



FY 2010 presented R2AC's first opportunity to award funding resulting from Legacy grants.

Legacy grants have become available as a result of Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

R2AC has developed a number of new Legacy Grants: Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants, [Community Arts Support Grants](#), Artist Mentor Grants, and Arts Legacy Grants.

[Community Arts Support Grants](#) provide some measure of funding stability for non-profit arts organizations so that their energy can be better focused on increasing the quality and availability of the arts to their communities. The Community Arts Support Program granted \$44,000 to nonprofits in the five county region.

Fiscal Year 2010 Community Arts Support Awardees were:



R2AC Executive Director, Terri Widman (second from left) and Representative John Persell(third from right) stand with Community Arts Support Grant recipients.

[Bemidji Chorale](#): \$3,000 to apply for 501(c)3 designation, purchase music folders, purchase music for a special concert with the Bemidji Symphony Orchestra and compensation for the conductor, accompanist and guest musicians.

[Bemidji Community Arts Center](#): \$6,000 to hire staff to assist in the implementation of existing programs.

Bemidji Community Theater: \$3,000 to support rental of permanent costume storage and costume construction space as well as funds to expand our technical capabilities in order to add to the artistic quality of our productions.

Bemidji Symphony Orchestra: \$6,000 to support the costs of producing the 2010-2011 Orchestra Concert season.



Terri Widman, R2AC, and Bill Zigmant, Treasurer of the Heartland Concert Association

Heartland Concert Association, Park Rapids: \$4,000 to help provide necessary revenue to bring musical concerts, entertainments and programs to Hubbard County and surrounding area.

Minnesota Folklore Theater, Akeley: \$3,000 to apply for 501(c)3 designation and for staffing and audience development.

Northern Artist Association, Bemidji: \$4,070 to support the the marketing arm of the Northern Artist Association by assisting with monthly expenses and outreach.

North Country Museum of Arts, Park Rapids: \$2,930 for operating expenses.

Northern Light Opera Company, Park Rapids: \$6,000 for operating expenses and to hire a stage director and a technical director for the annual summer production.

Park Rapids Lakes Area Council: \$3,000 to support projects in the Park Rapids area.



Terri Widman (left) presents representatives from the Pequana Playhouse board of Directors with their Community Arts Support Grant.

[Pequana Playhouse](#), Baudette: \$3,000 to implement arts programming in Lake of the Woods county and to repair the lighting and lightboard in the Lake of the Woods school auditorium where Pequana Playhouse productions are held.