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Region 2 Arts Council

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Minnesota State Arts Board FY2015 Final Report



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R2AC Vision

Creating a thriving arts culture that enhances the quality of life in our communities.

R2AC Mission

The Region 2 Arts Council strengthens the presence of the arts by supporting opportunities for arts creation, promotion, and education for the people of Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, and Mahnommen Counties.

R2AC State & Arts and Cultural Heritage Funded Programs and Services

Arts and Cultural Heritage and State funding impacts constituents of all ages in each of our five counties in the Region 2 Arts Council service area. In the second year of the biennium (FY15), Region 2 Arts Council continued to provide Arts and Cultural Heritage and State - funded grant programs and services to meet the assessed needs in our region.

FY15 GOALS, ACTIONS, and OUTCOMES

In FY14 & FY15, the Region 2 Arts Council was guided by two sets of goals: The Region 2 Arts Council Goals and Objectives, and The Region 2 Arts Council Arts and Cultural Heritage Goals and Objectives. These goals and objectives, as stated in our FY14-15 Biennial Plan, guided Region 2 Arts Council in the development and implementation of programs and services, providing support to arts organizations, non-profit organizations, public and charter schools, community education programs, universities and tribal colleges, city and tribal governments, and individual artists who enrich our Region 2 communities with art and arts programming.

1. R2AC FY14-15 Goals and FY15 Actions

We are continuing to grow in our understanding of Goals, Objectives, and Outcomes. Due to the way R2AC's FY14-15 Goals and Objectives were written, we are reporting on FY15 Actions and Unmet Actions that we took as an organization in response to the Goals and Objectives named in our FY14-15 Biennial Plan.

Goal #1: To make financial resources available for arts opportunities and programming in our region.

FY15 Actions: In response to this goal, R2AC

- (a) Continued to offer its existing grants programs: Region 2 Arts Project Grants; R2AC/McKnight Career Development Fellowships; R2AC Individual Artist Grants; Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grants; Community Arts Support Grants; Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants;

and Artist Mentor Grants.

- (b) Addressed arts marketing, promotion, and publicity by directly supporting grant recipients in their efforts to promote funded events, as well as by supporting marketing and promotion expenses as acceptable budgetary items written into grant applications.
- (c) Continued to offer staff assistance during the grant application process by way of direct, individual assistance to applicants and by providing grant writing workshops in every county, at least twice a year.

FY15 action not taken:

- (d) R2AC desires to seek new, possible sources of funding for R2AC programs and/or arts groups in our region, and did not achieve this in the 14-15 Biennium. This unmet outcome has continued into the FY16-17 Biennial Plan.

Goal #2: To increase support to underserved communities and populations in the R2AC service area.

FY15 Actions: In response to this goal, R2AC

- (a) Heightened awareness of R2AC offerings by tailoring professional development workshop opportunities to the needs of our underserved communities, such as Photographing Your Artwork in Baudette, supporting Mahnomen's newly formulated arts incubator program Gizhiigin by sponsoring an artists in the community collaboration gathering at White Earth Tribal and Community College, bringing a school-residency professional development training to the newly formulated Bagley Area Arts Collaborative, and
- (b) Continued to play a role in educating communities on the value of the arts in today's society, primarily through the support of arts innovation in each of our five counties, but also through keeping our communities abreast of developments in arts funding at the state-level, and by distributing & discussing the Creative Minnesota Report findings.
- (c) Worked toward equitable distribution of the funds for underserved counties, through grant writing outreach to our underserved communities in locations such as the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Tribal Headquarters, Red Lake Tribal College, White Earth Tribal and Community College, the Depot Preservation Alliance in Baudette, Public Library and the Fireside Bar and Grill in Bagley, Ghiziigin Arts Incubator Program and White Earth Tribal and Community College in Mahnomen.

Goal #3: To act as an information source for regional artists and arts organizations and to encourage publicity, promotion and marketing for arts in our region.

FY15 Actions: In Response to this goal, R2AC

- (a) Gathered information pertaining to regional artists and arts organizations; and maintained a database.
- (b) Co-sponsored arts-related presentations in our region with Minnesota Citizens for the Arts, the Minnesota State Arts Board, Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, and MN Artists.
- (c) Per R2AC board direction; required grant recipients to issue news releases publicizing their events in media throughout the region.
- (d) Distributed a monthly R2AC electronic newsletter.
- (e) Maintained the R2AC web site, updating it as needed.
- (f) Provide informational emails to artists and organizations on an as-needed basis.
- (g) Explored/researched methods of collecting and disseminating regional arts-related information.
- (h) Facilitated opportunities for collaboration among artists and art organizations.
- (i) Engaged the public, artists and arts organizations through social media interaction.

Goal #4: To promote and support arts experiences in our region's schools by continuing to make resources available through R2AC programs.

FY15 Actions: In response to this goal, R2AC

- (a) Maintained a list of regional artists interested in residencies

Goal #5: To improve our service to individual artists and arts organizations.

FY15 Actions: In response to this goal, R2AC

- (a) Continued the R2AC “no risk” workshop partnership initiative.
- (b) Expanded arts-related resources, including providing updated regional and state links on the R2AC website.
- (c) Maintained an artist contact database.
- (d) Provided access to professional development programs in each county.
- e) Fostered R2AC board and staff relationships with constituents through:
 - Face to face communication
 - Attendance at arts events
 - Interaction with community leaders

Goal #6: To assess the needs of the people and organizations we serve in an ongoing manner.

FY15 Actions: In response to this goal, R2AC

- (a) Assessed the needs and concerns of individuals and artists through focus groups, listening sessions, surveys, workshop evaluations, one-on-one discussions and through needs assessment questions in grant applications.
- (b) Assessed the needs and concerns of regional 501(c)3 arts organizations and organizations that serve the arts through surveys, listening sessions, surveys, workshop evaluations, one-on-one discussions and through needs assessment questions in grant applications.

Goal #7: To provide responsible administration and accountability for Council activities.

- Objectives:**
- (a) Provided office space and equipment for R2AC to conduct business.
 - (b) Held monthly board meetings.
 - (c) Conducted a board planning session, completing the Biennial plan according to schedule.
 - (d) Maintained a budget and accounting system and filed required reports:
 - Monthly Treasurer's Report, Quarterly Financial Reports, Federal and State forms, Annual Report and Audit, and Final Reports to grantors.
 - (e) Retained professional staff and provided development opportunities.

Unmet Actions: Region 2 Arts Council worked toward updating and maintaining a Personnel Policy Manual that included

- (1) Updated Job descriptions.
- (2) Updated, Performance evaluation criteria and process.
- (g) Maintain the grant database and evaluation system.
- (h) Comply with Fiscal Agent Agreement requirements with Minnesota State Arts Board.
- (i) Evaluate and review programs, services, and organizational documents.

Unmet Actions: Region 2 Arts Council worked toward updating and maintaining a Personnel Policy Manual that included

- (1) Job descriptions reflecting the current duties of each staff.
 - (2) Updated, Performance evaluation criteria and processes.
- However, while staff updated their job descriptions in FY15, the updated performance evaluation has not yet been created nor has the Personnel Policy Manual been updated. The updated Personnel Policy Manual has been taken over by the new Executive Director, as has the task of creating updated performance evaluation procedures.

