



Community Arts Support Grants Awarded for FY 2016-2017

The Region 2 Arts Council awarded \$45,000 this year, and the same amount next year, in general operating support to arts organizations in our communities. 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 activities in each of their communities. These funds are made available through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund passed by Minnesota voters on November 4, 2008 and through support from the state's general fund.

The arts organizations that benefited from 2 years of support at the following levels were:

Bemidji Community Theater was awarded \$6,000.

Northern Light Opera Company in Park Rapids was awarded \$6,000.

Watermark Art Center in Bemidji was awarded \$6,000.

Bemidji Symphony Orchestra was awarded \$6,000.

Northern Artist Association in Bemidji was awarded \$4,000.

Heartland Concert Association in Park Rapids was awarded \$4,000.

Nemeth Art Center in Park Rapids was awarded \$4,000.

Bemidji Chorale was awarded \$3,000.

Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council was awarded \$3,000.

Lake of the Woods Art Guild in Baudette was awarded a \$3,000.