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ECRAC Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund Organization Grant Program-

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Deadlines are November 1, February 1, and April 1.

City of Cambridge City Park Music Concert Series
\$7,929

Grant Project Summary: During this project, the City of Cambridge will host an open to the public summer music concert series to be held outdoors at the Cambridge City Park amphitheater/shelter. The series includes seven bands: Spirit River Scandiband, on July 28 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.; The Teddy Bear Band on August 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; My Famous Friends Band on August 4 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Drivin' Wheels Band on August 11 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Kenny Krona and Rick Stener on August 18 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; White Sidewalls Band on August 25 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and Ring of Kerry Band on September 1 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All concerts will be provided free of charge to the public.

Chisago Lakes Community Education Artists Inspiring Children
\$15,000

Grant Project Summary: During this project, Chisago Lakes Community Education will contract with 18 local artists to teach their artistic skills and share their artistic passions with the youth of southern Chisago County during after school classes and two parent-child classes in the evening. Classes will be offered in the disciplines of acting and theatre arts, pottery, piano instruction, pencil drawing, painting, mural making, knitting, wood building, clogging, Hula, photography, cinematography, magic performing arts, and singing. The classes will take place Monday through Friday afternoons between 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. from September through December. These classes are open to all students who live in the Chisago Lakes Area school district.

Chisago Lakes Community Education It's Never Too Late to Become an Artist
\$15,000

Grant Project Summary: During this project, art classes taught by local artists will be offered to the adult residents of southern Chisago County through Chisago Lakes Community Education during the fall, winter, and spring of 2016 and 2017. Artists will share their artistic passions with adults allowing them to experience art first hand alongside an artist. There will be a project-ending art show in April of 2017 where the work of the adult students will be displayed alongside that of the artist instructors.

Chisago Lakes Community Education Afternoons With Artists
\$15,000

Grant Project Summary: During this project, Chisago Lakes Community Education will contract with local artists to teach their artistic skills to the youth of southern Chisago County during after school classes and evening advanced classes. Classes will be offered in the disciplines of acting and theatre arts, pottery, piano instruction, pencil drawing, painting, mural making, knitting, furniture building, clogging, Hula, photography, cinematography, magic performing arts and singing. An additional component will be advanced instruction in drawing, pottery, painting, and photography. The project will culminate in an art show to be held during the month of December, 2016.

Franconia Sculpture Park 2016 Music at Franconia Concert Series and Guided Tours
\$15,000

Grant Project Summary: During this project, Franconia Sculpture Park will provide musical performances and guided tours of Franconia's sculpture exhibition. The series includes 3 concert events: Country and Swing (6/25/16), Latin Dance (7/16/16), and American Roots & Rock (8/27/16). All events will be free and open to the public from 2:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. beginning with an opening act followed by the headliner performers. Guided exhibition tours will be offered between music sets.

Franconia Sculpture Park 2016 Community Collaboration Hot Metal Pour Program
\$15,000

Grant Project Summary: During this project, Franconia Sculpture Park will provide five art-making workshops on July 30, July 31, August 3, August 4, and August 6, 2016, and will present a full-day live metal pour demonstration event on Saturday, August 6, 2016. The project will provide opportunities to create three-dimensional artwork, to hand-carve a sand mold that will be permanently cast in iron, and to participate in the multi-step process of iron sculpture-making.

Franconia Sculpture Park 2016 Art and Artists Celebration
\$15,000

Grant Project Summary: During this project, Franconia Sculpture Park will provide an arts festival and music event on September 17, 2016, as the official public opening reception to celebrate over 40 new sculptures created by Franconia's 2016 Fellowship, Iron, and Intern Artists, and will celebrate the anniversary of Franconia's 20th year. Activities throughout the day

will include: guided exhibition tours, art-making stations including “Make Your Own Art”, family art activities; concerts; and theatre performances.

Isanti County Parks Department Anderson Park Sculptures
\$8,000

Grant Project Summary: During this project, The Isanti County Parks Department will contract with artist Keith Raivo for the design, construction, and installation of two life-size Sandhill Crane sculptures to be installed in the native prairie vegetation near the entrance to Irving & John Anderson County Park. The sculptures will be three-dimensional with lifelike shapes and will be installed onto concrete frost footings with stone facing.