Goal #8: To maintain awareness of the following on-going concerns:

FY15 Actions: In response to the list of ongoing concerns, R2AC

- (a) Utilized a wider range of existing venues for workshops, while encouraging the use of new performance, studio and exhibition spaces in the region.
- (b) Supported new arts groups (Gizhiigin in Mahnomen County, and Bagley Area Arts Collaborative in Clearwater County) and continued to support the growth of relatively small, existing arts groups.
- (c) Offered more evening and weekend hours for workshops, events and exhibits.
- (d) Explored options for and located an alternative R2AC office space that is handicap accessible.

Unmet Actions: Region 2 Arts Council did not make any new progress in supporting arts organizations in working toward providing accessibility for persons with disabilities. R2AC will continue to work toward making progress with this goal

2. R2AC FY14-15 ACH-Specific Goals and Resulting FY15 Actions and Outcomes

The Region 2 Arts Council continues to accept the long-term Vision, Guiding Principles Goals and Key Strategies developed in partnership by the Minnesota Regional Arts Councils and the Minnesota State Arts Board, and is committed to work together to accomplish this vision over the next 25 years.

In the FY14-15 Biennial Plan, Region 2 Arts Council outlined the following Arts and Cultural Heritage outcomes-based work plan to guide our progress as we worked to increase access to high-quality arts activities, support life-long learning and appreciation of the arts, and represent a diversity of ethnic and cultural arts traditions. Our FY15 Actions and Outcomes, both those achieved and those unmet, follow each goal.

Goal #1: Increase Access to the Arts by supporting Minnesota artists and arts organizations in creating, producing, and presenting high-quality arts activities; to overcome barriers to accessing high-quality arts activities; and to instill the arts in the community and public life in this state.

Goal #1 Actions:

In FY15, Region 2 Arts Council

- 1a).** Provided free professional development workshops to area constituents to assist artists and arts organizations in the creation, production and presentation of high quality arts activities.
- 1b).** Financially supported board member attendance at arts performances and events.

1c.) Created an artistic quality committee resulting in the board's improved capacity for identifying arts activities that are high quality, which resulted in richer conversations during grant evaluations.

1d.) Ran mock grant review panels for all new board members and provided evaluation assistance and guidance during grant panels.

1e.) Identified and approached artists, non-profits, and arts organizations in underserved communities of Akeley, Kelliher, Bagley, Baudette, Red Lake, Clearbrook, Gonvick, Blackduck, and Mahnomen to support grant writing and arts project development.

Goal #2: Increase Arts Education by supporting life-long learning and appreciation of the arts, including, but not exclusive, to K-12 activities.

Goal #2 Actions:

In FY15, Region 2 Arts Council

2a.) Provided a professional development workshop in Bagley for artists and educators in an effort to inspire more school residencies.

Unmet Outcomes:

2b.) Educators' grant writing skills will improve through targeted R2AC grant writing workshops for teachers, school administrators, and community educators.

Note: It continues to be an R2AC goal to support K-12 educators and administrators in the creation of school-residency programs, although FY15 saw only a few successful grant applications from schools, including an application from the Bemidji Middle School, and another from Schoolcraft Learning Community in Bemidji. Bagley educators attended an educators'- focused grant writing workshop early in FY15, although no actual grant applications resulted. A visit was made to Red Lake High School to discuss grant writing and grant opportunities with staff, yet no applications resulted. For FY16-17, a new R2AC Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant program for Schools was created in an effort to encourage schools to apply for funding and seek grant writing workshop support.

2c.) No-Risk workshops applications from counties outside of Beltrami county will increase.

Note: Despite staff efforts, R2AC saw no increase in No-Risk workshops from outside Beltrami county. The No Risk Workshop program has subsequently been dropped in FY16-17.

Goal #3: Increase Arts and Cultural Heritage Activities by supporting events and activities that represent the diverse ethnic and cultural arts traditions, including folk and traditional artists and art organizations, represented in this state.

Goal #3 Unmet Outcomes:

In FY15, Region 2 Arts Council intended to (but did not)

3a.) Increase Native American Arts programming by encouraging non-Native organizations and schools to apply for ACH grants incorporating Native American arts programming. Additionally, although we continue to be a resource for and a bridge between native and non-native artists and organizations, and continue to support Native artists and organizations serving Native Americans in the grant writing process and through our grants, we have yet to develop and maintain an official resource contact list of Native American touring groups for organizations in our regions.

Goal #4: Arts and Cultural Heritage funds are accountable and transparent to R2AC legislators and constituents.

Goal #4 Actions:

In FY15, Region 2 Arts Council

4a.) Provided website links to R2AC constituents when the audit and biennial plan were posted to our website, as well as the link to the LCC website.

Goal #4 Unmet Actions:

In FY15, Region 2 Arts Council intended to (but did not)

4b.) Ask constituents and key regional stakeholders if the R2AC audit and biennial plan outlining our programs are enough information to assess if the public funds managed by R2AC are accountable and transparent. We simply provided access to these documents.

FY15 GRANT PROGRAMS

1. Arts and Cultural Heritage Funding

- **ACH Grants** for nonprofit organizations, public and charter schools, institutions of higher learning, city and tribal government entities, individual artists

These grants offer funding for a variety of arts projects including costs associated with public art, exhibitions, or performances in three key areas: Arts Activity and Arts Access, Arts Education, and Arts and Cultural Heritage. Individuals may apply for up to \$3000, all others may apply for up to \$6000. 20% cash match required.
- **Community Arts Support Grants**

Open to any arts organizations with a two-year history. These grants are 2 year awards that help provide some measure of funding stability for arts organizations so that the arts organization can better focus their energy on increasing quality and availability of the arts to the organization's community.

Organizations can apply for up to \$6000 per year based on their annual expenses.

- **Artist Mentor Program** for 8th-12th grade students with a strong interest in the arts

This grant supports students who wish to work one-on-one with an established artist, or attend an arts class, workshop, or camp in the state of Minnesota, to stretch themselves artistically. Mentoring students receive 20 hours of one-on-one mentoring with a local artist and is funded by a \$1000 award. Those students attending arts classes, camps, or workshops receive \$600 toward tuition.

2. State Funding

- **Arts Project Grants** for nonprofit organizations, public and charter schools, institutions of higher learning, city and tribal government entities
These grants offer funding for a variety of projects including costs related to performances or exhibitions, engagement of guest artists, public art projects, and artists-in-residence programs. Organizations can apply for up to \$2500. 20% cash match required.

- **Community Arts Support Grants**

Open to any arts organizations with a two-year history. These grants are 2 year awards that help provide some measure of funding stability for arts organizations so that the arts organization can better focus their energy on increasing quality and availability of the arts to the organization's community. Organizations can apply for up to \$6000 per year based on their annual expenses.

3. McKnight Funding

- **Individual Artist Grants**

Open to artists in all arts disciplines. This grant offers funding for costs associated the exhibition, performance, or production of a creative work; purchase of materials or equipment necessary for a creative work; educational opportunities, mentorships; and proposals for career-enhancing projects or opportunities. Artists can apply for grants up to \$2000. 25% cash match for any equipment costs.

