

In fiscal year 2016, Lake Region Arts Council awarded the following grants:

Artist Quick Start Grants

Individual Artists may apply for \$750.

Lina Belar	Otter Tail County	\$750
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To grow and improve her collection of poems and increase the number accepted for publication. She will be taking a poetry workshop through the Loft, "Poems as Paper Airplanes", attending the "Verse Like Water" workshop in Brainerd.

Laura Rose Kinney	Clay County	\$750
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To create an artist book containing selected short stories by four authors. She will design, illustrate, print, and bind an edition of 50 books. With this project she will challenge herself to create a cohesive artwork while working with multiple collaborators. The stories will be illustrated with multi-colored linoleum block prints.

Dennis Krull	Clay County	\$750
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To take a photo encaustic workshop which will help him take his photographic illustrations to a new level, create one of a kind pieces, and show them in various art galleries including his new Gallery in Moorhead.

Ashley Kunz	Clay County	\$750
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To work on a new series of abstract oil paintings and will be purchasing canvas, paint, and brushes. This new series will utilize some of the same basic elements of her work but will include more texture and different structures and designs.

Sara Ronnevik	Otter Tail County	\$750
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To complete her illustration portfolio in order to expand her exposure in the publishing industry. For her illustration artwork she uses oil-based linoleum block printing and watercolor.

Sharon Thalman	Douglas County	\$750
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To direct "Dashing through the Snow" which will be the first cooperative production between two regional theatres: Prairie Wind Players, Barrett, MN, November 2015 and Alexandria Area Arts, Alexandria, MN, December 2015.

Career Development Grant

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

Mark Elton	Clay County	\$660
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To promote his new book containing his series of animal illustrations titled "Atypical Animal Book". The book will utilize clean, minimalist design aesthetics to emphasize the illustrations, as well as easy to understand syntax so as to appeal to kids as a book about animals

Suzanne Legatt	Clay County	\$1,200
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To create a new multi-faceted visual art project exploring the history, traditions, personal experiences, associations, and practices of rural Minnesota culture. Using digital photography, sculpture, installation, and mixed-media techniques, as well as collaborative and social practice methods, this project will work with various elderly residents of rural Minnesota to create a visual and audio archive of the unique individual experiences that comprise and define the quintessential MN culture.

Annette Marchand Clay County \$1,200

To purchase a potter's wheel to create pottery to sell/show in museums, galleries and art/craft sales. She strives to create a sense of personification in each ceramic piece which reflects a connection with her imagination.

Scott Moen Otter Tail County \$1,200

To build and broaden his sensibilities as an artist; by seeking hands-on exposure and instruction to two distinct disciplines, one somewhat familiar and one completely new. He will attend the "Pastel Plein Air Painting" workshop at the Grand Marais Art Colony in July as well as the "Figurative Sculpture" workshop at the Minnetonka Art Center at the next offering. His artistic style is realistic with a bit of impressionism.

Jimmy Park Clay County \$1,1900

To purchase a camera that will help expand his artistic growth. He will use it to strengthen the clarity of his work as he photographs and submits digital imagery for exhibitions, updating his website imagery, collect research material for paintings developed in his studio.

Amber Parson Clay County \$1,200

To update her ceramic studio with the acquisition of a digital kiln. The use of a digital kiln will greatly enhance her findings through the conservation of time and the ability to perform advanced firing techniques. Her long term goal is to create a large sculptural body of work that will be intended for a museum or gallery.

Amy Schmidt Wilkin County \$670

To attend a Watercolor workshop at Art of the Lakes Gallery, Battle Lake and will be purchasing an easel. Her current focus is realism, and her intent is to create beautiful vibrant art that people can enjoy. She is compelled to paint, and would like to improve the quality and share her creations.

Jon Thompson Douglas County \$1,180

To purchase torch jewelry welding equipment, patinas, and related supplies, as well as a sturdy tent. The portable soldering torch which will allow him to explore the production of new and innovative jewelry through hot connections. His goal is to create jewelry through new methods and bring it to several public art shows as well as galleries and museums in the LRAC region.

McKnight Fellowship Each year one artist is awarded \$5,000 to recognize and honor their accomplishment. (2016 Music and Visual Arts)

Nathaniel Dickey Clay County \$5,000

To recording six works for solo trombone (four with piano accompaniment). He will be working with a collaborating musician (pianist Andrew Steinberg) and a recording engineer (Erik Vigesaa). The album will feature recent works by living American composers for solo trombone (unaccompanied and with piano). Several of the works will be his own compositions along with another local composer.