Isle School District #473 Arts Around Mille Lacs
\$7,987

Grant Project Summary: During the Arts Around Mille Lacs project, Isle Community Education will provide workshop opportunities for learning, observing, and appreciating the arts through the late summer, fall, and early winter of 2016. The activities will be offered free of charge to a broad array of ages and skill levels, and include: Youth Pottery Camp (grades 6 and up); Water Color Painting (grade 9 through adult); iPhone Photography; Introduction to Photoshop Elements (ages 15 through adult); Stained Glass (adults only); Block Cutting and Printing (ages 10 through adult); Navajo Rug Making (for Elementary Students). The artwork produced will be displayed to the public in several community locations, including: the Onamia Depot Library, the Mille Lacs Lake Community Library in Isle, the Isle Recreation and Education Center, the Rolf Olsen Community Center in Onamia, and Onamia Elementary School. Public activities will also include Open Studio Days during the Youth Pottery Camps in both Isle and Onamia.

City of Lindstrom Marlene Smith Statue
\$15,000

Grant Project Summary: This project involves the creation and placement of a permanent full-size bronze statue of Marlene Smith to be placed in the east plaza garden area located between Highway 8 and North First Avenue in Lindstrom. This project phase will take place in the artist’s studio during the winter months with preliminary design and construction of the sculpture in steel and clay. Local art students, school classes, city residents, interested people, other artists, etc., will be invited to an open house to tour the studio and learn about the process and project. An grand opening will be held when the sculpture is completed and installed.

Milaca Fine Arts Council 2016 Music in the Park
\$8,410

Grant Project Summary: During this project, the Milaca Fine Arts Council will present a series of community concerts on June 23, June 30, July 14 and July 21, 2016. These Thursday evening concerts will allow the community to experience a variety of music genres in Milaca’s Recreation Park, making use of the newly renovated historic band shell. The concerts will be presented free of charge, providing local access to those who do not otherwise have opportunities to participate in arts and music performances.

City of Mora Music in the Park
\$15,000

Grant Project Summary: During this project, The City of Mora will provide the public with a wide variety of family friendly musical experiences. The 2016 Music in the Park concert series will include 12 Thursday evening concerts scheduled from June 2 through August 25. These concerts will each last 1-2 hours and will be held at Mora's Library Park. All concerts are scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be free and open to the public.

Pine City Arts Council Art in Concert
\$13,900

Grant Project Summary: During this project, Pine City Arts Council will provide three open to the public performances at the Pine City High School Auditorium : Barley Jacks - October 1, 2017; Stages Theatre Velveteen Rabbit - March 31-April 1, 2017; and Copper Street Brass - April 21, 2017. Copper Street Brass will also provide an arts learning experience to the Pine City High School Band students, exploring and analyzing how a variety of genres and styles contribute to the creation of music.

Pine County Agricultural Society Pine County Fair Performances
\$9,000

Grant Project Summary: During this project, The Pine County Agricultural Society will provide music performances at the Pine County fair on August 3, 2016 through August 7, 2016. Various local and regional entertainers will perform during the 5 days of the fair. The opening show begins Wednesday evening at 5 pm, with Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday entertainment times of noon, 2:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday evening shows are scheduled from 8 pm to midnight. The types of musical entertainment include country, old time, gospel, and rock n roll.

Wyoming Area Creative Arts Community ADA Improvements to Halberg Center for the Arts
\$13,635

Grant Project Summary: During this project, the Wyoming Area Creative Arts Community (WACAC) will improve the accessibility of its facility. An ADA Transition Plan has been developed that identifies improvements necessary to make the venue and programming accessible to all persons and compliant with ADA requirements. The project will provide access to the main floor gallery of the Halberg Center for the Arts for persons with mobility impairments and will culminate in an open to the public event.

Wyoming Area Creative Arts Community In. Art Show
\$8,572

Grant Project Summary: During this project, the Wyoming Area Creative Arts Community (WACAC) will present its first juried art show entitled In. Art Show at the Hallberg Center for the Arts in Wyoming, Minnesota, from August 18th through September 17th. The opening reception and awards ceremony will be held on Thursday, September 1, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and will remain up through the end of the month. The show is open to visual artists ages 18 and over living in Region 7E and the surrounding area.

ECRAC Small/Arts Project Grant Program

Grants from \$500 to \$5,000 will be made to organizations (501(c)3 nonprofits, units of government, schools, or groups that use a fiscal agent). A 1:1 match is required. 10% must be an assured cash match. These grants are for art projects of any discipline.

