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# Minnesota History: Building A Legacy

Report to the Governor and the Legislature on Funding  
for History Programs and Projects Supported by the  
Legacy Amendment's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund



## Letter from MNHS CEO and Director



In 2018, it will be 10 years since Minnesota voters passed a constitutional amendment to create the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund (ACHF). This simple 3/8-cent sales tax has had a deep and far-reaching impact on our state.

During this time, the Minnesota Historical Society is proud to have administered more than \$45 million in historical and cultural grants, totalling 2,224 grants to 812 organizations in all 87 counties. This funding source has helped Minnesotans invest in their cultural heritage, creating a legacy for future generations and demonstrating that history matters.

ACHF has supported a wide range of projects, from restoring historic buildings to providing microfilm readers and funding exhibits at county historical societies. As we look back over the years, a few trends emerge:

- **Legacy funding supports the restoration and preservation of historic properties throughout Minnesota.** Early ACHF grants funded the preservation of sites like Duluth's St. Louis County Jail and the Litchfield Opera House. In 2017, preservation projects included New Ulm's Hermann Monument and the Wasioja Civil War Recruiting Station in Mantorville.
- **Legacy dollars fund groundbreaking Minnesota research.** Historians, archaeologists, and other professionals have been able to delve into new and exciting areas of our state's history. As an example, Maritime Heritage Minnesota explores archaeological and cultural resources beneath Minnesota's waters and has conducted numerous Legacy-funded surveys over the years. Their work has led to the reestablishment of the discipline of underwater archaeology in Minnesota. In 2017, Maritime Heritage Minnesota received funding to continue assessments of several suburban lakes and research the state's history of small watercrafts.
- **ACHF helps Minnesota's historic properties receive national recognition.** ACHF has supported efforts to nominate properties to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) by helping organizations hire qualified historians to conduct property research. Since 2009, more than 20 historic properties have been added to the NRHP, thanks to Legacy-funded research. In this report, you can read about the New Deal-era Olcott Park Electric Fountain and Rock Garden, which earned NRHP status in June 2017.

While we celebrate the tremendous success of the ACHF, it's important to note the great need that remains. MNHS has awarded more than \$45 million in grants since July 2009, but we received \$124 million in grant requests in that time period. ACHF has become a vital part of our investment in our cultural heritage and will become more important as historical organizations battle tightening budgets.

Communities across the state are grateful to the voters of Minnesota for passing this groundbreaking constitutional amendment, and it will be fascinating to see what kinds of investments local historical organizations will make with this funding in the next 10 years. The Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund has become a critical part of our state's future and how we remember our past.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Stephen Elliott". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

D. Stephen Elliott, Director and CEO

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**Cover image:** Artist David Geister works on a 30-foot mural featuring influential individuals of the WW1 era, created for the run of the *WW1 America* exhibit at the Minnesota History Center. The mural and exhibit were supported by the ACHF.

## Introduction

On November 4, 2008, Minnesota voters approved the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment to preserve and enhance some of the most important elements of our state. This amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, often referred to as the “Legacy Amendment,” created four funds, one of which is the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund (ACHF).

The Legacy Amendment mandates that a portion of the ACHF be used “to preserve Minnesota’s history and cultural heritage” (Minnesota Constitution, Article XI, Sec. 15). Each January, the Minnesota Historical Society (MNHS) is required to submit an annual report to the governor and legislature detailing expenditures it has made from the ACHF.

This report details all ACHF grants awarded in CY17 and projects and programs funded through MNHS for FY18.

### **ACHF history projects are benefiting Minnesotans statewide by:**

- Preserving our state’s most valuable historical and cultural resources for future generations
- Sharing our state’s stories and treasured resources with ever-growing audiences including students, teachers, scholars, researchers, genealogists and the general public
- Connecting Minnesotans of all ages to each other and to history—history that is becoming more accessible than ever before

## Appropriations

In 2017, the legislature appropriated \$28.1 million from the ACHF to MNHS for the two-year period July 2017-June 2019. That appropriation breaks down to \$11.815 million for fiscal year 2018 and \$16.305 million for fiscal year 2019.

The legislature divided the fiscal year 2018-2019 appropriation to MNHS into the following six categories:

<b>Category</b>	<b>FY18 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY19 Appropriation</b>
Statewide Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants	\$4,500,000	\$6,500,000
Statewide History Programs	\$4,055,000	\$6,945,000
Statewide History Partnerships	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Statewide Survey of Historical and Archaeological Sites	\$400,000	\$400,000
Minnesota Digital Library	\$300,000	\$300,000
Additional Projects	\$560,000	\$160,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,815,000</b>	<b>\$16,305,000</b>

**2,224 grants** have been awarded to 812 organizations across Minnesota through the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants Program

SINCE JULY 1, 2009, Legacy history funds have supported grants in all 87 Minnesota counties.

**63 COUNTIES**  
have received **\$100,000**  
or more since **July 2009**

**100% Return**  
**on Investment**

For every \$1 of Legacy history funds invested, Minnesota receives a return on investment of \$2, which directly benefits state and local economies<sup>1</sup>

**\$2.14 PER PERSON, PER YEAR**

Less than the cost of a cup of coffee—that's how much each Minnesotan pays annually for the programs, partnerships and grants detailed in this report<sup>2</sup>

**22,606 students from**  
**284 Minnesota schools**

took a field trip to a MNHS historic site with support from the Legacy Field Trip Support Fund in FY2017

**Almost 4 to 1**

demand for historical and cultural heritage grants outweighed available resources during calendar year 2017<sup>3</sup>

In November 2008, **56% of Minnesotans**

voted to increase their taxes to preserve Minnesota's legacy, including history and cultural heritage<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> "An Economic Analysis of Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund Monies: An Update" prepared by the University of Minnesota Extension Center for Community Vitality, December 2012

<sup>2</sup> Based on U.S. Census 2016 Minnesota population estimate of 5,519,952 and FY2018 appropriation of \$11,815,000

<sup>3</sup> Based on \$12,285,334 in overall grant requests in calendar year 2017 and \$4,687,543 in actual grant awards

<sup>4</sup> Minnesota Legislative Reference Library, State Constitutional Amendments Considered, [www.leg.state.mn.us/lrl/mngov/constitutionalamendments.aspx](http://www.leg.state.mn.us/lrl/mngov/constitutionalamendments.aspx)

## **Historic Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC)**

Legislation specifies that the HRAC, a volunteer citizen panel that guides decisions for the ACHF-funded Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants Program, has balanced statewide membership and includes representatives of local, county, and statewide historic and cultural organizations and programs.

It further requires that the HRAC shall include, but is not limited to, members representing the interests of historic preservation, local history, archaeology, archival programs, and other cultural programs related to the history of Minnesota.

