Region 2 Arts Council awarded $19,451 to individual artists in the counties of Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods and Mahnomen. The purpose of this grant is to stimulate new artistic endeavors in the region by providing project assistance to regional artists who are seriously committed to their work and to the advancement of their artistic careers. The Individual Artist Grant Program is supported by a grant from the McKnight Foundation.

**Jason Ewert** received $2,000 to upgrade his filmmaking equipment (Beltrami County).

**Judith Larson** was awarded $2,000 to purchase equipment and supplies to create three-dimensional jewelry pieces, embellishments, and findings using sheet metal, wire, and metal clay. (Lake of the Woods County).

**Jim Gallagher** received $1,399 to purchase field-recording equipment to collect and produce audio stories as an independent radio producer. (Beltrami County).

**Teresa McDowell** was awarded $2,000 to purchase supplies to create handmade leather mittens and moccasins. (Lake of the Woods County).

**S. Diane Kochmann** received $1,874 to purchase a portable digital piano for performing solo or with her musical group "Mixed Emotions." (Mahnomen County).

**Marti Lundin** was awarded $2,000 to study two styles of traditional Northern European painting at Vesterheim Folk Art School in Decorah Iowa. (Beltrami County).

**Ryan Stewart** was awarded $1,654 to purchase welding equipment and supplies to create metal art. (Clearwater County).

**John Henningsgaard** received $2,000 to produce a professionally recorded collection of his original music. (Beltrami County)

**Caige Jambor** was awarded $1,078 to purchase equipment to compose, record, produce, and perform a full-length album of original music. (Beltrami County).

**Tawnee Corning** received $1,446 to purchase supplies to create a series of seven oil paintings for exhibition on the topic of existential psychoanalysis. (Clearwater County).

**Jeremy Simonson** was awarded $2,000 to purchase a wide-angle lens and a printer to create photographic prints. (Hubbard County).