- **R2AC/McKnight Career Development Fellowships**

Open to established artists in all arts disciplines who have shown a consistent commitment to their work as artists over the past five years. This 18-month Fellowship provides the opportunity for

career development experiences that will add depth and advancement to any artistic career. Two \$6000 Fellowships will be awarded per year.

- **Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grants**

Open to Native American artists in all arts disciplines. This grant offers funding for costs associated the exhibition, performance, or production of a creative work; purchase of materials or equipment necessary for a creative work; educational opportunities, mentorships; and proposals for career-enhancing projects or opportunities. Artists can apply for grants up to \$1000.

Note: Significant progress was made in FY15 to draw interest to the Individual Artist grant by changing the grant award amount from the FY14 amount of \$1000 to the FY15 funding limit of \$2000.00. Additionally, after reviewing the FY15 grant offerings, the Board decided to add five new grant programs in FY16. These new grants are intended to more effectively meet the needs of small towns under 2000, individual artists wanting to do community-focused arts programming, schools and community education programs, and artists and organizations seeking funding for projects occurring in a shorter time-frame.

FY15 MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF GRANTS

1. Evaluation

Board members serve on R2AC grant review panels except for the Anishinaabe Arts Initiative (AAI) Grant, which is awarded by AAI Council –all of whom are American Indians representing our three reservations and surrounding towns and cities in our region. Two AAI Council members are invited to serve on each Arts and Cultural Heritage grant review. One current board member and two community artists comprise the Artist Mentor Grant review panel. Former R2AC board members are called upon to act as voting members on grant review panels when the board member from their county must be absent.

2. Monitoring

Board Site Evaluations: 100% of the recipients of the Arts Project Grant and 50% of the Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant recipients are assigned a Region 2 Arts Council Board Member to evaluate their project. The evaluator reports back to the board and submits a written evaluation for the grant file.

Final Reports: All grant recipients are required to complete a Final Report that evaluates the recipients' grant projects through a narrative, outcome and evaluation responses, and a final budget.

FY15 SERVICES

1. Newsletter, Website, Social Media Engagement, Arts Calendar

In addition to a monthly newsletter, weekly blog posts, and active social media engagement through 2 Facebook pages: Staff Regiontwoarts and Region 2 Arts Council, R2AC added an active Arts Calendar to their website in an effort to promote Region 2 Arts activity.

2. Grant Writing Assistance

Region 2 Arts Council staff assists applicants during all phases of the grant application process. Grant writing workshops are customized, conducted at least twice in every county, each year. Staff consults with individual artists, schools, community organizers, groups, and non-profits on arts project plans, and carefully reviews submitted grant applications for accuracy and completeness.

FY15 DIRECT SERVICES – State and Arts and Cultural Heritage Funded

1. No Risk Workshops

No Risk Workshop funding was awarded in an ongoing basis for the last time in FY15. The intent of this program was to support artist-led workshops in our region. Individuals and organizations were encouraged to apply to this program. The FY15 program supported two No Risk Workshops:

- Norda Gonvick *Os Rosemalers' Workshop* taught by Shirley Evanstad in Gonvick, MN. 16 rosemalers were in attendance.
- White Birch Artists' *Breaking the Rules with Watercolors and Acrylics with Gil Adams* in Park Rapids, MN. 10 were in attendance.

2. Professional Development Workshop Program- State & Arts and Cultural Heritage Funded

The Region 2 Arts Council Professional Development program provides training for artists, arts organizations and the general public. This program addresses the identified needs for business and online training for artists and organizations.

Through the FY15 Professional Development Training program, 114 people were provided with opportunities to develop skills in the workshops listed below.

SEPTEMBER 2014

- **R2AC Board Retreat (Bemidji); 9 in attendance**
Training for our Board of Directors in R2AC practices

OCTOBER 2014

- **Artist Mentor Info Session (Bemidji); 10 in attendance**
Current mentors and former grant recipients share their art and discuss the artist mentorship experience and application process.

NOVEMBER 2014

- **MN Theater Alliance in Bemidji (Bemidji); 10 in attendance** MTA information and brainstorming session for artists and performing arts organizations.

JANUARY 2015

- **Estate Planning and Licensing for Artists with Duluth-based Attorney Brian Lukasavitz (Bemidji); 7 in attendance:** Discussion of key elements of wills, trusts, licensing agreements and terms that artists should consider.

MARCH 2015

- **Record Keeping and Financial Management for Artists with Naomi Schliessman of Springboard for the Arts (Bemidji); 11 in attendance:** Providing clear, simple methods for setting up financial books, including discussion of Budgets and Cash Flow Statements.
- **Legal Considerations for Artists with Springboard for the Arts (Park Rapids) 12 in attendance:**
From protecting your intellectual property to choosing a legal form for an artistic business, this presents an understanding of underlying legal principles to help artists make smarter choices. Includes information about copyrights and contract basics regarding selling and licensing and getting into business.

APRIL 2015

- **Building an Artist Residency with Margaret Burger (Bagley); 18 in attendance:** Nuts and Bolts; Paperwork and Plans! Presenter discusses putting a residency together.
- **Financial Practices for Non Profits with presenter Phil Hatlie from the MN Non-Profit Assistance Fund (Bemidji); 10 in attendance.** Financials and the CDP. This workshop has gotten much acclaim!
- **Mnartists.org website How-To (Bemidji); 5 in attendance.**
- **“Picnic and Pie” Collaborative Gathering with artists and organizations at White Earth Tribal and Community College (Mahnomen); 18 in attendance**

JUNE 2015

- **Photographing your work with Cal Rice (Baudette); 4 in attendance:** Professional photographer teaches artists how to photograph their work for documentation and submission.

FY15 ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICES

The FY15 R2AC staff, Executive Director Terri Widman, Grants Coordinator Holly Alcott, and Program Coordinator Laura Seter, provided the following services to the region:

- Technical assistance to individuals, organizations, schools, and local government offices applying for grants.
- Development, promotion and execution of professional development workshops.
- Co-sponsorship of arts-related presentations and workshops from organizations outside the region.
- Outreach visits to schools, organizations, and tribal and city/town offices to encourage participation in R2AC programming and application to R2AC grants.
- Website maintenance, traditional and social media engagement, and arts calendar development to support arts creation, promotion, and education.
- Database maintenance of regional artists and arts organization.
- Regional mailing list maintenance to support promotion of arts activity.

Final Note

Based on the responses gathered from our constituents in FY15, under the direction of Executive Director Terri Widman, Region 2 Arts Council Board and Staff began a series of important changes to our grants programs, accessibility, and staffing configuration. One major result of these changes included FY15 board committees, which developed new scoring criteria and an online grant application and evaluation procedures with a stronger focus on artistic quality and merit. Other FY15 actions set Region 2 Arts Council up for a new office space that is accessible to those with physical disabilities, revisions to R2AC's grant offerings, and a reconfiguration of staffing and staff responsibilities for the coming fiscal year.