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

Samuel Norman Otter Tail County \$11,980

To open his studio in the Cascade Street Depot, Fergus Falls where he will be offering demonstrations and classes for the public. The grant will fund the additional equipment for hands on classes for little to no cost. The classes will include hand building, wheel throwing, trimming, glazing techniques and kiln firing.

Mary Jo Wentz Otter Tail County \$2,140

To teach two workshops on "Painting with Alcohol Inks" during the summer of 2016, one at History, Arts, and Cultural Association in Perham and the other at Off the Wall Gallery in Clitherall. Each location will offer a series of 4 workshops, each workshop consisting of two-hours of art education and activity. The grant will cover the materials and supplies for the workshops in order to make it affordable for all participants.

Paulette Friday Douglas County \$16,840

To grow her storytelling skills through the staging of a production centered on the stories and music of Minnesota's immigrant pioneers. Working with other performers, the music will be paired with historically accurate stories. These stories and songs will be reflective of the experiences of thousands as they left their homelands, traveled across the ocean, and came to America. Free performances will be presented at Fort Alexandria at Runestone Museum, Alexandria, at Evansville Arts Coalition in the RR & 2nd Hall, at Discovery Middle School, Alexandria, specifically for the sixth grade class. The performance will be videotaped and edited to share with assisted living facilities.

Michael Weatherly Grant County \$8,790

To research and create a series of 8 large scale lino wood cuts for a solo exhibit at Prairie Renaissance Cultural Center, Morris and Kaddatz Galleries, Fergus Falls, MN in 2017. In addition, he will be the lead artist for two children's workshops which will feature the Steam Roller Press at each location. The workshops will be themed and the completed work will be exhibited at each galley

Bethany Lacktorin Pope County \$6,479

To premiere a new, multi-disciplinary, outdoor, site-specific performance installation titled, "My Ocean", taking place on the historically, culturally, and ecologically vibrant Ordway Prairie nature preserve in Pope County, MN, August 2016. She will lead limited-size audiences on an hour-long walk through a carefully constructed sound and performance installation traversing, a diverse range of ecological habitats, as well as the ruins of the Dakota War-era Ft. Lake Johanna, The walk will culminate at a majestic 360 degree panorama in the heart of Ordway Prairie. A community orchestra and choir will provide a musical element to the walk.

Lina Belar Otter Tail County \$2,000

To research, write, publish and perform a poetry book, "Flyover Zone", hiring an editor and creating a marketing campaign. Since her semi-retirement a few years ago, she has focused her time and energy on realizing her life-long goal of creating of poetry. Her work was published in "Poets Across Minnesota" program sponsored by the Northern Lights Library Network.

Mandel Mertz Clay County \$1,200

To create a public art mural in downtown Moorhead. The mural is intended to be a source of pride and beauty. The mural will be approx. 250 sf on the exterior, eastern facing wall at 1416 First Ave. North.

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.

City of Hoffman (Local Government) Grant County \$10,000

To cover the expense to mount an original theatrical performance depicting the history of the town and the many colorful characters and moments for the 125th celebration festival. The Script will be developed from local history by playwright, Mark Jensen, former Hoffman native resident.

Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County Clay County \$15,760

To sponsor a series of workshops in the region for the community trainers to prepare audio-describers from a wide range of arts organizations to serve the needs of patrons who are blind or have low vision. The presenter of the workshop will be Audio Description Solutions (ADS). Founded in 1981, ADS co-founded the Audio Description Coalition with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Arts and the International Leadership Exchange in the Arts and Disabilities Conference, leaders in the field of audio description; ADS specializes in audio description for all art forms including museum, theater, film and multi-media and provides customized training to our needs with ongoing consultation and supports.

Central Square Pope County \$10,000

To pay for a portion of the cost to repair an exterior wall of the auditorium. The masonry business (Karr Tuckpointing) will be performing the repairs needed to prevent Central Square from crumbling away. Its magnificent auditorium will stand solidly to serve the artistic needs of generations to come.

City of Pelican Rapids Otter Tail County \$5,565

To honor the "Nimuué, Glacial Woman", by sponsoring an artist residency in the school and a community wide celebration. The residency will feature local artist, Marcella Rose, working with the students to create sculptures from clay. The students will learn about the bronze sculpture designed by Rose to memorialize the glacial woman found near Pelican Rapids in 1931. The community celebration will be June 2016 with art, music, and Native American dance. .