Deadlines are November 1, February 1, and April 1

East Central Minnesota Pride East Central MN Pride in the Park 2016
\$4,710

Grant Project Summary: Marking the twelfth annual regional celebration in Pine City, East Central Minnesota Pride will provide live music and performances from three different musical groups. This picnic-type event will be held in downtown Pine City's Robinson Park on June 5, 2016, from noon to 5:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Family Pathways Arts for Respite
\$4,875

Grant Project Summary: During this project, Family Pathways will provide artistic experiences for older adults with dementia via Family Pathways In-Home Respite program and Adult Day Break social respite programs in Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec and Pine Counties. Regional artists will guide step-by-step instructions in group settings allowing each participant to accomplish a completed art project with the help of a volunteer. Individual Art Kits will be provided to help older adults receive stimulation in their own homes during visits from Family Pathways volunteers.

Franconia Sculpture Park 2016 Guided Exhibition Tour Program
\$5,000

Grant Project Summary: During this project, Franconia Sculpture Park will provide its 2016 Guided Exhibition Tour program, which will be conducted from May through October 2016. This program provides the public with guided tours and hands-on arts activities led by professional artists and staff in an exploration of the over 100 sculptures on exhibition at Franconia Sculpture Park. Through this program, participants will develop a deeper understanding of three-dimensional design elements and principles via guided exhibition tours and art-making activities taught by professional teaching artists and staff.

Franconia Sculpture Park Kids Make Sculpture
\$5,000

Grant Project Summary: During this project, Franconia Sculpture Park will provide a hands-on arts learning and art-making program for youth ages 4-18. Participants will build larger-than-life sculptures under the direct guidance of Franconia artists during Saturday afternoon workshops

to be held from 1:00-4:00 p.m. on May 28, June 11, July 23, August 20, and September 10, 2016.

Franconia Sculpture Park 2017 Valentine's Day Hot Metal Pour Program
\$5,000

Grant Project Summary: During this project, Franconia Sculpture Park will provide a winter art-making program consisting of 8 art-making workshops held on January 28 and 29, and February 4 and 5, 2017 during which community members of all ages will have the opportunity to create individually-designed relief sculptures. A live metal pour event will be held on February 11, 2017 where attendees will observe a live metal pour and learn about the process of metal casting.

City of Lindstrom Lindstrom Bakery Mural
\$4,100

Grant Project Summary: This project involves the creation of an 80' long by 10' high mural of a historic 1880 railroad trestle painted on the west exterior wall of the Lindstrom Bakery building.

City of Lindstrom Karl Oskar Days Glass Blowing Demonstration
\$4,132

Grant Project Summary: During this project, the City of Lindstrom will offer live demonstrations of the art of glass blowing. Local glass blower Alan Honn will conduct 10 hourly glass blowing demonstrations during two days of the 2016 Karl Oskar Days Celebration - Saturday, July 9th, from noon until 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 10th, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Pine City Heritage Players 2016 Production of "Noises Off"
\$3,350

Grant Project Summary: During this project, The Pine City Heritage Players will produce a play production entitled Noises Off. Performance dates include: April 2, at 7:00 p.m.; April 3, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.; April 7, at 7:00 p.m.; April 8, at 7:00 p.m.; and April 9, at 7:00 p.m. All performances will be held at the Pine City High School Auditorium.

Wyoming Area Creative Arts Community Kids Can Be Artists, Too 2016
\$5,000

Grant Project Summary: During this project, the Wyoming Area Creative Arts Community will provide the 4th annual "Kids Can Be Artists, Too!" event to be held on September 9-11, 2016 in Wyoming, MN. Activities will include a children-of-all-ages painting experience with acrylic paints on canvas with artist volunteers who act as mentors. This free and open to the public event also includes an exhibition opportunity at the Hallberg Center for the Arts in Wyoming, from September 22nd through October 15th.

ECRAC Art In Our Schools Grant Program

Grants up to \$3,000 are available to schools. This program supplements the existing school arts curriculum with such projects as artistic residencies, arts related field trips, and special arts events or projects. Grants must be arts focused and may be used to support all students and/or student groups such as drama club, art classes, entire grades, or gifted and talented students. There must be an open to the public event.

Deadlines are November 1, February 1, and April 1.

East Central Schools ISD# 2580 Storytelling and Music of the Kettle River
\$3,000

Grant Project Summary: During this project, East Central Schools will provide educational sessions about the folklore of Minnesota utilizing artistic storytelling and music in classroom settings. Over the course of four days, musician and storyteller Fred Keller will hold 50-minute sessions with 6 groups of students each day during the week of May 16-20, 2016. A free community concert will be performed by The Skally Line duet (Keller with Tom Cornish) on May 18, 2016 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The students and concertgoers will be introduced to regional folklore storytelling and how music can be a part of storytelling.

