

Minnesota State Band-Making Music for Minnesotans Since 1898

Request for 2025-2027: Legacy Funding: Minnesota State Band. \$65,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the arts and cultural heritage fund to the commissioner of administration for a grant to the Minnesota State Band to provide for public performances across Minnesota.

Request for 2025-2027 is an increase from \$50,000 to \$65,000, to cover increased travel costs-motorcoach and hotels; a commissioned music composition by a Minnesota composer; and additional publicity activities.

Band Information

The band operates as a non-profit organization with an all volunteer membership of 45-50 musicians.

All concerts are free and open to all.

The band maintains rehearsal, instrument storage and music library space in the DOT Building of the Capitol Complex, and rehearses weekly on Wednesday evenings.

Performances include a wide variety of traditional band music and pieces by Minnesota composers, and focus upon the rich history of the Minnesota State Band and band music.

Legacy Grant History

The band has utilized Legacy Grant funds to enable our travel to locations-with a focus upon smaller towns- around the state.

This legacy year we are traveling to Montevideo, Willmar, Moose Lake, Cloquet, Fond du Lac and Grand Rapids for free concerts. We have partnered with local school district music programs for workshops and joint concerts. We are partnering with Native American musicians and dancers for concert performances. Our audiences are all ages from school children to senior citizens.

We have had two previous Legacy Grants for travel around the state, as well as several MRAC Grants to support local performances.

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