The HRAC consists of 13 members serving two-year terms and two ex-officio members. They represent a variety of disciplines and are from diverse areas of the state. The committee roster for 2017:

### **Kristi Link Fernholz, Appleton (Chair)**

- Senior planner, Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission
- Active with Minnesota Valley National Scenic Byway
- Qualified in grants management, regional government, graphic arts, and interpretation

### **Eric Ahlness, Wayzata**

- Manager at Cargill
- Member of MNHS Executive Council
- Qualified in human relations and management services

### **Milissa Brooks-Ojibway, Duluth**

- Collections manager, Glensheen, the Historic Congdon Estate
- Associate of Arts degree in liberal arts, Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College
- Qualified in grant writing and implementing collection policies and object care

### **Mike Brubaker, Becker**

- Executive director, Sherburne History Center
- M.A., Utah State University
- Qualified in local history, genealogy, archives, exhibits, and collections management

### **Mark Edevold, Bagley**

- Former executive director, Beltrami County Historical Society and former mayor of Bagley
- M.A. in anthropology
- Qualified in archaeology, construction, facility management

### **Michael Farnell, Rochester**

- Member of MNHS Executive Council
- Emeritus professor of surgery, Mayo Clinic
- Qualified in governance

### **Ann Grandy, Glenwood**

- Collections manager, Pope County Historical Society
- Master of Liberal Arts in history, Harvard Extension School
- Qualified in collection management, exhibits, research

### **Sara M. Hanson, White Bear Lake**

- Executive director, White Bear Lake Historical Society
- M.A. in public history, St. Cloud State University
- Qualified in local history, research, and collections

### **Ginny Lackovic, Minneapolis**

- Registered architect, HGA Architects and Engineers
- Involved in restoration work on the Minnesota State Capitol, St. Paul Union Depot, and Pantages Theatre in Minneapolis
- Qualified in historic architecture

### **Andrea LaVasseur, Bemidji**

- U.S. Forest Service program manager, retired
- M.A. in anthropology
- Qualified in anthropology, project management, federal and tribal government

### **Robert Mack, Minneapolis**

- 45 years of practicing preservation architecture, teaching preservation, service with preservation organizations, and technical writing on preservation subjects
- Author of the National Park Service's Preservation Briefs #1 and 2
- Adjunct professor in the School of Architecture and Department of Landscape Architecture at University of Minnesota
- Qualified in historic preservation

### **Kathryn Ohland, St. Paul**

- Architectural historian
- M.S. in architecture, preservation and conservation, University of Minnesota
- Qualified in historic preservation

### **Michael Worcester, Cokato**

- Director, Cokato Historical Museum and Akerlund Studio
- Former board member of Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums
- Qualified in local history, project management, museum collections care, and management

### **Ex Officio Members:**

#### **Phyllis Rawls Goff**

President, MNHS Executive Council

#### **Daniel J. Schmechel**

Treasurer, MNHS Executive Council

## **The Minnesota Historical Society Executive Council**

All grant recommendations for the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants Program are reviewed and approved by the Minnesota Historical Society governing board, the Executive Council.

Below is the list of members who served in calendar year 2017:

### **Officers:**

**Phyllis Rawls Goff**, President  
**William D. Green**, Vice President  
**D. Stephen Elliott**, Secretary  
**Daniel J. Schmechel**, Treasurer

### **Members of the Executive Council:**

<b>Cawo Abdi</b>	<b>Jean M. Larson</b>
<b>Eric Ahlness</b>	<b>Kirby M. Law (deceased)</b>
<b>Dr. Ford W. Bell</b>	<b>Monica Little</b>
<b>Suzanne Blue</b>	<b>Dr. Michael Farnell</b>
<b>Kurt V. BlueDog</b>	<b>Charles Mahar</b>
<b>Barbara Burwell</b>	<b>Dean M. Nelson</b>
<b>Brenda J. Child</b>	<b>Peter R. Reis</b>
<b>Grant W. Davis</b>	<b>Judge Peter M. Reyes Jr.</b>
<b>Judge Michael J. Davis</b>	<b>William R. Stoeri</b>
<b>M. Mitchell Davis</b>	<b>Bo Thao-Urabe</b>
<b>Thomas M. Forsythe</b>	<b>Ben Vander Kooi</b>
<b>David R. Hakensen</b>	<b>Eleanor C. Winston</b>
<b>MayKao Y. Hang</b>	<b>Warren J. Zaccaro</b>
<b>Dennis Lamkin</b>	

### **Ex Officio Members:**

**Mark Dayton**, Governor  
**Tina Smith**, Lieutenant Governor  
**Steve Simon**, Secretary of State  
**Lori Swanson**, Attorney General  
**Rebecca Otto**, State Auditor

## **Minnesota History Coalition**

The Minnesota History Coalition is an advisory group composed of representatives of various history organizations in Minnesota. Using public input and members' expertise, the History Coalition developed recommendations for the legislature on how the FY18-19 ACHF appropriation for history projects and programs could best serve Minnesotans.

## **Minnesota History Coalition Members:**

**Council for Minnesota Archaeology**  
**Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums**  
**Minnesota Archaeological Society**  
**Minnesota Association of Museums**  
**Minnesota Digital Library**  
**Minnesota Genealogical Society**  
**Minnesota Historical Society**  
**Minnesota History Advocates for Research**  
**Minnesota State Historical Records Advisory Board**  
**Minnesota's Historic Northwest**  
**Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps**  
**Preservation Alliance of Minnesota**

## **Accountability**

The Minnesota Legislature has reiterated the mandate that every project and program supported by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund report "actual measurable outcomes, and a plan for measuring and evaluating the results."

MNHS staff and partners are now strongly positioned to ensure that ACHF projects and programs use best practices, current scholarship, and when appropriate, incorporate state-of-the-art technology for demonstrating measurable outcomes. During FY18-19, MNHS continued to evaluate the impact of ACHF projects and programs to ensure that they demonstrate measurable outcomes as well as economic value for citizens. These results will be shared on a website explained below.

## **Transparency**

The Minnesota Historical Society has an obligation to the citizens of Minnesota to ensure that ACHF funds entrusted to our care are invested in ways that are transparent and will produce the greatest measurable impact on lives, enabling our state to thrive.

To meet this goal, MNHS has assisted in the building of websites that inform the public about all ACHF initiatives funded through MNHS.

Minnesota's Legacy, [www.legacy.leg.mn](http://www.legacy.leg.mn), was created by the Legislative Coordinating Commission and contains information on all Legacy-funded projects.

Through the end of the biennium, MNHS will continue to post the most current information about history-related ACHF initiatives ensuring transparency and responsible stewardship of the funds.

# Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund History Appropriations Language

Session Law Reference: Laws of Minnesota 2017, chapter 91, article 4, section 2, subdivision 4

## Subd. 4. Minnesota Historical Society, FY2018: \$11,815,000, FY2019: \$16,305,000

(a) These amounts are appropriated to the governing board of the Minnesota Historical Society to preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's history and its cultural and historical resources. Grant agreements entered into by the Minnesota Historical Society and other recipients of appropriations in this subdivision must ensure that these funds are used to supplement and not substitute for traditional sources of funding. Funds directly appropriated to the Minnesota Historical Society must be used to supplement and not substitute for traditional sources of funding. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, for historic preservation projects that improve historic structures, the amounts are available until June 30, 2021. The Minnesota Historical Society or grant recipients of the Minnesota Historical Society using arts and cultural heritage funds under this subdivision must give consideration to Conservation Corps Minnesota and Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps, or an organization carrying out similar work, for projects with the potential to need historic preservation services.

### (b) Historical Grants and Programs

#### (1) Statewide Historic and Cultural Grants

\$4,500,000 the first year and \$6,500,000 the second year are for history programs and projects operated or conducted by or through local, county, regional, or other historical or cultural organizations or for activities to preserve significant historic and cultural resources. Funds are to be distributed through a competitive grant process. The Minnesota Historical Society must administer these funds using established grant mechanisms, with assistance from the advisory committee created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), item (ii).