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REGION 2 ARTS COUNCIL

Fiscal year 2015

	<u>General Allocation</u>	<u>Arts and Arts Access</u>	<u>Arts Education</u>	<u>Arts & Cultural Heritage</u>	<u>The McKnight Foundation</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>2015 Total</u>
REVENUES:	<u>2015 State</u>	<u>2015 State</u>	<u>2015 State</u>	<u>2015 State</u>	<u>Foundation</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2015 Total</u>
1 State of Minnesota	83,029	242,045	40,079	15,926	60,000	942	381,078
2 The McKnight Foundation					60,000		60,000
3 Other Income	1,590	2,684	875	62	2,282	942	8,435
4 Interest		0	0	0	0	1,079	1,079
5 TOTAL REVENUES	84,619	244,729	40,954	15,988	62,282	2,021	450,592
EXPENSES:							
Programs and Services							
6a Grant Programs and Services							
Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants		109,191	18,452	7,607			135,250
Artist Mentor Grants			5,600				5,600
Community Arts Support Grants	10,000	32,769	4,786	2,445			50,000
R2AC Arts Project Grants	21,543						21,543
Artist Fellowship Grants					12,000		12,000
Individual Artist Grants					20,242		20,242
Anishinaabe Art Initiative Grants					7,363		7,363
6b Grant Program Services - Operations and Support	23,270	45,493	5,593	2,179	5,828	0	82,363
6 a & b Total Grant Programs and Services	54,813	187,453	34,431	12,231	45,433	0	334,361
7a Non-grant Programs and Services							
Professional Development	3,085	1,811	593	132	2,660	0	8,281
Arts Promotion/ Website/Techn. Assist/Newsletter	17,179	25,589	743	2,976	5,235	0	51,722
7b Non-grant Programs and Services - Operations and Support	2,474	19,409	4,186	268	1,370	20	27,727
7 a & b Total Non-grant Programs and Services	22,738	46,809	5,522	3,376	9,265	20	87,730
8 Total Programs and Services	77,551	234,262	39,953	15,607	54,698	20	422,091
9 Fundraising	0	0	0	0	1,200	0	1,200
10 General Administration	7,068	10,467	1,350	530	5,170	1,647	26,232
11 TOTAL EXPENSES	84,619	244,729	41,303	16,137	61,068	1,667	449,523
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ACH-2015(A)-01 Heartland Concert Association funds will assist the Heartland Concert Association to present Jaimee Paul, a jazz vocalist, and Leif Shires on trumpet leading a jazz combo, performing an exciting tribute to the glory days of the "Jazz Age."							\$4,265	\$4,265	\$4,265
# Audience/Part: 225 # Artists: 5 Youth served: 10 Total Served: 240									
ACH-2015(A)-02 Mask & Rose Women's Theater Collective Funds will assist Mask & Rose Women's Theater Collective to produce the "Oxcars," a celebration of theater excellence for regional theaters.							\$3,120	\$0	\$0
# Audience/Part: 150 # Artists: 250 Youth served: 5 Total Served: 405									
ACH-2015(A)-03 Bemidji Community Theater Funds will assist Bemidji Community Theater to produce the musical Fiddler on the Roof.							\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
# Audience/Part: 800 # Artists: 55 Youth served: 650 Total Served: 1,505									
ACH-2015(A)-04 Depot Preservation Alliance Funds will assist the Depot Preservation Alliance to provide a performance by acoustic singer/songwriter duo Bill and Kate Isles of Duluth, MN, as part of the Historic Settlement and Transportation Exhibit opening in Baudette in winter 2014/15.							\$1,612	\$1,612	\$1,612
# Audience/Part: 175 # Artists: 2 Youth served: 25 Total Served: 202									



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ACH-2015(A)-05 Mask & Rose Women's Theater Collective Funds will assist Mask & Rose Women's Theater Collective to purchase masks to use in teaching the use of mask in theater including physical theater, mime and clowning theater to youth in the region.							\$5,276	\$5,276	\$0
# Audience/Part: 150 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 80 Total Served: 231									
ACH-2015(A)-06 Whiting Funds will assist Jesse Whiting to produce Glengarry Glen Ross in Bemidji, MN							\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
# Audience/Part: 250 # Artists: 9 Youth served: 0 Total Served: 259									
ACH-2015(A)-07 Watermark Art Center Funds will assist the Watermark Art Center to present the 12th Annual IOC National Juried Ceramics Competition and Exhibit featuring guest artist Karin Kramer who will give an artist's talk and a workshop as part of the event.							\$4,530	\$4,530	\$4,530
# Audience/Part: 310 # Artists: 53 Youth served: 60 Total Served: 423									
ACH-2015(A)-08 Paul Bunyan Playhouse Funds will assist Paul Bunyan Playhouse to produce Monty Python's "Spamalot" during its 65th Summer Season.							\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
# Audience/Part: 2,700 # Artists: 22 Youth served: 450 Total Served: 3,172									



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ACH-2015(A)-09 Bemidji Symphony Orchestra Funds will assist the Bemidji Symphony Orchestra, in collaboration with the Bemidji Chorale, to perform Mozart's "Requiem."							\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
# Audience/Part: 510 # Artists: 88 Youth served: 20 Total Served: 618									
ACH-2015(A)-10 Bridge Funds will assist Mark Bridge to present the banjo concert "Elevation - Explorations on 5 Strings," a study in musical styles from the Renaissance through the 1800's.							\$1,850	\$1,850	\$0
# Audience/Part: 80 # Artists: 2 Youth served: 20 Total Served: 102									
ACH-2015(A)-11 Pequana Playhouse Funds will assist the Pequana Playhouse to provide a one-week children's theater workshop performing Prairie Fire theatre's original production of Sleeping Beauty.							\$3,490	\$3,490	\$3,490
# Audience/Part: 130 # Artists: 2 Youth served: 40 Total Served: 172									
ACH-2015(A)-12 Bemidji Community Food Shelf Funds will assist Bemidji Community Food Shelf in having an artist work with our clients to create two murals in order to raise an awareness of the arts and provide a high quality arts experience for our clients.							\$5,042	\$5,042	\$3,583
# Audience/Part: ? # Artists: 1 Youth served: ? Total Served: 35,001									



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ACH-2015(A)-13 Atneosen Funds will assist Bryan Atneosen to create a socially focused art project titled "Garage Sale Secrets."							\$2,000	\$1,600	\$0
# Audience/Part: 200 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 100 Total Served: 301									
ACH-2015(A)-14 Northern Light Opera Company Funds will assist Northern Light Opera Company to mount a production of Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors" at the Park Rapids Armory Theater, December 12-14.							\$5,225	\$5,225	\$5,225
# Audience/Part: 70 # Artists: 40 Youth served: 330 Total Served: 440									
ACH-2015(A)-15 Lake of the Woods School Funds will assist the Lake of the Woods School to bring the Copper Street Brass Quintet for a two-day residency including educational session for school students and an evening concert open to the public.							\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
# Audience/Part: 200 # Artists: 5 Youth served: 100 Total Served: 305									
ACH-2015(A)-16 Bemidji State University English Department Funds will assist the Bemidji State University English Department to put on the Minnesota Northwoods Writers Conference to provide attendees and the community with high quality literary activities.							\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
# Audience/Part: 65 # Artists: 6 Youth served: 0 Total Served: 71									



