



Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants for Individuals Awarded FY2016-2017

Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) awarded two \$6,000 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant for Individuals in FY2016 and 2017. This grant was designed to fund individual artists who want to provide community-focused arts activities, such as a public performance, exhibition, or workshop. The funds are used to create opportunities for arts access, arts education, and the arts and cultural heritage activities that build bridges between Minnesotans and are made available through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund passed by Minnesota voters on November 4, 2008.

Shannon Murray of Bemidji was awarded \$3,000 in FY2016 to assist in funding a recorded album, songbook, and eight concert series based on preserving the musical, labor, and cultural history of the Industrial Workers of the World.

Paula Swenson, Bemidji, was awarded \$3,000 in FY2017 to paint the mural *Landscape of Sound*, depicting the area's forests and fields with many of the creatures that sing, on the wall of KBXE, Northern Community Radio, in downtown Bemidji.