Ulen Hitterdal Public School Clay County \$1550

To sponsor a four-day school residency program on April 24-28, 2016 with Ann Clayton, metal and jewelry artist, for students grades K-6, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12 advanced art class. The project would also include an evening session with the artist inviting the local visual arts organization members, Northern Lights Art Guild, and open to the general public. .

Alexandria Public School Douglas County \$5,000

To sponsor an artist residency featuring the St Paul Ballet, with a masterclass and a performance of "An American in Paris". There will be an audition of dance students from 3 local studios and AAHS who will be incorporated into the performance, along with a master class the evening before at the Performing Arts Center.

City of Elbow Lake Arts Advisory Board Grant Count \$5,270

To present a Native American Dance exhibition and presentation. Ten dancers will showcase several dances from the Anishinaabe and Lakota cultures. A presenter will speak on the cultural significance of each dance. The event will be held during Elbow Lake's annual Flekkefest celebration and festival on August 6, 2016, and will be offered free to the public.

MSU Moorhead, College for Kids and
Teens Clay County \$15,000

To sponsor student scholarships and purchase supplies for the four week summer arts programs. CFK&T provides a great quality educational opportunity for regional K - 12 students that have an interest in a wide variety art types and mediums. The goal is to not only expand their horizons, but challenge them. The courses are taught by a variety of experienced adult art educators. The scholarships ensure that all students will have access to quality summer art activities

DLCCC Historic Holmes Theatre Becker County \$19,130

To present 7 productions for the 2016-17 season. The season will begin and end with popular musical performances by two Grammy award winning singer-songwriters – Marc Cohn (September) and Roseanne Cash (May). Opening acts for both of these national talents will feature acclaimed Minnesota singer-songwriters, Jeremy Messersmith (opening for Cohn) and Chris Koza (opening for Cash). In January 2017 a performance by regional favorite Matt Velline, performing Neil Diamond songs, is also planned. Two scheduled innovative projects in the fall include Test Pilot, a dance opera featuring a string quartet, singers and dancers - as well as Mixed Blood's Spanish-English presentation of Love in the time of Cholera. Planned family shows for spring 2017 are Seussical, a showcase of Dr. Seuss classics by TheatreWorks USA and the visually stunning presentation of Tout a Trac's Alice in Wonderland.

Detroit Lakes High School Becker County \$7,456

To sponsor an artist residency with "Copper Street Brass Quintet" with master classes and performances on March 2 - 3, 2017. CSBQ will provide a two-day educational and performance residency to work with high school students and to perform and teach for all K-5 elementary students and the middle school band students.

Fergus Falls Center for the Arts Otter Tail County \$27,500

To present 7 productions for the 2016-17 season with educational outreach. Six of the shows represent the principal diverse events being presented by AC4TA and the 7th is a professional children's touring production. The season will include international music with the US debut of Spain's Las Migas, The HillBenders playing and singing The Who's rock opera, "Tommy" in a bluegrass style, Gypsy Swing from Harmonious Wail, classical music and ballet with the Minnesota Ballet's production of Stravinsky's "Firebird", classic theatre with American Shakespeare Center's "Romeo and Juliet", big band era music with the Glenn Miller Orchestra and an actors equity production for youth by Theatreworks USA of youth musical, "Skippyjon Jones: Snow What".

Kaddatz Galleries Otter Tail County \$5,870

To incorporate plein air drawing and painting into the 2016 summer programming. There will be two in-depth plein air drawing workshops for adults, one plein air workshop for kids/teens, and three public demonstrations over the course of the summer. There will also be several plein air drawing groups that will meet informally at different locations over the summer and the works from participants to be included in an exhibition in September 2016

University of Minnesota, Morris, English
Discipline Stevens County \$3,960

To provide two literary workshops at the 2016 Prairie Gate Literary Festival, presented by Hazel & Wren, a MN literary arts organization on October 21-22, 2016. Hazel & Wren hosts a series of events called "Lonely Arts", which "re-purpose[s] the form of speed dating to help writers find what they really need—a good critique partner." Lonely Arts events are structured to simulate a three-course meal during which writers regularly change their writing partners.