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ACH-2015(A)-17 Murray Funds will assist Shannon Murray to research, write, and perform Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) songs, and songs inspired by the IWW, in a 9 concert series throughout the region.							\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
# Audience/Part: 150 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 50 Total Served: 201									
ACH-2015(A)-18 Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians Funds will assist the Red Lake Band of Chippewa to promote and share the rich culture and artistry of our artists with our community, youth, and invited neighbors.							\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
# Audience/Part: 300 # Artists: 40 Youth served: 200 Total Served: 540									
ACH-2015(A)-19 Bemidji Participatory Arts Collective Funds will assist the Bemidji Participatory Arts Collective to partner with Kairos Alive! to deliver high quality arts experiences to adults with cognitive and physical impairments.							\$5,945	\$5,945	\$0
# Audience/Part: 250 # Artists: 9 Youth served: 30 Total Served: 289									
ACH-2015(A)-20 Headwaters School of Music & the Arts Funds will assist Headwaters School, of Music & the Arts to have Maestro Magnus Martenssen of Sweden in concert on Sunday 23, 2014 and then to present a one-day residency at Kelliher Public Schools on Monday, November 24, 2014.							\$1,745	\$1,745	\$1,745
# Audience/Part: 350 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 275 Total Served: 626									



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FEL-2015-02 Fynboh-Andress Funds will assist Sandra Fynboh-Andress to attend Loren Stump's Butterfly Murrini Class at Flametree Studio in Atlanta and to buy the supplies and equipment needed to utilize the sculptural building and shading techniques she will learn there in her future glass designs.				\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000			
# Audience/Part:	# Artists:	Youth served:	Total Served:						
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FEL-2015-03 Jackson				\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0			
# Audience/Part:	# Artists:	Youth served:	Total Served:						
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FEL-2015-04 Therese				\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0			
# Audience/Part:	# Artists:	Youth served:	Total Served:						
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FEL-2015-05 O'Brien				\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0			
# Audience/Part:	# Artists:	Youth served:	Total Served:						
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FEL-2015-06 Hansmeyer Funds will assist Monica Hansmeyer to attend a two-week jewelry residency at Mendocino Art Center in California and to fund a mentorship with master jeweler Andy Olive in Minneapolis.				\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000			
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# Audience/Part:	# Artists:	Youth served:	Total Served:						
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FEL-2015-07 Booth				\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0			
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# Audience/Part:	# Artists:	Youth served:	Total Served:						
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FEL-2015-08 Roholt				\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0			
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# Audience/Part:	# Artists:	Youth served:	Total Served:						
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FEL-2015-09 LaVine				\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0			
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# Audience/Part:	# Artists:	Youth served:	Total Served:						
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APG-2015(A)-01 Bemidji Middle School Funds will assist Bemidji Middle School students to write historically accurate, creative writing short stories with the inspiration and guidance of author William Durbin.	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$1,352						
# Audience/Part: 25 # Artists: 7 Youth served: 350 Total Served: 382									
APG-2015(A)-02 Clearbrook-Gonvick Summer Recreation Funds will assist Clearbrook-Gonvick Summer Recreation to sponsor the Prairie Fire Theater production of "Sleeping Beauty" for local performers ages 7 to adult.	\$2,290	\$2,290	\$2,290						
# Audience/Part: 110 # Artists: 2 Youth served: 55 Total Served: 167									
APG-2015(A)-03 Mask & Rose Women's Theater Collective Funds will assist the Mask & Rose to take the lead in coordinating a celebration of excellence in a year's worth of regional theater productions with a special awards ceremony called the "Oxcars."	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0						
# Audience/Part: 80 # Artists: 400 Youth served: 15 Total Served: 495									
APG-2015(A)-04 Headwater School of Music & the Arts Funds will assist Headwaters School of Music & the Arts to provide a stipend for the conductor of the 11th Annual "Tuba Christmas."	\$422	\$422	\$422						
# Audience/Part: 200 # Artists: 20 Youth served: 50 Total Served: 270									



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APG-2015(A)-05 Schoolcraft Learning Community Funds will assist Schoolcraft Learning Community to present their Winter and Spring Concerts at the Bemidji High school Performing Arts Center at 6:30 p.m. on December 11, 2014 and May 7, 2014, showcasing the choirs, orchestras, and the French program.	\$1,104	\$1,104	\$0						
# Audience/Part: 300 # Artists: 4 Youth served: 325 Total Served: 629									
APG-2015(A)-06 Bemidji State University Music Department Funds will assist Eric Olson to bring high-level musicians to the Bemidji area to perform a concert and have a masterclass at Bemidji State University and the Headwaters School of Music & the Arts.	\$1,756	\$1,756	\$1,756						
# Audience/Part: 50 # Artists: 5 Youth served: 30 Total Served: 85									
APG-2015(A)-07 Park Rapids Community Development Organization Funds will assist the Upper Mississippi Center for the Arts (UMCA) Board to conduct a one-day workshop with Ryan Heinritz, Director of the Paradise Center for the Arts, Fairibault MN, to assist in developing a business model, fund raising procedures, and facility programming.	\$800	\$800	\$0						
# Audience/Part: 0 # Artists: 11 Youth served: 0 Total Served: 11									
APG-2015(A)-08 Headwaters School of Music & the Arts Funds will assist Headwaters School of Music & the Arts to provide a paid accompanist for the monthly rehearsal and performance schedule for the First City Singers senior choir.	\$2,450	\$2,450	\$2,450						
# Audience/Part: 2,000 # Artists: 40 Youth served: 10 Total Served: 2,050									



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APG-2015(A)-09 White Earth Tribal & Community College Student Senate Funds will assist the Student Senate to create seven hand drums, representing the seven values of White Earth Tribal & Community College, and will be utilizing these drums in March at the American Indian Higher Education Consortium.	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$0						
# Audience/Part: 10 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 0 Total Served: 11									
APG-2015(A)-10 Bemidji Symphony Orchestra Funds will assist the Bemidji Symphony Orchestra to present the concert "Presidents, Portraits, and Paradigms" on March 29, 2015 with guest artist Clay Jenkinson appearing in the personas of Mt. Rushmore presidents and featuring music connected to the four presidents' life and times with a children's concert on March 27, 2015.	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500						
# Audience/Part: 450 # Artists: 80 Youth served: ? Total Served: 1,580									
AAI-2015(A)-01 Desjarlait Funds will assist Terri DesJarlait to purchase materials needed to create a woman's jingle dress, two men's woodland vests, and three men's traditional shirts.				\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000			
# Audience/Part: ? # Artists: 1 Youth served: ? Total Served: 20,001									
AAI-2015(A)-02 Littlewolf Funds will assist Crystal Littlewolf to purchase materials to create blankets to promote personal healing.				\$677	\$677	\$677			
# Audience/Part: 0 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 2 Total Served: 3									



