



Quick Grants for Individuals Awards FY2016-2017

Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) awarded \$4,060 through the Quick Grants for Individuals program funded by the Minnesota State's general fund and also supported by a grant from the McKnight Foundation to stimulate new artistic endeavors in the region by providing project assistance to regional artists.

The grant recipients included:

Jason Ewert of Bemidji received \$500 to produce *Feed the Wolf*, a short film using spoken word techniques and the analogy of the wolf to describe the city of Bemidji in the past, present, and future.

David Manuel of Blackduck received \$500 to photograph the people of the powwows in northern Minnesota.

James Gallagher of Bemidji received \$500 to attend the Transom Traveling Workshop on audio storytelling.

Kelli Jo Lein of Bemidji received \$500 to have several original watercolor and watercolor/collage paintings professionally framed.

Fran O'Brien of Bemidji received \$500 to book a venue to perform what is being called Headwaters Blues as the Mutt Brown Band, while intermittently teaching the audience the history of blues music, with local blues musicians Dan Kramer and Mark Gross.

Eric Olson of Bemidji was awarded \$334 for Individuals to visit various school orchestra programs in Bemidji and work with their violin and/or viola students on difficult passages in their orchestra repertoire and on technique of ensemble playing

Joanna Dymond of Bemidji was awarded \$400 to hire award-winning author Mary Logue to assist her in editing her children's book, *Howling, Yowling, Growling, with the Lost River Wolf Pack*.

Mark Bridge of Park Rapids was awarded \$500 to purchase equipment to enhance his interactive presentation of popular songs from the American Victorian period with the addition of a power point presentation and projector.

Eric Olson of Bemidji was awarded \$326 to bring Dr. Alexander Corbett to Bemidji to conduct a master-class with local violin students culminating in a public recital.