



Arts Grants Awarded in Beltrami County

Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) awarded \$120,049 to arts organizations, non-profits, institutions of higher learning, and individual artists in Beltrami County in FY 2021.

Manidoo Ogitigaan of Bemidji was awarded \$6,000 to work with community members to build a birch bark canoe and continue apprenticeships with Laban Smith from Walpole Island First Nation.

The Bemidji Symphony Orchestra was awarded \$6,000 to present a concert with bassoonists Dr. William Jones and John Miller performing Christian Dietter's Concerto for Two Bassoons and violinists Dr. Everaldo Martinez and Dr. Melanie Hanson performing music of Astor Piazzolla.

The Northern Artist Association in Bemidji was awarded \$5,052 to host art workshops in a variety of genres for young people aged 8-18 at Gallery North.

The Bemidji Community Theater was awarded \$6,000 to produce Disney's musical *Frozen Jr.* in Spring 2022.

The Northern Light Opera Company in Park Rapids was awarded \$6,000 to organize a 7 -day workshop led by a duo of professional playwrights, designed to facilitate area writers in trying their hand at playwriting.

Belle Thalia Creative Art Space in Puposky was awarded \$6,000 to create "The Nine Muses Youth Sculpture Club" to provide youth in the region the opportunity to create large sculptures.

The Bemidji Sculpture Walk was awarded \$6,000 to work with area youth and elders to construct 5 functional sculptural benches.

The Bemidji Community Theater was awarded \$6,000 to support the purchase of accessibility equipment and supplies as they prepare their downtown venue for programming.

The Paul Bunyan Playhouse in Bemidji was awarded \$6,000 to contract performing artists, technology artists, and employ box office personnel to produce stage productions and musical acts.

The Bemidji Symphony Orchestra was awarded \$6,000 to support the development and implementation of a marketing plan.

The Mask & Rose Women's Theater Collective in Puposky was awarded \$6,000 to support hiring a program specialist for theater and dance programming for elders.

The Northern Artist Association in Bemidji was awarded \$6,000 to improve its visibility to the public through upgrades to its website and social media platforms.

The Bemidji Sculpture Walk was awarded \$3,574 to support high school outreach, brochure development, and software.

Karen Goulet of the White Earth Nation received a \$5,000 Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Fellowship. Goulet plans to use her fellowship award to support the production of an art book, an artist residency in New Orleans, collaborative work opportunities with Houma Nation artist, Monique Verdin, and a new large-scale installation series.

Wendy Jourdain, Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians was awarded \$1,000 to purchase materials to sew and bead a traditional Men's Ojibwe Woodland Outfit made out of leather, fabric, beads, feathers, and bone.

Bambi Goodwin of the White Earth Nation was awarded \$647 to purchase and install a new venting system in her home ceramic studio to eliminate toxic fumes when firing.

Headwaters Music and Arts of Bemidji was awarded \$2,973 to establish a production club for area youth to learn video, audio, and graphics production.

Bemidji State University Center for Extended Learning was awarded \$2,000 to provide 15 writers from our region access as auditors to the virtual Minnesota Northwoods Writers Conference, as well as a scholarship for one local writer to attend a full workshop.

The Northern Artist Association of Bemidji was awarded \$2,850 to offer, in partnership with Gallery North, free art classes supplemented with video tutorials and Do It Yourself Kits.

Bemidji Community Theater was awarded \$3,000 to hire professional puppeteer Ezra Bartsch to video tape the construction of a large reindeer puppet to be used for outreach activities, as well as in an upcoming production of Frozen Jr. in 2022.

Bemidji Sculpture Walk was awarded \$3,000 to create a series of YouTube video lessons, targeted to students in grades 7 to 12 and adult artists, about how to get started creating a metal sculpture, including equipment needs, materials, techniques and local resources to assist in development

Mary Therese of Bemidji was awarded \$1,482 to create the “Umbrella of Unity”, a traveling public art installation of eight silk fabric panels painted and sewn together to honor and celebrate cultural diversity.

Robert Carothers of Bemidji was awarded \$977 to purchase new tools that will enable him to expand and grow his current wood-turning techniques.

Keila McCracken of Bemidji was awarded \$1,500 to obtain materials for exploring new textile design processes on a Hattersley loom to further her career as a fiber artist.

Amanda Riane Davenport of Bemidji was awarded \$1,066 to create a body of artwork that explores the idea of "home" using acrylic paint on canvas, string, wood trim and other various materials.

DuWayne Jones of Bemidji was awarded \$1,500 to purchase a drafting table and supplies for creating drawings and paintings that further his career as an artist.

Alicia Holley of Bemidji was awarded \$1,500 to purchase a laptop and flatbed scanner to do her own scanning, editing, and adding of text to her children's book illustrations.

Mosi Palosaari (aka Mostad) of Bemidji was awarded \$1,500 to fund equipment costs to update their Moog Sub-37 and record Foxby's first LP.

Mattea Elhard of Bemidji was awarded \$1,468 to purchase equipment to supplement her musical performing and recording capabilities.

Ryshayna Feather Johnson of Redby was awarded \$1,007 to complete a 365-day photographic body of work that captures the beautiful scenery of Red Lake and the families and traditional ways that make up the Red Lake Reservation.

Faye Neeland of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe was awarded \$953 to purchase screen printing equipment and supplies to recreate her paintings on t-shirts and other clothing.

Ronald Turney Jr. of the White Earth Nation was awarded \$1,000 to create a traditional Ojibwe bandolier bag using a blend of birchbark, porcupine quills and hair, sweetgrass, woven cedar, and black velvet.

Region 2 Arts Council awarded a total of **twenty-two \$500 Artist Relief Grants** to support Beltrami County artists impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.