#### (2) Statewide History Programs

\$4,055,000 the first year and \$6,945,000 the second year are for programs and purposes related to the historical and cultural heritage of the state of Minnesota conducted by the Minnesota Historical Society.

#### (3) History Partnerships

\$2,000,000 each year is for partnerships involving multiple organizations, which may include the Minnesota Historical Society, to preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's history and cultural heritage in all regions of the state.

#### (4) Statewide Survey of Historical and Archaeological Sites

\$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the second year are for a contract or contracts to be awarded on a competitive basis to conduct statewide surveys of Minnesota's sites of historical, archaeological, and cultural significance. Results of the surveys must be published in a searchable form and available to the public free of cost. The Minnesota Historical Society, the Office of the

State Archaeologist, and the Indian Affairs Council must each appoint a representative to an oversight board to select contractors and direct the conduct of the surveys. The oversight board must consult with the Departments of Transportation and Natural Resources.

#### (5) Digital Library

\$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the second year are for a digital library project to preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota images, documents, and historical materials. The Minnesota Historical Society must cooperate with the Minitex interlibrary loan system and must jointly share this appropriation for these purposes.

#### (6) Grants

\$80,000 each year is for a grant to the board of directors of the Carver County Historical Society to restore the historic Andrew Peterson farm in Waconia.

\$80,000 each year is for a grant to the city of Woodbury to work in collaboration with the Woodbury Barn Heritage Commission to restore the Miller Barn and historical programming at the Miller Barn in Woodbury.

\$100,000 the first year is to restore the stained glass in the historic Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel in collaboration with the Department of Natural Resources. The historical society may work in collaboration with the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation.

\$250,000 the first year is for a grant to the Fairmont Opera House to restore and renovate the historic Fairmont Opera House.

\$50,000 the first year is for a grant to the Litchfield Opera House to restore and renovate the historic Litchfield Opera House.



## FEATURED STORIES



Photos of the Olcott Park Fountain and Rock Garden in the 1930s and today

## Virginia's Olcott Park Fountain and Rock Garden Named to National Register of Historic Places

The National Park Service listed the Olcott Park Electric Fountain and Rock Garden to the National Register of Historic Places on June 5, 2017, confirming what local Virginia, Minnesota residents have known for years: that this place is special. Legacy funds supported hiring researchers to craft a National Register of Historic Places nomination and to create a conservation assessment and long-range plan for the site's preservation.

In 1937, the park board of the city of Virginia, working with the Works Progress Administration (WPA)—a New Deal-era program designed to get young men working during the Great Depression—added a major attraction to Olcott Park: a fountain and pool within a sunken rock garden and an observation deck.

The fountain served as a centerpiece with multicolor lights shining on changing streams of water. The fountain's mechanism was built by General Electric, which showcased the technology at the Century of Progress Exposition held on Chicago's lakefront during the summers of 1933 and 1934.

According to the National Register listing, the Olcott Park Electric Fountain and Rock Garden is significant as an example of a local partnership with the WPA to “provide an unusual public space, which made a significant and lasting contribution to the social life of Virginia.” Its engineering is also notable as an example of “an innovative, electrically powered, colored-light fountain produced during the 1930s by a nationally recognized manufacturer.”

The city operated the fountain until 2013 when leakage issues made water circulation to the pumps difficult. In addition, replacement parts for the fountain's mechanism were no longer available.

Plans are now underway by the City of Virginia and the Olcott Park Fountain Restoration Committee to restore the fountain to its original working order using new equipment and repair the observation deck and rock garden.



The *WW1 America* exhibit ran at the Minnesota History Center from April 8-Nov. 11, 2017

## Legacy-Funded Projects Commemorate 100th Anniversary of US Entry into WWI

2017 marked the 100th anniversary of the United States' entry into World War I, and in recent years, ACHF funds have supported several projects exploring WWI history across Minnesota.

In Marshall, the Society for the Study of Local and Regional History at Southwest Minnesota State University explored the role of local women during WWI.

Through primary and secondary sources, researchers uncovered new information about local women's WWI experiences, including new job opportunities working in lumberyards and railroads as local men joined the military. ACHF funds supported research, creation of a manuscript, and publication.

Several county-level historical societies, including Brown County, Kandiyohi County, McLeod County, and Dakota County used ACHF support to help fund research and installation of new exhibits examining World War I using artifacts, stories and more from their communities.

Brown County Historical Society (BCHS) opened the exhibit *Loyalty and Dissent: Brown County and the World War I* in April 2017. The exhibit shares stories of men and women who served in the military and on the home front.

BCHS also explores darker issues, like anti-German sentiment during the war. In 1917 when the United States declared war on Germany, more than half of Brown County citizens were first- or second-generation German, and many were registered as enemy aliens, considered disloyal to the United States.

With the support of ACHF funds, in April 2017, the Minnesota History Center opened the exhibit *WW1 America*, which was on view through Nov. 11, Veteran's Day. This immersive 5,000-square-foot exhibit explores life on the home front during one of the most influential and turbulent times in US history and took on issues from war mobilization to the Spanish flu outbreak and struggles for women's suffrage.

MNHS partnered on the exhibit with the National Constitution Center, the National World War I Museum and Memorial, and the Oakland Museum of California.



The documentary *Through the Iron Curtain - From Romania* aired on Twin Cities Public Television on Nov. 5, 2017 and is available to view on [tpt.org](http://tpt.org)

## New Documentary Explores Immigration Stories from Communist-Era Romania to Minnesota

In October 2017, the Heritage Organization of Romanian Americans in Minnesota, or HORA, celebrated the world premiere of its new documentary, *Through the Iron Curtain-From Romania*, at the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis. The documentary uses oral histories from Romanian Americans to explore post-World War II life in communist Romania, especially through the lens of immigrants who came to Minnesota.

Under communism and dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, many *Through the Iron Curtain* interviewees described the intense feelings of suspicion that filled Romania. “Everybody was whispering about everyone else,” one historian noted in the documentary.

The Romanian government also severely curtailed women’s rights in an effort to increase the country’s birth rate. Birth control was outlawed, and women were encouraged to have more children or risk imprisonment.

While living in Romania was difficult, leaving the country wasn’t easy either. Some citizens escaped across the border while others worked their way through the country’s long emigration process.

“People who came here during Communist time, they literally left everything behind,” Cleopatra Cabuz said in the film.

Despite struggling with English, finding jobs, and other challenges of being new immigrants, the film explores the vibrant Romanian community that has formed in the Twin Cities. The community works to keep its traditions, including music, dance, and costumes. Two metro Romanian Orthodox churches, St. Mary’s and St. Stefan’s, serve as community hubs. HORA was founded in 2009 to help share and preserve this history.

The film was supported by a \$42,920 Legacy grant and was produced in partnership with Twin Cities Public Television (TPT). *Through the Iron Curtain* aired on TPT Nov. 5, 2017. It is free to view on [TPT.org](http://TPT.org). HORA previously received Legacy funding in 2014 to produce another documentary about Romanian immigration to the Twin Cities in the early 1900s, *A Thousand Dollars and Back*.



The exterior of the Pipestone Indian Boarding School Superintendent's Residence, built in 1907

## Pipestone Indian Shrine Association Works to Preserve One of Minnesota's Most Endangered Sites

Closed since the 1950s, the Pipestone Indian School was once part of a system of government boarding schools that worked to assimilate Native American children to European-American standards. The school once had more than 60 buildings with up to 400 students.