Hinckley-Finlayson Schools ISD# 2165 Spring Play 2016 – Community Theatre Expansion
\$2,500

Grant Project Summary: During this project, students of Hinckley-Finlayson Schools will have the chance to work alongside fellow actors from the community to create a production of the school's 2016 Spring Play. Students will be given time before and after practices to corroborate and learn from community members, sharing their ideas and learning new techniques. The project includes expansion of the audition pool to include community members, as well as increasing production values for the Spring Play to create a higher quality experience for community members and students.

Princeton Schools ISD# 477 Jewelry and Glass Fusion
\$2,500

Grant Project Summary: This project will allow students to work with a local artist, learning the elements and principles of design and the tools, techniques and procedures of glass fusion, by creating individualized glass pendants. There will be an open to the public demonstration.

ECRAC Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund Grant Program for Individual Artists

This program provides grants up to \$2,500 to individual artists. Funds may be spent on arts and arts access, arts education and arts and cultural heritage, and may be used in creating, producing, or presenting high quality arts projects. All projects are required to have an open to the public event as part of their project.

Deadlines are November 1, February 1, and April 1.

Erica Belkholm First Solo Show

\$2,500

Grant Project Summary: During this project, the artist will exhibit up to fifteen pieces of artwork in her first solo show to be held at the Pine Center for the Arts in Pine City, MN. The date of the opening reception is Friday, September 9th, 2016, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The show will be up during regular exhibition hours from September 9th to October 2016.

Kelli Tubbs Fundamentals of Double Drumming & Ragtime Drumming

\$2,500

Grant Project Summary: This project involves the artist learning the fundamentals of two music styles in the timeline of American popular music (from the 1860s to the 1910s) and the refurbishing of antique musical instruments. With the assistance of a videographer from the region, video vignettes will tell the story of the percussion instruments and accessories used during the time periods. The videos will be uploaded to her YouTube channel. The project will culminate in an educational/informational discussion about the music and drums of this time period, including a double drumming demonstration.

Kelli Tubbs Brushes and Cymbals Techniques for Traditional Jazz Drumming

\$2,500

Grant Project Summary: During this project, the artist will receive instruction in proper choke cymbal, China cymbal, foot-operated cymbals, and brushes techniques specific to traditional jazz drumming (circa 1915 through 1930). The project also includes the purchase of one vintage 12" cymbal (circa 1930s); the creation of video vignettes that will describe hoop-mounted cymbals and foot-operated cymbals. It will also include a public event that includes a discussion of the art form and a performance by regional musicians in the traditional jazz style.

ECRAC/McKnight Individual Artist Grant Program

Grants up to \$1,000 are available to individual artists. This program provides financial support to artists committed to personal artistic growth. Applications are encouraged from artists in all disciplines. The program funds specific art projects designed to enhance the artistic skills, artwork and/or the artistic career of the individual artist.

Deadlines are November 1, February 1, and April 1.

Carole Bersin - Figurative Intensive

\$1,000

Grant Project Summary: During this project, the artist will attend life drawing sessions at two different locations, the Pineapple Arts Center in Duluth and the Minnesota Figure Study Collaborative in Minneapolis, attending a minimum of 30 sessions at the Pineapple Arts Center and 10 sessions at the Minnesota Figure Collaborative. The artist's goal is to deepen her artistic skills by drawing and painting the human figure in a more intentional way.

Gail Gates -Towards Impressionistic Art

\$1,000

Grant Project Summary: This project will allow the artist to receive lessons from a photography mentor on how to capture iPad images and manipulate them through digital applications, and then produce a series of photographs, with the goal of selecting one for entry into East Central Regional Arts Council's IMAGE Art Show. The artist wishes to strengthen her photographic skills in representative and impressionistic art.

Katherine Hovland -Natural Plant Dyes Course at North House Folk School

\$960

Grant Project Summary: During this project, the artist will attend a Natural Plant Dyes workshop in Grand Marais. During the workshop, the artist will learn preservation methods for the plant dyes and will practice dyeing fabrics using the Japanese Shibori method. The artist will also learn additional methods of manipulating color with the use of natural dyes on natural fibers, enhancing her current investigation into color effects on each other and on various natural fibers.

Kathy Marcy - Musikgarten

\$1,000

Grant Project Summary: During this project, the artist will attend a workshop in Evanston, IL at the Music Institute of Chicago. This workshop will increase her training in working with parents and children, and will allow her to gain tools in sharing with parents the importance of early education in music.

Richard Marcy - Watercolor Project
\$950

Grant Project Summary: During this project, the artist will purchase high quality brushes, paint, and paper to help further develop his skills as a watercolor painter, and will produce 4 show-quality watercolor pieces. The artist will be working on still life and plein air landscapes with a focus on learning to control the watercolor medium.