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

Alexandria Area High School	Douglas County	\$1,140
To sponsor an artist residency featuring the University of Minnesota Brass Symposium working with the high school band and a public concert, November 2015.		
Concordia College Cultural Event Series	Clay County	\$3,000
To bring two 2015 award winners/finalists to campus as authors-in-residence for 2 days for the 11th annual National Book Awards, March 2016.		
Henning Landmark Center	Otter Tail County	\$2,480
To sponsor an artist residency with ceramic artist, Sean Scott, working with students, teaching an community workshop and exhibiting at the Center, April 2016.		
Historical & Cultural Society of Clay County	Clay County	\$2,480
To host an exhibit of Native American artist Laura Youngbird while exhibiting the Imprinting the West exhibit, January through April 2016.		
Morris Community Education	Stevens County	\$650
To sponsor Prairie Fire Children's Theatre workshop and performance "Robin Hood" with Morris Elementary students, December 2015.		
Nordic Culture Clubs	Clay County	\$3,000
To sponsor the New York Kammermusiker ensemble at the 39th Scandinavian Hjemkomst Festival, June 2016		
Perham Center for the Arts	Otter Tail County	\$1,520
To sponsor two concerts by the Red River Valley Veterans Concert Band, May 2016.		
Ulen Hiiterdal Public School	Clay County	\$625
To sponsor an artist residency with "AudioBody" with workshops and public performance, May 2016.		
Art of the Lakes Gallery	Otter Tail County	\$1,600
To create a "Pop Up Dancing Tour of Battle Lake" for the Battle Lake 125th Celebration, July 23, 2016.		
Concordia College Art Department	Clay County	\$3,000
To sponsor an exhibit featuring "Hend Al Manour", a Minneapolis based artist, August 28 to September 25, 2016.		
Evansville Art Coalition	Douglas County	\$350
To sponsor a First Friday concert featuring "The Three Rays", April 2016.		

Evansville Arts Coalition	Douglas County	\$290
To sponsor a First Friday concert featuring "Kevin Klimek", May 6, 2016.		
Evansville Arts Coalition	Douglas County	\$240
To sponsor a First Friday concert featuring "Jill Zimmerman", August 5, 2016		
Evansville Arts Coalition	Douglas County	\$420
To sponsor a First Friday concert featuring "Broken Fiddle", September 2, 2016		
Evansville Arts Coalition	Douglas County	\$240
To sponsor a First Friday concert featuring "Keith Martinson", November 4, 2016.		
Evansville Arts Coalition	Douglas County	\$1,400
To sponsor a First Friday concert featuring "Route 3", December 2, 2016		
Fargo Moorhead Choral Artists	Clay County	\$3,000
To sponsor "Community Sings" event offering an opportunity for the public to sing selected portions of Handel's "Messiah" with the FMCA choir and an orchestra, June 14, 2016.		
Henning Landmark Center	Otter Tail County	\$2,520
To sponsor "Lorelei Sims", metal artist and blacksmith, for a two day artist residency, featuring demonstrations, workshops and school presentation, September 22 - 24, 2016.		
Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County	Clay County	\$1,980
To sponsor a German American Band, "Mississippi Valley Dutchmen", for their 4th annual German Culture Day, September 17, 2016.		
Minnesota Lakes Maritime Museum	Douglas County	\$3,000
To present the photography exhibit "X-Ray Vision: Fish Inside Out" from the Smithsonian Institute for the 2016 summer season.		
MSU Moorhead Department of Music	Clay County	\$2,585
To sponsor a "Day of Percussion", an artist residency with clinics and concerts featuring 3 guest artists specializing in marimba, drum set, and Middle Eastern hand percussion, November 5, 2016.		
New York Mills Cultural Center	Otter Tail County	\$3,000
To present a street theatre event, "The Puppet Pageant" based on the Finnish national epic poem, the Kalevala, August 19, 2016.		

Prairie Wind Players Community Theatre Grant County \$6,000

The grant will cover the expenses for painting the upper level of the exterior entrance to Roosevelt Hall. Because of the building's height, a professional painter with commercial grade scaffolding will be hired to complete the work during the spring of 2016.

Red Willow Arts Coalition Douglas County \$2,050

The grant will pay for a portion of the new Program Director's salary. This newly created position will coordinate 15 concerts on Thursday nights at the Douglas County Courthouse lawn during the summer of 2016. The remainder of the grant will cover a liability insurance required to stage these events.

Terrace Mill Foundation Pope County \$4,500

The grant will pay a portion of the utilities and annual insurance premium for their 2016 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.