Today the school superintendent's residence, built of locally quarried Sioux quartzite in 1907, is one of the only remaining buildings documenting the Pipestone Indian School. In addition, very few buildings associated with the 16 schools in Minnesota's Indian boarding school system still exist. The building was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1993.

The superintendent's residence is now on Minnesota West Community and Technical College's Pipestone campus and has shuffled through various owners over the years. In 2006, the Preservation Alliance of

Minnesota listed the residence as one of Minnesota's 10 most endangered historic sites. In 2013, the nonprofit Pipestone Indian Shrine Association (PISA), located at Pipestone National Monument, took over the property and is working to restore and preserve it.

In 2014, PISA received a \$38,000 Legacy grant to hire a qualified architect to create a workplan to preserve and stabilize the residence's exterior. Final design and construction documents were funded by a \$10,000 Legacy grant in 2016. The building has sat vacant since 1983 and has several high-priority preservation needs, including replacing the roof.

PISA's long-term goal is to reuse the residence as an interpretive center or museum to share the complex and painful history of the Pipestone Indian School and its students, as well as the school's historical links with the nearby Pipestone National Monument.

# CY17 REPORT OF MINNESOTA HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE GRANTS



A Historic Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC) meeting at the Minnesota History Center

The ACHF-funded Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants Program provides a valuable opportunity for nonprofit and educational organizations, government units, and tribal organizations across Minnesota to preserve and share the state’s history and cultural heritage.

The Minnesota Historical Society administers the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants Program and awards grants based on the recommendations of the Historic Resources Advisory Committee.

Through a competitive process, 2,224 grants totalling nearly \$45 million have been awarded to 812 organizations in every county in Minnesota since the Legacy Amendment was passed in 2008.

Since the last report was published in January 2017, 227 grants, totaling more than \$4.5 million have been awarded in 60 counties to 171 organizations across Minnesota.

Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants are available in two tiers:

- Small or Structured Grants of \$10,000 or less
- Large Grants of more than \$10,000

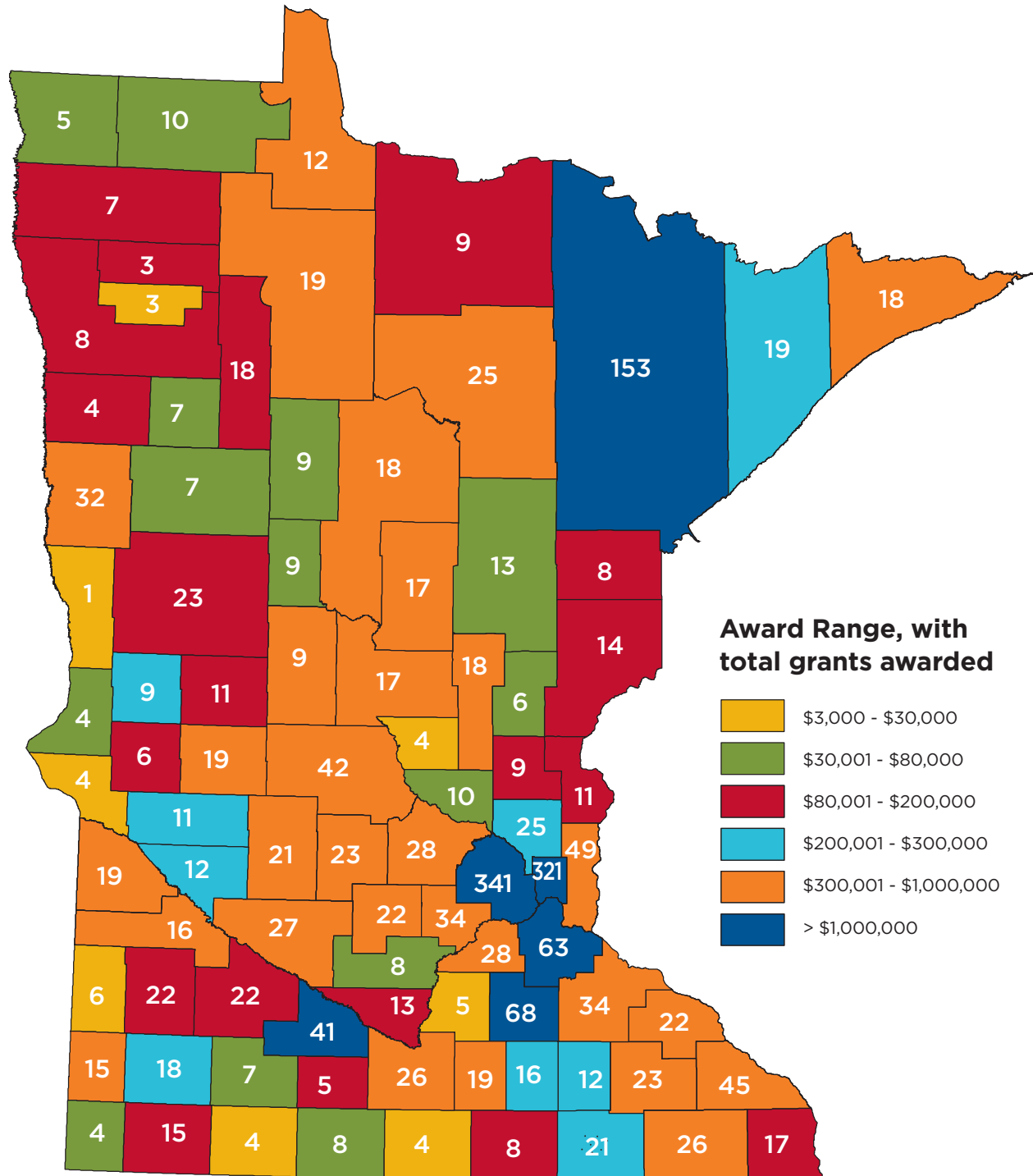
Ten percent of grants funding is used to administer and ensure the success of the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants Program. The funds allow MNHS to lead statewide grant-writing workshops and webinars, assist applicants with technical information critical to submitting a successful grant application, and support recipients throughout the life of their project. To assure transparency and measurable outcomes of projects, grants staff members conduct onsite visits required by the Minnesota Office of Grants Management and, throughout the grant life cycle, monitor the progress of all awarded grants.

All grants awarded between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2017 are listed on pages 13-29. As more grants are awarded throughout the year, information will be available at [legacy.mnhs.org](http://legacy.mnhs.org).

**FY18-19 Appropriations Language:** Statewide Historic and Cultural Grants \$4,500,000 the first year and \$6,500,000 the second year are for history programs and projects operated or conducted by or through local, county, regional, or other historical or cultural organizations or for activities to preserve significant historic and cultural resources. Funds are to be distributed through a competitive grant process. The Minnesota Historical Society shall administer these funds using established grant mechanisms, with assistance from the advisory committee created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), item (ii).

# Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants July 1, 2009-Dec. 31, 2017

Amount invested: \$45,270,503  
Total grants awarded to date: 2,224



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**Senate District 01, House District 01A****Marshall County Historical Society  
HVAC System Implementation, \$94,180**

To hire qualified technicians to upgrade Marshall County Historical Society's heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) system. *Warren, Marshall County*

**Roseau County Historical Society  
Collection Inventory, Phase I, \$9,900**

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Roseau, Roseau County*

**Roseau County Historical Society  
Exhibit & Gallery Lighting Evaluation and Redesign, \$8,524**

To hire a qualified museum lighting professional to develop a museum lighting plan. *Roseau, Roseau County*

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**Senate District 01, House District 01B****Polk County Historical Society  
Historic Carnegie Library Electrical Updates,  
\$9,900**

To hire qualified technicians to upgrade Polk County Historical Society's electrical system. *Crookston, Polk County*

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**Senate District 02, House District 02A****Clearwater County Historical Society  
Clearwater County Veterans Memorial Interpretive  
Exhibit Plan, \$9,982**

To hire a qualified consultant to write an exhibit plan for interpretation of the Clearwater County Veterans Memorial. *Bagley, Clearwater County*

**Clearwater County Historical Society  
Historical Organization Self-Assessment Using  
StEPs, \$3,999**

To provide Clearwater County Historical Society with professional continuing education through a national museum training program. *Bagley, Clearwater County*

**Clearwater County Historical Society  
Planning for Redesign of Museum Lighting, \$7,500**

To hire a qualified museum lighting professional to develop a museum lighting plan. *Bagley, Clearwater County*

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**Senate District 02, House District 02B****City of Mahanomen  
City Hall, Phase II, Plans and Specs, \$15,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for Mahanomen City Hall, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Mahanomen, Mahanomen County*

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**Senate District 03, House District 03A****City of Ely  
Ely Reconnaissance Survey, \$9,500**

To hire a qualified consultant to conduct a reconnaissance study of downtown Ely. *Ely, St. Louis County*

**City of Ranier  
Ranier Community Building National Register  
Nomination, \$6,000**

To hire a qualified historian to complete the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Ranier Community Building. *Ranier, Koochiching County*

**Cook County Historical Society  
Archaeology Near St. Francis Xavier Church,  
Chippewa City, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified archaeologist to conduct a survey of the area near St. Francis Xavier Church, Chippewa City. *Grand Marais, Cook County*

**Finland Minnesota Historical Society  
Collections Inventory Work, \$6,100**

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Finland, Lake County*

**Great Lakes Shipwreck Preservation Society  
Shipwreck Harriet B National Register Nomination,  
\$9,937**

To hire a qualified historian to complete the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the shipwreck Harriet B. *Lake County*

**Minnesota Department of Natural Resources  
Historic Properties Management Plan for the  
Stuntz Bay Boathouse Historic District, \$20,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to develop a historic properties management plan that will help preserve the Stuntz Bay Boathouse Historic District, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Breitung Township, St. Louis County*

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**Senate District 03, House District 03B**

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**Proctor Area Historical Society  
ADA Architecture Needs Assessment and  
Implementation Plan, \$4,800**

To hire an architect for predevelopment work to improve public accessibility at the Proctor Area Historical Society and better comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. *Proctor, St. Louis County*

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**Senate District 04, House District 04A**

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**Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County  
Acquisition of Sanborn and FUIB Maps, \$1,177**

To add Minnesota Sanborn and Fire Underwriters' Inspection Bureau maps to holdings to make this information more accessible to the public. *Moorhead, Clay County*

**Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County  
Bergquist Cabin Repairs, \$3,500**

To hire qualified professionals to repair the John Bergquist Cabin, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Moorhead, Clay County*

**Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County  
Digitization of Flaten-Wange Glass Plate  
Negatives, \$10,000**

To digitize part of a large collection of photo negatives, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource. *Moorhead, Clay County*

**Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County  
Editing and Designing the Annie Stein and Orabel  
Thortvedt Book, \$10,000**

To hire qualified professionals to produce a manuscript on the history of two artists from Clay County. *Moorhead, Clay County*

**Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County  
Redesigning Museum Lighting, \$8,805**

To hire a qualified museum lighting professional to develop a museum lighting plan. *Moorhead, Clay County*

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**Senate District 05, House District 05A**

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**Cass County Historical Society  
MNopedia Entries for Cass County, 4,500**

To create Cass County entries for the MNopedia project for online research. *Walker, Cass County*

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**Senate District 05, House District 05B**

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**Itasca County Historical Society  
Oral History Association Conference Scholarship,  
\$2,335**

To provide professional development for staff and board members at the national Oral History Association conference in Minneapolis, Oct. 4-8, 2017. *Grand Rapids, Itasca County*

**Itasca County Historical Society  
Picture Grace Oral Histories, \$9,950**

To document in 15 oral history interviews the history and impact of the Minnesota State Photograph, *Grace*, to celebrate its 100th anniversary. *Grand Rapids, Itasca County*

**Judy Garland Children's Museum  
Develop an Object Theater Interpretive Plan,  
\$10,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to write an interpretive plan for the Gumm historic house. *Grand Rapids, Itasca County*

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**Senate District 06, House District 06A**

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**Chisholm Kids Plus  
Downtown Chisholm Historic Signage, \$8,725**

To design, produce, and install nine historical markers in the City of Chisholm. *Chisholm, St. Louis County*

**City of Bigfork  
Bigfork Village Hall Rehabilitation, Phase II,  
\$248,440**

To hire qualified professionals to rehabilitate the Bigfork Village Hall, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Bigfork, Itasca County*

**Hibbing Historical Society  
Aubin Studios Digitization Project, \$8,470**

To digitize a large collection of photographs, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource. *Hibbing, St. Louis County*

**Minnesota Discovery Center  
Collections Inventory, Phase VI, \$5,200**

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Chisholm, St. Louis County*

**Minnesota Discovery Center  
Hill Annex Paleontology Project Inventory, \$6,400**

To provide better organization and analysis of archaeological collections, allowing for greater public access to historic resources. *Chisholm, St. Louis County*

Grants awarded Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2017. Project locations reflect where grant work is being accomplished.



**Minnesota Discovery Center**

***Underground: History Beneath Your Feet*  
Temporary Exhibit Research, \$7,200**

To hire project staff to research the history of Iron Range paleontology, archaeology, and geology in preparation for a future exhibit. *Chisholm, St. Louis County*

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**Senate District 06, House District 06B**

**Iron Range Historical Society  
Resurrection Church Historical Marker  
Replacement, \$2,623**

To design, produce, and install a historical marker at Resurrection Church, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Gilbert, St. Louis County*

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**Senate District 07, House District 07A**

**Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial Inc.  
Phase II: Development of Content for Duluth  
African American History Project, \$3,300**

To hire a qualified historian to research the history of African Americans in Duluth. *Duluth, St. Louis County*

**Regents of the University of Minnesota (American  
Indian Learning Resource Center, Duluth)  
Publication of *Gah-bay-bi-nayss: A Dream  
Fulfilled*, \$85,605**

To hire qualified professionals to publish a book on the history of Ojibwe people in Minnesota. *Duluth, St. Louis County*

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**Senate District 07, House District 07B**

**Duluth Art Institute  
Plans and Specifications for Two Phases of DAI  
Lincoln Park Building Preservation, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for the Lincoln Center for Arts Education building, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Duluth, St. Louis County*

**Duluth Bethel Society Inc.  
General Assessment & Long-Range Preservation  
Plan, \$7,650**

To hire a qualified museum consultant to conduct a general preservation needs assessment survey and long-range collections preservation plan. *Duluth, St. Louis County*

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**Senate District 08, House District 08A**