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AAI-2015(A)-03 Johns Funds will assist Gwendolyn Johns to purchase wampum and local shells and stones to create natural native jewelry.				\$724	\$724	\$724			
# Audience/Part: 500 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 25 Total Served: 526									
AAI-2015(A)-04 Summer Funds will assist Michele Summer to purchase equipment to make her jewelry studio more comfortable.				\$772	\$772	\$772			
# Audience/Part: 1,800 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 0 Total Served: 1,801									
AAI-2015(A)-05 Boudreau Funds will assist Patty Boudreau to make a child's Fancy Shawl regalia.				\$425	\$425	\$425			
# Audience/Part: 7 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 1 Total Served: 9									
CAS-2015-02 Northern Light Opera Company Funds will assist Northern Light Opera Company to cover operating expenses including space rental for musical theater productions.							\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
# Audience/Part: # Artists: Youth served: Total Served:									



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CAS-2015-09 Bemidji Community Theater	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000						
<p>Funds will assist Bemidji Community Theater to become an anchor tenant of Paul Bunyan Playhouse during the off season.</p>									
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# Audience/Part:	# Artists:	Youth served:	Total Served:						
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CAS-2015-10 Headwaters School of Music & the Arts							\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
<p>Funds will assist Headwaters School of Music & the Arts to engage in an organizational assessment with staff, board, constituents and stake holders to produce a two-year strategic plan for the Headwaters School of Music & the Arts and aid the transition to a new executive director.</p>									
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# Audience/Part:	# Artists:	Youth served:	Total Served:						
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CAS-2015-11 Bemidji Chorale							\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
<p>Funds will assist Bemidji Chorale to provide high quality choral experience for both members and our audience.</p>									
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# Audience/Part:	# Artists:	Youth served:	Total Served:						
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CAS-2015-12 Watermark Art Center							\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
<p>Funds will assist the Watermark Art Center to hire an executive assistant to assist the executive director with the day-to-day operations of the art center.</p>									
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# Audience/Part:	# Artists:	Youth served:	Total Served:						
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AM-2015-03 Jackson							\$1,000	\$0	\$0
# Audience/Part: 2 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 1 Total Served: 4									
AM-2015-04 Daken							\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Kelliher High School 11th grader Alyssa Daken will study creative writing with Bemidji-based author and mentor Julia Lee.									
# Audience/Part: 0 # Artists: 7 Youth served: 0 Total Served: 7									
AM-2015-05 Allen							\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Bemidji High School 8th grader Allyson Allen will study voice with Bemidji-based vocal instructor Kari Ekhoﬀ.									
# Audience/Part: 2 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 1 Total Served: 4									
AM-2015-06 Fynboh							\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
11th grader Skylar Fynboh will study guitar with Bemidji-based guitar instructor Caleb Erickson.									
# Audience/Part: 0 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 1 Total Served: 2									



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AM-2015-07 Wegley Voyageurs high school 10th grader McKenzy Weglely will study guitar with Bemidji-based instructor Lou Samsa							\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
# Audience/Part: 4 # Artists: 10 Youth served: 60 Total Served: 74									
ACH-2015(B)-01 Lyons Funds will assist Michael Lyons to write and illustrate Ojibwe language activity book which he will use to teach Ojibwe in area schools.							\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
# Audience/Part: 20 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 200 Total Served: 221									
ACH-2015(B)-02 Clear Waters Life Center Funds will assist Clear Waters Life Center Gonvick to offer a variety of Monday art classes to provide access to high quality art experiences for area residents.							\$5,600	\$3,000	\$1,720
# Audience/Part: 60 # Artists: 10 Youth served: 35 Total Served: 105									
ACH-2015(B)-03 Mask and Rose Theater Funds will assist the Mask and Rose Theater in producing Mary Zimmerman's Tony award-winning play "Metamorphoses."							\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0
# Audience/Part: 450 # Artists: 25 Youth served: 75 Total Served: 550									



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ACH-2015(B)-04 Bemidji State University Department of Music Funds will assist Eric Olson to bring Ana Maria Otamendi and Elena Lacheva to Bemidji to perform recitals, present master classes, and provide private coaching to BSU music students.							\$3,023	\$3,023	\$3,023
# Audience/Part: 250 # Artists: 4 Youth served: 400 Total Served: 654									
ACH-2015(B)-05 Bemidji Community Theater Funds will assist Bemidji Community Theater to produce the children's show "HONK!" a musical version of "The Ugly Duckling."							\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
# Audience/Part: 500 # Artists: 30 Youth served: ? Total Served: 1,530									
ACH-2015(B)-06 Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council Funds will assist the Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council to sponsor Art Leap 2015, a driving tour of artists' studios and other cultural destinations.							\$5,378	\$4,000	\$4,000
# Audience/Part: 330 # Artists: 35 Youth served: 0 Total Served: 365									
ACH-2015(B)-07 Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council The Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council will sponsor Youth Music & Art Showcase VII with activities that support youth musicians and encourage youths' artistic talents.							\$2,597	\$2,597	\$2,597
# Audience/Part: 300 # Artists: 6 Youth served: 100 Total Served: 406									



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ACH-2015(B)-08 City of Bemidji Parks and Recreation Department Funds will assist the Parks and Recreation Department to expand their Theater Day Camp to include introduction to theater, stage combat, set design and stage tech classes.							\$5,100	\$5,100	\$5,100
# Audience/Part: 115 # Artists: 7 Youth served: 125 Total Served: 247									
ACH-2015(B)-09 City of Bagley The City of Bagley will invite four artists to demonstrate and display their art to the public, some of which the city will purchase for permanent public display.							\$2,960	\$2,960	\$2,960
# Audience/Part: 200 # Artists: 4 Youth served: 100 Total Served: 304									
ACH-2015(B)-10 Bemidji Symphony Orchestra Funds will assist the Bemidji Symphony Orchestra to perform with classically trained rock violinist Aaron Meyer, along with guitarist Tim Ellis, in a concert that bridges the genres of classical, contemporary progressive rock, and traditional styles of music.							\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
# Audience/Part: 500 # Artists: 80 Youth served: 25 Total Served: 605									
ACH-2015(B)-11 Lake of the Woods Art Guild Funds will offset student tuition for Frank Covino classical academic oil painting seminar.							\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
# Audience/Part: 14 # Artists: 3 Youth served: 1 Total Served: 18									



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ACH-2015(B)-12 Schoolcraft Learning Community Funds will assist students at Schoolcraft Learning Community to work with Design Angler, Inc. and the City of Bemidji to explore, graphically design and create public photographic displays on 7 downtown kiosks to educate the public about human-powered transportation.							\$5,040	\$5,040	\$5,040
# Audience/Part: 5,000 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 20 Total Served: 5,021									
ACH-2015(B)-13 Northern Light Opera Company Funds will assist Northern Light Opera Company to mount six productions of Leonard Bernstein's "West Side Story," July 31 to August 8, 2015.							\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
# Audience/Part: 1,350 # Artists: 50 Youth served: 150 Total Served: 1,550									
ACH-2015(B)-14 Murray Funds will assist Shannon Murray to research, write, and perform IWW songs and songs inspired by the IWW in a 10-concert series throughout the region.							\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
# Audience/Part: 200 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 200 Total Served: 401									
ACH-2015(B)-15 Paul Bunyan Playhouse Funds will assist the Paul Bunyan Playhouse to bring to the stage the dark, but often hilarious tale, of the 1935 kidnapping of William Hamm in "Prints."							\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
# Audience/Part: 950 # Artists: 8 Youth served: 150 Total Served: 1,108									