Barbara Orstad - Natural Plant Dyes Course at North House Folk School
\$960

Grant Project Summary: During this project, the artist will attend a Natural Plant Dyes workshop in Grand Marais, MN. During the workshop, she will learn how to gather plant materials from the wild, how to prepare dye baths to extract the color, and will learn different mordants which set the color to prevent fading and determine the final color. These processes will be practiced on 3 different natural fibers: wool, silk and cotton, including the "shibori" style of dying silk.

Jacque Sabolik - Landscapes from the Kansas Plains to the Woods and Lakes of Minnesota
\$902

Grant Project Summary: During this project, the artist will paint 3 large (18 x 24) landscapes highlighting the diversity of the Kansas plains and the woods and lakes of Minnesota using personal photographs as reference. The project will allow the artist to go beyond her current specialty of painting animals and people, to explore painting landscapes in a mixed media of watercolor and acrylic.

Joy Tate - Boundary Waters Canoe Area Study/Painting Series
\$1,000

Grant Project Summary: During this project, the artist will travel to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA) during August 2016 to spend five days photographing a variety of sunrises, sunsets and other beauty found within the BWCA. From these photographs, the artist will then create 10 oil paintings on canvas with sizes ranging from 20 x 24 - 24 x 48.

James Williams - Astrophotography
\$1,000

Grant Project Summary: The purpose of this project is to allow the purchase of a new camera kit so the artist can continue to grow as an astrophotographic artist. Utilizing an already-owned high quality telescope and mount, the artist will then be able to produce images worthy of enlargement and display at art shows and other events. A minimum of six new photographic images for use in a photo club and other events will be created during the project.

Stanton Zobel - Sculpture from Tree Stumps
\$1,000

Grant Project Summary: During this project, the artist will complete two sculptures using native tree stumps as raw materials, incorporating rock as a material into one of the pieces. The project includes purchasing supplies and equipment needed for the development of the sculptural work.

ECRAC Fellowship Program

Three \$7,000 Fellowships are available annually. The Fellowship program is designed to recognize, reward, and encourage outstanding professional artists. These Fellowships will allow artists to set aside time to work, purchase supplies and materials, undertake advanced study (not related to a degree) or to pursue other career goals.

**This program has a March 1 annual deadline and is supported by
The McKnight Foundation.**

MaryAnn Cleary Minimal Stroke Painting
\$7,000

Grant Project Summary: The purpose of this Fellowship is to allow the artist to: complete ten paintings in a larger format from her current 8x8 inch studies; continue her previous studies with mentor Mary Pettis; and document her paintings and studies. She will host discussion events at Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts in Fridley, MN and at Cambridge Center for the Arts, and will submit exhibition proposals to several other community art centers.

Natalia Peterson Borderland
\$7,000

Grant Project Summary: During this Fellowship, the artist will create the script and music for an historical musical and theatrical stage production entitled, Borderland, and will research documents, photos and video footage to be projected on the stage during the production. Dramaturg Wendy Weckwerth of Playwrights Center in Minneapolis will provide professional analysis of the script. After revisions and final editing, both the script and musical compositions will be reviewed by and discussed with Theatrical Producer Jamie Cesa.

Dee Ann Sibley The Studio Process From Shoot to Print
\$7,000

Grant Project Summary: During this Fellowship, the artist will purchase a high-quality fine art professional printer, and will learn the fine art printing process while working in an apprenticeship with professional photographer, Robert Osborn. The artist's goal is to increase her understanding of specific elements dealing with camera operation, approaching subjects, studio basics, post processing specifics, and the black and white printing process details.

ECRAC K-12 Student Scholarship Program

Scholarships up to \$500 are available. Scholarship funding is available for specific art learning projects or programs for students currently in Grades K-12.

This program has a March 1 annual deadline.

Kelsi S. - Appalachian Clogging and Folk Art
\$500

During this project, the student will attend Appalachian Clogging and Folk Art classes in Taylors Falls, MN to improve her dancing skills. Classes will be provided twice weekly. Private lessons will be attended twice a month.

Keri S. - Appalachian Clogging and Folk Art
\$500

During this project, the student will attend Appalachian Clogging and Folk Art classes in Taylors Falls, MN to improve her dancing skills. Classes will be provided twice weekly. Private lessons will be attended twice a month.

Angelo V. - Bemidji International Music Camp
\$468

During this project, the student will attend the Bemidji International Music Camp from July 17 to July 23, 2016, to improve his musical skills as a pianist.