**Otter Tail County Historical Society  
Combined Fire/Burglar Alarm System, \$10,000**

To hire qualified technicians to upgrade Otter Tail County Historical Society's fire and burglar alarm systems. *Fergus Falls, Otter Tail County*

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**Senate District 09, House District 09A**

**Wadena County Historical Society  
Women's Voices in Rural Politics in Wadena  
County: an Oral History Project, \$9,380**

To document in 20 oral history interviews the history of women in rural Wadena County politics. *Wadena, Wadena County*

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**Senate District 09, House District 09B**

**Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls  
Franciscan Sisters History Project, \$4,800**

To hire qualified professionals to edit a manuscript on the history of the Franciscan Sisters in Little Falls. *Little Falls, Morrison County*

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**Senate District 10, House District 10A**

**Crow Wing County  
Preserving History: Crow Wing County Historical  
Museum and Research Library, Phase II, \$224,557**

To hire qualified professionals to rehabilitate the Crow Wing County museum and library building, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Brainerd, Crow Wing County*

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**Senate District 11, House District 11B**

**Kanabec County Historical Society  
Layout & Schematic Design of HVAC System  
Updates, \$18,500**

To hire qualified professionals to create drawings and specifications for Kanabec County Historical Society's heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) system upgrade. *Mora, Kanabec County*

**Pine County Historical Society  
Inventory of Collections, Phase IV, \$9,880**

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Askov, Pine County*

**Pine County Historical Society**  
**Planning for Redesign of Museum Lighting, \$9,377**  
To hire a qualified museum lighting professional to develop a museum lighting plan. *Askov, Pine County*

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**Senate District 12, House District 12A**

**Stevens County Historical Society**  
**Clothing Collection Inventory, \$9,059**  
To provide better organization of the museum's clothing collection, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Morris, Stevens County*

**Taylor Township**  
**Archaeological Dig, Phase II, \$9,500**  
To hire a qualified archaeologist to conduct a survey of the area surrounding District #44 School. *Tintah, Traverse County*

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**Senate District 12, House District 12B**

**The Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan**  
**Replacement of the Chancel Wall, \$50,000**  
To hire qualified professionals to rebuild the chancel wall in the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Sauk Centre, Stearns County*

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**Senate District 16, House District 16A**

**City of Madison**  
**2018 Design Plans for Historic Madison City Hall and Opera House, \$45,180**  
To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for Madison City Hall, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Madison, Lac qui Parle County*

**Lac qui Parle County Historical Society**  
**HVAC Design, \$28,700**  
To hire qualified technicians to provide designs for Lac qui Parle County Historical Society's heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) system. *Madison, Lac qui Parle County*

**Lyon County Historical Society**  
**Exhibit Plan for New Permanent Exhibit Gallery, \$10,000**  
To hire a qualified consultant to write an exhibit plan for Lyon County Historical Society. *Marshall, Lyon County*

**Society for the Study of Local and Regional History**  
**The Women of Southwest Minnesota and the Great War, Phase III: Publication, \$7,932**  
To hire qualified professionals to publish an essay on women in southwest Minnesota during World War I. *Marshall, Lyon County*

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**Senate District 16, House District 16B**

**City of New Ulm**  
**Hermann Monument Comprehensive Conditions Assessment, \$60,000**  
To hire a qualified architect to conduct a conditions assessment of the Hermann Monument, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *New Ulm, Brown County*

**City of New Ulm Fire Department**  
**General Conservation Assessment and Long-Range Preservation Plan, \$6,584**  
To hire a qualified museum consultant to conduct a general preservation needs assessment survey and long-range collections preservation plan. *New Ulm, Brown County*

**Lower Sioux Indian Community**  
**Development of a Multisensory, Interactive Web Application of Cultural and Medicinal Plants, Phase III, \$10,000**  
To hire a professional web developer to develop an interactive web application about traditional Dakota cultural and medicinal plants. *Morton, Redwood County*

**Redwood County Historical Society**  
**Install UV Film on Museum Windows, \$6,500**  
To improve lighting conditions in the museum by installing UV window film. *Redwood Falls, Redwood County*

**Renville County Historical Society**  
**Acquire a Microfilm Reader, \$9,879**  
To purchase a microfilm reader/printer to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public. *Morton, Renville County*

**Springfield Area Historical Society**  
**Photo Rehousing Project, \$902**  
To provide appropriate storage materials for a photograph collection. *Springfield, Brown County*

## **Senate District 17, House District 17A**

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### **Bird Island Cultural Centre**

#### **Baker House National Register Evaluation, \$5,000**

To hire a qualified historian to complete an evaluation to determine eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for the Baker House. *Bird Island, Renville County*

### **City of Maynard**

#### **Maynard State Bank National Register Nomination, \$6,000**

To hire a qualified historian to complete the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Maynard State Bank. *Maynard, Chippewa County*

### **Montevideo Public Library**

#### **New Microfilm Machine, \$10,000**

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public. *Montevideo, Chippewa County*

### **Sacred Heart Area Historical Society**

#### **Construction Documents for Hotel Sacred Heart, Phase I, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for reuse of Hotel Sacred Heart, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Sacred Heart, Renville County*

### **Sacred Heart Area Historical Society**

#### **General Conservation Assessment & Long-Range Preservation Plan at Sacred Heart Area Museum, \$6,462**

To hire a qualified museum consultant to conduct a general preservation needs assessment survey and long-range collections preservation plan. *Sacred Heart, Renville County*

## **Senate District 17, House District 17B**

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### **Atwater Area Historical Society**

#### **Evaluation of Building Mechanical System (HVAC), \$7,500**

To hire a qualified and experienced HVAC engineer to evaluate how well the current system controls the museum environment. *Atwater, Kandiyohi County*

### **Kandiyohi County Historical Society**

#### **Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner, \$10,000**

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public. *Willmar, Kandiyohi County*

### **Kandiyohi County Historical Society**

#### **Sperry House National Register Evaluation, \$6,782**

To hire qualified consultants to evaluate the Sperry House for possible inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. *Willmar, Kandiyohi County*

### **Kandiyohi County Historical Society**

#### **World War I Traveling Exhibit Implementation, \$99,900**

To hire qualified consultants to develop and install a traveling exhibit on World War I in Kandiyohi County. *Willmar, Kandiyohi County*

## **Senate District 18, House District 18A**

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### **City of Cokato**

#### **Cokato Museum Lighting Replacement, \$20,735**

To hire qualified technicians to upgrade Cokato Museum's lighting system. *Cokato, Wright County*

### **City of Dassel**

#### **Restoration of Windows in Universal Laboratories Building, \$38,790**

To hire qualified professionals to repair and restore windows in the Universal Laboratories Building, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Dassel, Meeker County*

### **McLeod County Historic Partnership**

#### **McLeod Cataloged, \$9,008**

To provide better organization of museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *McLeod County*

### **McLeod County Historical Society**

#### **AASLH StEPs Assessment Program, \$9,993**

To provide McLeod County Historical Society with professional continuing education through a national museum training program. *Hutchinson, McLeod County*

### **McLeod County Historical Society**

#### **HVAC Building Mechanical System and Museum Envelope Upgrade, \$363,892**

To hire qualified technicians to upgrade McLeod County Historical Society's heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) system. *Hutchinson, McLeod County*

**McLeod County Historical Society  
WWI Anniversary Display Script Research,  
Writing, and Review, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to research the history of and write an exhibit script about McLeod County during World War I, in preparation for a future exhibit. *Hutchinson, McLeod County*