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ACH-2015(B)-16 Headwaters School of Music & the Arts Funds will assist the Headwaters School of Music & the Arts to add three low range bells and a carrying case to the existing 1st City Bell Choir.							\$3,785	\$2,380	\$303
# Audience/Part: 450 # Artists: 15 Youth served: 150 Total Served: 615									
ACH-2015(B)-17 Community Support Systems Inc. Funds will assist Hope House clients to advance their watercolor skills, and assist a professional watercolor artist to teach those skills to children in the community.							\$5,340	\$5,340	\$5,340
# Audience/Part: 106 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 90 Total Served: 197									
ACH-2015(B)-18 Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians The Anishinaabe Izhitwaawin Project will focus on connecting youth from 6-21 years of age with our traditional arts: drumming, singing, and regalia making.							\$6,000	\$5,760	\$0
# Audience/Part: 100 # Artists: 5 Youth served: 40 Total Served: 145									
ACH-2015(B)-19 Maanum Funds will assist Steve Maanum in producing and delivering 10 public performances on storytelling, based on his four-year newspaper column entitled, "My Endless Childhood."							\$3,000	\$2,400	\$0
# Audience/Part: 100 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 500 Total Served: 601									



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ACH-2015(B)-20 Bemidji MusiCamp Funds will assist Bemidji MusiCamp in continuing to provide an inspiring camp that encourages lifelong participation for young musicians throughout the region and that will culminate in a final performance for the public.							\$5,717	\$5,717	\$5,717
# Audience/Part: 200 # Artists: 15 Youth served: 50 Total Served: 265									
ACH-2015(B)-21 Bemidji Marching Band Booster Club Funds will assist Bemidji High School to purchase a customized trailer to transport instruments and marching band uniforms to area competitions.									
# Audience/Part: # Artists: Youth served: Total Served:									
ACH-2015(B)-22 Rogers Funds will assist Bemidji High School to purchase a customized trailer to transport instruments and marching band uniforms to area competitions.									
# Audience/Part: # Artists: Youth served: Total Served:									
IAG-2015-01 Forbes Funds will assist Cavandoli artist Karen-lisa Forbes to rent studio/gallery space in downtown Bemidji where she will gain public exposure for her work, produce six new pieces of Cavandoli knotted art for an exhibition at DunnBros. Coffee in July 2015, and to participate the Bemidji Artists' Studio Cruise in October 2015.				\$1,725	\$1,725	\$1,725			
# Audience/Part: 5,000 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 300 Total Served: 5,301									



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IAG-2015-02 Holt Funds will assist Joseph Holt to have his music mixed and mastered for submission to publishers.				\$1,950	\$1,950	\$0			
# Audience/Part: ? # Artists: 1 Youth served: ? Total Served: ?									
IAG-2015-03 Atneosen Funds will assist Bryan Atneosen to produce and exhibit new photos and promote discussion of the visual arts.				\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0			
# Audience/Part: 1,200 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 100 Total Served: 1,301									
IAG-2015-04 Olin Funds will assist Susan Olin to do intensive study with harpist Andrea Stern in the Twin Cities, improving technique and ear training skills, as well as upgrading to a better music notation program to provide higher quality printed music.				\$1,655	\$1,655	\$1,655			
# Audience/Part: 0 # Artists: 2 Youth served: 0 Total Served: 2									
IAG-2015-05 Ruport Funds will assist Michelle Ruport to expand current jewelry producing abilities and further artistic development.				\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0			
# Audience/Part: # Artists: Youth served: Total Served:									



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IAG-2015-06 McCracken Funds will assist Keila McCracken to use human powered technology to create clothing out of local fibers and dyes using local artisans and a Hattersley Scottish loom.				\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000			
# Audience/Part: 600 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 60 Total Served: 661									
IAG-2015-07 Medina Funds will assist Corey Medina to record and manufacture his first music album.				\$2,000	\$2,000	\$309			
# Audience/Part: # Artists: 7 Youth served: Total Served: 7									
IAG-2015-08 Sumsky Funds will assist Evonne Sumsky in attending the National Basketry Organization (NBO) Conference in St. Paul MN July 14-19, 2015 to study rib-style construction resulting in an art show of 8-10 baskets.				\$925	\$925	\$925			
# Audience/Part: 0 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 0 Total Served: 1									
IAG-2015-09 Diwyk Funds will assist Yvonne Diwyk to research and interview patients for a written memoir of mental health and illness, struggles, symptoms, and stories.				\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0			
# Audience/Part: # Artists: 7 Youth served: Total Served: 7									



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IAG-2015-10 McCroy Funds will assist Sean McCroy to travel to, and participate in, the Photoshop World 2015 Conference.				\$1,151	\$1,151	\$1,151			
# Audience/Part: 0 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 1 Total Served: 2									
IAG-2015-11 Morgan Funds will assist Vivienne Morgan to create a work titled "And I Will Hold You Close Forever" for "What's Left," a traveling group art exhibition about suicide.				\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0			
# Audience/Part: 2,000 # Artists: 100 Youth served: 200 Total Served: 2,300									
IAG-2015-12 Holland Funds will assist Weston Holland to purchase a professional level SLR camera and produce a gallery of new work.				\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0			
# Audience/Part: 0 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 0 Total Served: 1									
IAG-2015-13 Goodwin Funds will assist Duane Goodwin to advance to another level of sculpture by creating a bronze casting from one of his previously carved stone sculptures.				\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000			
# Audience/Part: 25 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 50 Total Served: 76									



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IAG-2015-18 Himmirska Funds will assist Natalia Himmirska to create and exhibit a new body of work exploring the continuity and fertility of visual language, including prints and paintings, for exhibition in Beltrami County.				\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000			
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# Audience/Part: 500 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 50 Total Served: 551									
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IAG-2015-19 Krueger Funds will assist Emily Wendland to attend the annual Society for Children's Book Writers and Illustrators Conference in Los Angeles, CA.				\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000			
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# Audience/Part: 0 # Artists: 60 Youth served: ? Total Served: 1,060									
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IAG-2015-20 Backer Funds will assist Malotte Backer to purchase a larger kiln, kiln shelves, and a venting system to expand firing options to accommodate her developing ability to throw larger objects.				\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000			
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# Audience/Part: 100 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 50 Total Served: 151									
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IAG-2015-21 Dymond Funds will assist Joanna Dymond to cover the costs of editing and printing a self-published book.				\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0			
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# Audience/Part: 500 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 0 Total Served: 501									
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IAG-2015-22				\$234	\$234	\$234			
Hilts									
Funds will assist Colleen Hilts to purchase power tools to enable her to create more refined wood carvings.									
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# Audience/Part: 50	# Artists: 1	Youth served: 0	Total Served: 51						
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IAG-2015-23				\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0			
Murray									
Funds will assist Shannon Murray to rehearse, record, mix, master, and digitally release a new full length album of original songs entitled "Personal, Political."									
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# Audience/Part: 80	# Artists: 3	Youth served: 20	Total Served: 103						
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IAG-2015-24				\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0			
Carlson									
Funds will assist Sarah Carlson to travel to Paris to play a solo organ recital at the Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris, France.									
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# Audience/Part: 500	# Artists: 1	Youth served: 100	Total Served: 601						
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IAG-2015-25				\$1,717	\$1,717	\$896			
Wiltse									
Funds will assist artist Erja Wiltse to attend a 5-day workshop title "Finding your visual voice" conducted by artist Mary Jo Dell to enhance her individual development as an artist.									
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# Audience/Part: 0	# Artists: 13	Youth served: 0	Total Served: 13						



