Elbow Lake Community Building

Elbow Lake Arts Advisory Board
(City of Elbow Lake) Grant County \$520

To present local author, Paul Burley, on his book " Stonehenge, As Above, so Below" to showcase, encourage, and support local authors on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at the Elbow Lake Community Building.

City of Perham Otter Tail County \$1,610

To sponsor an outdoor concert featuring the contemporary band, "Boomtown" at the Perham's Pioneer Village on Saturday, August 22, 2015 as a part of the celebration.

Concordia College Art Department Clay County \$2,000

To fund an art exhibit of Beijing-based artist Liu Bolin during the month of September 2015. The exhibit will be a featured component of the all-campus symposium addressing the question, "China Rising: A New Global Order?".

Cormorant Art Club Becker County \$2,180

To sponsor a 3-day workshop and demonstration with Karen Knutson, an award-winning, regional artist August 11-13, 2015 at the Cormorant Community Center, Cormorant Village.

Fargo Moorhead Chamber Chorale Clay County \$1,615

To perform its 35th Anniversary Concert featuring an Alumni Choir and three former Artistic Directors on Saturday, May 9, 2015 at Knutson Center Centrum, Concordia College in Moorhead

Gooseberry Park Players Clay County \$1,350

To hire a graphic designer to design our 2015 "Footloose" production materials including our poster, social media, playbill cover, postcards, t-shirts, and business newspaper ads for the performances July 15-19, 2015 at the Delmar J Hansen Theatre, MSUMoorhead.

History & Cultural Society of Clay County	Clay County	\$1,020
To sponsor Kari Tauring, Volva stav singer and storyteller, to demonstrate and perform at the Midwest Viking Festival June 26-27, 2015 in Viking Ship Park, Moorhead MN		
History and Cultural Association	Otter Tail County	\$2,330
To support local musicians by presenting an afternoon outdoor bluegrass concert featuring three ensembles at the Perham's Pioneer Village on Saturday, August 22, 2015 as a part of the celebration.		
Kaddatz Gallery	Otter Tail County	\$2,995
To present "Paper/Print/Book": a day of demonstrations and workshops focusing on printmaking, papermaking, and book making techniques with local presenters and the MN Center for Book Arts on Saturday, July 11, 2015.		
Minnesota Lakes Maritime Museum	Douglas County	\$3,000
To sponsor the "Chased by the Light" Brandeburg's photography exhibit featuring 90 photographs from his home and studio in the northern Minnesota from the Bell Museum, University of Minnesota for the summer season 2015.		
Phelps Mill Foundation	Otter Tail County	\$3,000
To present the a Capella vocal ensemble group "Six Appeal" to perform on Saturday, July 11, 2015 at the Phelps Mill Festival, rural Otter Tail County.		
Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance	Stevens County	\$2,910
To sponsor Julie & Gustavo Boada, Twin Cities Mask and Puppet makers, to work with children, their families and community members to tell a story about the prairie and its people in the days before railroads came at the PRCA Arts Summer Camp during August 2015 in Morris.		

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
This grant will partially fund the wages of a part-time employee who supports the organization administratively. The employee will continue to work at AOTL Gallery in downtown Battle Lake 12 hours per week from Labor Day through Memorial Day, and 22 hours per week during the summer season (June 1 - September 8 2015).		
Central Lakes Symphony Orchestra	Douglas County	\$2,090
This grant will fund the rent for the CLSO to perform three of their four concerts in the new home of the CLSO, the new Alexandria Area High School Performing Arts Center. This center will be especially advantageous for the Ballet. The orchestra pit, sound and lighting and 1,013 seats will show all performers at their finest.		
Central Square	Pope County	\$6,000
The grant will cover a portion of the utility expenses for the 2015 season. The largest portion of the utilities will be directed to the heating and air-conditioning of a two story, 1040 seat auditorium. Central Square provides a number of artistic events including performances, concerts, artistic exhibits, workshops and classes.		

Fargo Moorhead Chamber Chorale	Clay County	\$3,420
<p>This grant will cover the operating expenses in the coming season including marketing, music purchases, program printing, and piano tuning. FM Chamber Chorale is an auditioned choral ensemble: a community of vocal artists representing a range of professions, backgrounds, music experiences and education, drawn from surrounding communities through a passion for choral music.</p>		
History, Arts and Cultural Association	Otter Tail County	\$6,000
<p>This grant will help to defray a portion of HACA's largest operating costs, insurance and utilities, in order to sustain momentum and focus on producing and presenting creative work. HACA will sponsor a wide range of artistic programming during 2015 including a national touring photography and literature exhibit, photo essay competition, hands-on art classes, two rising star musical concerts, two author talks and a 12-hour cultural festival at Perham Pioneer Village.</p>		
Henning Landmark Center	Otter Tail County	\$2,490
<p>The Landmark Center will be working with John Staley to develop a long-range plan for expanding their programming and offerings as well as learning how to provide financial stability for the organization through fund-raising and contributions. Staley will also help them to capitalize on the expansion of their facility into an Artists Retreat Center.</p>		
Lakes Chamber Music Society	Douglas County	\$2,900
<p>The grant will pay for the salary of the Lakes Chamber Music Society Music Director who organizes the four professional chamber music concerts in August 2015. The musicians involved in these events are among the most talented in the region. All concerts will be held at the Alexandria United Methodist Church. The remaining amount will cover general operating support for the Lakes Chamber Music Society including office rent and postage machine expenses</p>		
Perham Center for the Arts	Otter Tail County	\$1,190
<p>The Perham Center for the Arts will be working with Tony Stoll, architect from BHH Partners, to draw plans for an elevator addition as well as the restrooms remodel to accommodate the handicapped. The building, formerly St. Stanislaus Church, is a large facility which can accommodate 300 people and is a prime location to offer cultural and artistic activities.</p>		
Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance	Stevens County	\$3,460
<p>The grant will pay for a portion of the salaries for three part-time positions, their gallery manager, media specialist and the bookkeeper. This will enable PRCA to continue to meet current demands and increased interest from community and artists and to provide workshops, exhibitions, youth classes and summer camps, along with other special artistic events for the community.</p>		
Prairie Wind Players Community Theatre	Grant County	\$4,470
<p>The grant will pay for three funding categories; a portion of the PWP Executive Director's salary, a percentage of the annual utilities, and the acquisition of additional lighting equipment for the theatre. PWP will mount three theatrical productions in their 2015 season along with providing performance space for other artistic events during the year.</p>		
Red Willow Arts Coalition	Douglas County	\$1,180
<p>The grant will pay for the purchase of an office laptop and bookkeeping software for the board's administrative work. In addition, RWAC will hire a consultant to develop a web presence with a new website to market their summer Court House Concert Series which will feature 15 free concerts and performances on Thursday evenings for the public.</p>		
Terrace Mill Foundation	Pope County	\$2,500
<p>The grant will pay a portion of the utilities and annual insurance premium for their 2015 season. Terrace Mill features a number of art events during the summer season including three gallery exhibits, two children's theatre workshops and performance, and their annual Fiddlers Contest, along with other special artistic events.</p>		