**Senate District 18, House District 18B**

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**Arlington Historical Society Inc.  
Arlington Museum Lighting Plan, \$7,693**

To hire a qualified professional to develop a museum lighting plan. *Arlington, Sibley County*

**Sibley County Assessor's Office  
Historical Assessment Book Preservation, \$11,802**

To digitize a collection of county assessor books, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource. *Gaylord, Sibley County*

**Senate District 19, House District 19B**

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**YWCA Mankato  
Oral History Association Conference Scholarship,  
\$3,832**

To provide professional development for staff and volunteers at the national Oral History Association conference in Minneapolis, Oct. 4-8, 2017. *Mankato, Blue Earth County*

**Senate District 20, House District 20B**

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**Carleton College  
Essay Revision of "The College Student  
Experience: Carleton 1968," \$9,200**

To hire qualified professionals to edit an essay on the history of Carleton College in the 1960s. *Northfield, Rice County*

**Carleton College  
Writing the John Nason Biography, \$9,900**

To hire qualified professionals to produce an expanded manuscript on the biography of John Nason, former Carleton College president. *Northfield, Rice County*

**Friends of Old Prairieville Cemetery  
Informational Sign for Old Prairieville Cemetery,  
\$2,645**

To design, produce, and install a historical marker for Old Prairieville Cemetery. *Northfield, Rice County*

**Independent School District #659  
Design and Publication of a History of the  
Northfield Public Schools, \$9,015**

To hire qualified professionals to publish a book on the history of Northfield Public Schools. *Northfield, Rice County*

**Northfield Arts Guild  
Configuring and Editing Final Draft of Northfield  
Arts Guild History, \$9,600**

To hire qualified professionals to edit a manuscript on the history of the Northfield Art Guild. *Northfield, Rice County*

**Northfield Historical Society  
Northfield in World War I Digitization Project,  
\$9,940**

To digitize Northfield documents pertaining to World War I, allowing for greater public access to these historic resources. *Northfield, Rice County*

**Senate District 21, House District 21A**

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**Christ Episcopal Church  
Exterior Repair and Renovation, \$27,625**

To hire qualified professionals to repair masonry and wood trim on Christ Episcopal Church, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Red Wing, Goodhue County*

**Goodhue County Historical Society  
Acquisition of Goodhue County Newspapers on  
Microfilm, Phase II, \$10,000**

To add 126 rolls of microfilmed newspapers to collections to make primary records more accessible to the public. *Red Wing, Goodhue County*

**Goodhue County Historical Society  
LED Lighting Upgrades, Phase II, \$38,936**

To hire qualified technicians to upgrade Goodhue County Historical Society's lighting system. *Red Wing, Goodhue County*

**Goodhue County Historical Society  
Oral History Association Conference Scholarship,  
\$267**

To provide professional development for a staff member at the national Oral History Association conference in Minneapolis, Oct. 4-8, 2017. *Red Wing, Goodhue County*

**Science Museum of Minnesota**  
**Examining Space at the Burnside School Site, an Oneota Village in Red Wing, \$9,969**  
To provide better organization and analysis of archaeological collections, allowing for greater public access to historic resources. *Red Wing, Goodhue County*

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**Senate District 21, House District 21B**

**Friends of St. Rose Inc.**  
**HVAC System Installation, \$8,270**  
To hire qualified technicians to upgrade the heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) system at St. Rose of Lima, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Kenyon, Goodhue County*

**Friends of St. Rose Inc.**  
**Interpretative Signage for Church of St. Rose of Lima, \$6,265**  
To design, produce, and install a historical marker for the Church of St. Rose of Lima, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Kenyon, Goodhue County*

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**Senate District 22, House District 22A**

**Lincoln County Historical Society**  
**Install Light-Blocking Shades on Windows in Three Museum Buildings, \$3,000**  
To hire a qualified professional to install light-blocking shades on museum windows in order to provide better storage and exhibit conditions for the artifacts. *Hendricks, Lincoln County*

**Murray County**  
**End-O-Line Locomotive Exhibit Track Repair, \$35,130**  
To provide better security for the organization's large outdoor historic collections. *Slayton, Murray County*

**Murray County**  
**End-O-Line Professional Archive Inventory and Rehousing, \$7,052**  
To provide better organization of archival materials, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Slayton, Murray County*

**Reclaim Community**  
**Jasper School National Register Nomination, \$10,000**  
To hire a qualified historian to complete the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for Jasper School. *Jasper, Pipestone County*

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**Senate District 22, House District 22B**

**Cottonwood County Historical Society**  
**Archival Storage Rehousing, \$4,143**  
To provide appropriate storage materials for an archival collection. *Windom, Cottonwood County*

**Nobles County Historical Society**  
**Feasibility Study of the Worthington Armory, \$10,000**  
To hire a qualified consultant to conduct a feasibility study of the Worthington Armory, eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *Worthington, Nobles County*

**Nobles County Historical Society**  
**Large Format Archival Storage Unit, \$5,401**  
To provide better organization of archival materials, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Worthington, Nobles County*

**Nobles County Historical Society**  
**Oral History Digitization Project, \$3,206**  
To digitize a collection of oral history cassette recordings, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource. *Worthington, Nobles County*

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**Senate District 23, House District 23A**

**Martin County Historical Society**  
**Historical Articles Book, Manuscript Creation Phase, \$5,683**  
To hire qualified professionals to produce a manuscript on the history of Martin County. *Fairmont, Martin County*

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**Senate District 23, House District 23B**

**St. James Opera House Restoration Project Inc.**  
**East Storefront Facade Restoration, \$60,000**  
To hire qualified professionals to restore the east storefront on the St. James Opera House, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *St. James, Watonwan County*

**Waseca County**  
**Exterior Repairs and Window Replacement for the Waseca County Courthouse, \$175,000**  
To hire qualified professionals to make exterior repairs to and replace nonhistoric windows in the Waseca County Courthouse, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Waseca, Waseca County*

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**Senate District 24, House District 24A**

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**City of Waseca****Waseca Historical Downtown District Nomination Writing, \$5,969**

To hire a qualified historian to complete the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the historic Waseca Downtown District. *Waseca, Waseca County*

**Steele County Historical Society****American Legion Exhibition, Phase I, \$9,720**

To hire a qualified consultant to research the history of the American Legion, in preparation for a future centennial exhibit. *Owatonna, Steele County*

**Steele County Historical Society****Photograph Collection Catalog and Rehousing, Phase I, \$59,786**

To provide better organization of a photograph collection, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource. *Owatonna, Steele County*

**Waseca County Historical Society****Microfilm Waseca County Newspapers, \$5,360**

To microfilm Waseca County newspapers to make primary records more accessible to the public. *Waseca, Waseca County*

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**Senate District 24, House District 24B**

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**City of Morristown****Morristown Feed Mill National Register Nomination, \$5,100**

To hire a qualified historian to complete the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Morristown Feed Mill. *Morrisontown, Rice County*

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**Senate District 25, House District 25A**

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**Dodge County Historical Society****Wasioja Civil War Recruiting Station: Construction, \$103,825**

To hire qualified professionals to repoint masonry and replace the roof on the Wasioja Civil War Recruiting Station, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Mantorville, Dodge County*

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**Senate District 25, House District 25B**

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**St. Olaf Heritage Association****Zion Cemetery Historical Marker, \$2,495**