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IAG-2015-26 Krueger Funds will assist Paul Krueger to complete three exhibits in one year's time and rent collaborative studio space.				\$1,792	\$0	\$0			
# Audience/Part:	# Artists:	Youth served:	Total Served:						
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IAG-2015-27 Kedzie Funds will assist Susan Kedzie to complete five new illustrations for her first children's book.				\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0			
# Audience/Part: 120	# Artists: 1	Youth served: 60	Total Served: 181						
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IAG-2015-28 Lee Funds will assist Julia Lee to hire a literary publicist to organize and carry out a book tour as well as hire a graphic designer to create a book trailer in order to publicize her debut novel, "Seven Stones."				\$1,960	\$1,960	\$1,960			
# Audience/Part: 500	# Artists: 1	Youth served: 200	Total Served: 701						
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IAG-2015-29 Gerdes									
# Audience/Part:	# Artists:	Youth served:	Total Served:						
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AAI-2015(B)-01 Eastman The funds will assist in producing two paintings depicting Native Americans in the military.				\$765	\$765	\$765			
# Audience/Part: 3,000 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 0 Total Served: 3,001									
AAI-2015(B)-02 May Funds will assist in purchasing computer and scanner for online marketing of art.				\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000			
# Audience/Part: 300 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 200 Total Served: 501									
AAI-2015(B)-03 Bellanger Funds will assist in the purchase of beads, needles, leather, thread and patterns for loom beading.				\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000			
# Audience/Part: 400 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 100 Total Served: 501									
AAI-2015(B)-04 Medicine Funds will assist in purchasing beading supplies.				\$1,000	\$0	\$0			
# Audience/Part: # Artists: 2 Youth served: 500 Total Served: 502									



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AAI-2015(B)-05 Clark Funds will assist in purchase of beading supplies.				\$720	\$0	\$0			
# Audience/Part: 1 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 1 Total Served: 3									
AAI-2015(B)-06 Roybal Funds will assist in purchase of supplies to create an inventory of beaded artwork.				\$1,000	\$0	\$0			
# Audience/Part: # Artists: 1 Youth served: Total Served: 1									
AAI-2015(B)-07 Wind Funds will assist in purchase of guitar amplifier for recording purposes.				\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000			
# Audience/Part: 50 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 50 Total Served: 101									
AAI-2015(B)-08 Fisher Funds will assist in purchase of supplies and equipment, as well as for display and travel to exhibit visual art.				\$1,000					
# Audience/Part: # Artists: 2 Youth served: Total Served: 2									



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APG-2015(B)-01 Voyageurs Expeditionary School The funds will provide an Artist-in-Residence to teach 45 middle school students, primarily Native American, the skills of cartooning, Ojibwe language, and book creation.	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0						
# Audience/Part: 35 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 45 Total Served: 81									
APG-2015(B)-02 Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council Funds will assist PRLAAC to organize an Arts Event in honor of the 10th anniversary of PRLAAC, Art Leap, and the Noon Hour Concert Series.	\$1,341	\$1,341	\$0						
# Audience/Part: 270 # Artists: 50 Youth served: 30 Total Served: 350									
APG-2015(B)-03 Bemidji First City of Arts Studio Cruise 2015 Funds will assist in marketing the 8th annual Studio Cruise, an open studio tour event of participating area artists at no charge to the public.	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500						
# Audience/Part: 350 # Artists: 25 Youth served: 100 Total Served: 475									
APG-2015(B)-04 Mask and Rose Theater Funds will assist the Mask and Rose Theater to produce the original play written by Cate Belleveau based on Bemidji's native daughter, Mary Hemingway.	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$0						
# Audience/Part: 225 # Artists: 18 Youth served: 0 Total Served: 243									



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APG-2015(B)-05 Bagley Area Arts Collaborative Fund will assist Bagley Area Arts Collaborative to host 2 workshops from Minnesota Center for Book Arts: Creating Accordion Books for students aged 5-10 and Paper Marbeling with Suminagashi Technique for teens/adults.	\$755	\$755	\$755						
# Audience/Part: 10 # Artists: 1 Youth served: 15 Total Served: 26									
APG-2015(B)-06 Bagley Area Arts Collaborative Funds will assist Bagley Area Arts Collaborative to host 4 community concerts at Farm by the Lake in Bagley, MN.	\$740	\$740	\$740						
# Audience/Part: # Artists: Youth served: Total Served:									
APG-2015(B)-07 Northern Light Opera Company Funds will assist the collaborative efforts of Northern Light Opera Company, Park Rapids Schools, and Upper Mississippi Center for the Arts to create a Children's Theater Workshop for ages 9-12 at the Park Rapids Armory, July 12-August 15, 2015.	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0						
# Audience/Part: 100 # Artists: 8 Youth served: 50 Total Served: 158									
APG-2015(B)-08 Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council Funds will assist Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council and Chamber of Commerce to bring Minnesota actors to perform at the annual Legends & Logging Days Festival in Park Rapids.	\$2,350	\$2,340	\$0						
# Audience/Part: 300 # Artists: 2 Youth served: 100 Total Served: 402									



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APG-2015(B)-09 Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council Funds will assist Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council in sponsoring 2 performances of TigerLion Arts' production of "Nature-A Walking Play," July 15, 2015 in Heartland Park in Park Rapids, MN.	\$2,479	\$2,479	\$0						
# Audience/Part: 400 # Artists: 11 Youth served: 200 Total Served: 611									
APG-2015(B)-10 Bemidji Symphony Orchestra Funds will assist the Bemidji Symphony Orchestra to perform the 4/3/16 concert "A Walk with Peter and Prokofiev" with guest violinist Everaldo Martinez.	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500						
# Audience/Part: 450 # Artists: 77 Youth served: 100 Total Served: 627									
APG-2015(B)-11 Friends of Lake Bemidji State Park Funds will assist Friends of Lake Bemidji State park to hire performers at Lake Bemidji State Park.	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0						
# Audience/Part: # Artists: Youth served: Total Served:									
APG-2015(B)-12 Nemeth Art Center Funds will assist the Nemeth Art Center in bringing Minneapolis artists Gregory Fitz and Christopher Atkins to Park Rapids to exhibit their work July 31-September 26, 2015.	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0						
# Audience/Part: 2,500 # Artists: 2 Youth served: 100 Total Served: 2,602									

