



Region 2 Arts Council awards Community Arts Support Grants

On March 19, 2018 the Region 2 Arts Council Board of Directors awarded \$50,000 through their Community Arts Support Grant program, providing a measure of funding stability for regional arts organizations to increase the quality and availability of the arts to our communities. This is a two-year award. Annual award amounts are based on each organization's averaged expenses for the past two fiscal years.

The grant recipients included:

Bemidji Chorale was awarded \$3,000 per year to supplement compensation for their conductor and accompanist, and to pay concert hall rental fees for their spring concerts. (Beltrami County)

Bemidji Community Theater was awarded \$6,000 per year to support performance space rental costs. (Beltrami County)

Bemidji Sculpture Walk was awarded \$3,000 per year to support compensation for a new Project Coordinator position, fostering growth and development of BSW. (Beltrami County)

Bemidji Symphony Orchestra was awarded \$6,000 per year to help support compensation for the part-time Executive Director position. (Beltrami County)

Heartland Concert Association was awarded \$4,000 per year to help cover artist fees and publicity costs for their annual concert series. (Hubbard County)

Lake of the Woods Art Guild was awarded \$3,000 per year for rental of artists' studio space and workshop venue for local established and emerging artists. (Lake of the Woods County)

Nemeth Art Center was awarded \$6,000 per year to support compensation for their Executive Director position, ensuring leadership stability and continued growth in arts programming. (Hubbard County)

Northern Light Opera Company was awarded \$6,000 per year for general and administrative expenses and excess program expenditures. (Hubbard County)

Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council was awarded \$3,000 per year to promote the arts and support PRLAAC-sponsored projects. (Hubbard County)

Northern Artist Association was awarded \$4,000 per year to enhance artistic offerings to the public and assist with rent and administrative costs (Beltrami County)

Watermark Art Center was awarded \$6,000 per year to support compensation for their new Art Education Program Coordinator position. (Beltrami County)

These funds are made possible through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature and the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund passed by Minnesota voters on November 4, 2008.