To design, produce, and install a historical marker for Zion Cemetery in Olmsted County. *Rochester, Olmsted County*

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**Senate District 26, House District 26A**

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**City of Rochester****Condition Assessment for Henry S. Plummer House Water Tower, \$4,700**

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the Henry S. Plummer House water tower, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Rochester, Olmsted County*

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**Senate District 26, House District 26B**

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**Olmsted County Historical Society****Audiovisual Conversion, \$96,000**

To digitize a collection of archival audio/video recordings, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource. *Rochester, Olmsted County*

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**Senate District 27, House District 27A**

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**City of Albert Lea****Wayfinding Signs to and Around Albert Lea, \$8,683**

To install wayfinding signs in Albert Lea's historic downtown. *Albert Lea, Freeborn County*

**City of Walters****Condition Assessment for the Walters Jail, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the Walters Jail, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Walters, Faribault County*

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**Senate District 27, House District 27B**

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**Mower County Historical Society****Collections Building Renovation and Artifact Storage Shelving, Phase III, \$47,570**

To provide better storage conditions, allowing for greater public access to objects in the collection. *Austin, Mower County*

**Mower County Historical Society****Lyle Oral History, Phase II: School and Businesses, \$7,944**

To document in 10 oral history interviews the history of Lyle schools and businesses. *Austin, Mower County*

**Mower County Historical Society****Preserve 50 Years of the Lyle Tribune Newspaper Through Microfilming, \$9,805**

To microfilm 50 years of Mower County newspapers to make primary records more accessible to the public. *Austin, Mower County*

Grants awarded Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2017. Project locations reflect where grant work is being accomplished.

## **Senate District 28, House District 28A**

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### **City of Winona**

#### **Winona Public Library Historic Structure Report, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to develop a Historic Structure Report that will help preserve the Winona Public Library, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Winona, Winona County*

### **City of Winona**

#### **Woodlawn Cemetery National Register Evaluation, \$8,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to evaluate Woodlawn Cemetery for possible inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. *Winona, Winona County*

### **Islamic Center of Winona**

#### **Condition Assessment, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the Islamic Center of Winona's building, a bank that is part of the Winona Commercial Historic District, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Winona, Winona County*

### **Polish Cultural Institute**

#### **Collections Inventory, Phase VIII, \$9,920**

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Winona, Winona County*

### **Polish Cultural Institute**

#### **Collections Storage: Rehouse Library Books, Artwork, & New Acquisitions, \$8,669**

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Winona, Winona County*

### **Polish Cultural Institute**

#### **Conservation of Solidarity Shirt, \$1,540**

To hire a qualified conservator to restore a significant object in the museum's collections. *Winona, Winona County*

### **Polish Cultural Institute**

#### **Installation of UV Blocking Window Film, \$4,746**

To improve lighting conditions in the museum by installing UV window film. *Winona, Winona County*

### **Polish Cultural Institute**

#### **Planning for Redesign of Museum Lighting, \$8,850**

To hire a qualified museum lighting professional to develop a museum lighting plan. *Winona, Winona County*

### **Polish Cultural Institute**

#### **Visitor Experience Assessment with Exhibit Interpretive Planning Options, \$9,990**

To hire a qualified consultant to conduct and develop a visitor experience assessment and plan. *Winona, Winona County*

### **Winona County Historical Society**

#### **Assessment and Preservation Plan for Photograph and Negative Collection, \$2,130**

To hire a qualified professional to assess the photograph and negative collection held by Winona County Historical Society. *Winona, Winona County*

### **Winona County Historical Society**

#### **Conservation of Original Material from a Scrapbook, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified conservator to restore a significant object in the museum's collections. *Winona, Winona County*

### **Winona County Historical Society**

#### **Creation of MNopedia Entries, \$2,200**

To create three Winona County entries for the MNopedia project for online research. *Winona, Winona County*

### **Winona-Dakota Unity Alliance**

#### **Great Dakota Gathering Homecoming & Powwow Video Project, \$3,500**

To document in video footage the history of the Great Dakota Gathering. *Winona, Winona County*

## **Senate District 28, House District 28B**

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### **City of Hokah**

#### **City Hall/Auditorium Accessibility Assessment, \$5,750**

To hire qualified consultants to conduct an Americans with Disabilities Act assessment at the Hokah City Hall/Auditorium, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Hokah, Houston County*

### **Giants of the Earth Heritage Center**

#### **Ola and Per Exhibit, Phase I Research, \$5,750**

To hire a qualified consultant to research the history of Peter Rosendahl and his Ola and Per cartoon in preparation for a future exhibit. *Spring Grove, Houston County*

### **Harmony Area Historical Society**

#### **MNopedia Entries, \$7,235**

To create 14 Harmony-area entries for the MNopedia project for online research. *Harmony, Fillmore County*

**Lanesboro Historical Preservation Association  
Tying It All Together: Collections Archives  
Inventory, \$9,400**

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Lanesboro, Fillmore County*

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**Senate District 30, House District 30A**

**City of Elk River  
Jackson Street Water Tower Architectural  
Drawings, \$7,250**

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for the Jackson Street Water Tower, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Elk River, Sherburne County*

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**Senate District 33, House District 33A**

**Western Hennepin County Pioneers Association  
Evaluation of HVAC System, \$7,900**

To hire a qualified and experienced HVAC engineer to evaluate how well the current system controls the museum environment. *Long Lake, Hennepin County*

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**Senate District 33, House District 33B**

**City of the Village of Minnetonka Beach  
Minnetonka Beach Water Tower National Register  
Evaluation, \$5,675**

To hire a qualified historian to complete an evaluation to determine eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for the Minnetonka Beach Water Tower. *Minnetonka Beach, Hennepin County*

**Maritime Heritage Minnesota  
Lake Minnetonka Nautical Archaeology Project:  
Anomaly Assessment and ROV Study, \$9,995**

To conduct a marine archaeology assessment of Lake Minnetonka. *Minnetonka, Hennepin County*

**Westonka Historical Society  
Collections Management Policies & Procedures,  
\$2,010**

To hire a qualified consultant to prepare a collections management policies and procedures document. *Mound, Hennepin County*

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**Senate District 35, House District 35A**

**Anoka County Historical Society  
Digitization of Jon Arfstrom Diaries, \$9,999**

To digitize a collection of diaries and sketchbooks, allowing for greater public access to these historic resources. *Anoka, Anoka County*

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**Senate District 38, House District 38A**

**City of Centerville  
Collections Inventory and Cataloging, \$5,977**

To digitize a collection of diaries and sketchbooks, allowing for greater public access to these historic resources. *Centerville, Anoka County*

**City of Hugo  
Hopkins Schoolhouse National Register  
Evaluation, \$8,000**

To hire a qualified historian to complete an evaluation of the District 73 Hopkins School to determine eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *Hugo, Washington County*

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**Senate District 38, House District 38B**

**City of White Bear Lake  
White Bear Lake Armory National Register  
Nomination, \$9,500**

To hire a qualified historian to complete the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the White Bear Lake Armory. *White Bear Lake, Ramsey County*

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**Senate District 39, House District 39B**

**City of Stillwater  
Stillwater 2040 Comprehensive Plan Historic  
Resources Chapter Update, \$12,125**

To hire a qualified consultant to update the City of Stillwater's 2040 Comprehensive Plan Historic Resources chapter. *Stillwater, Washington County*

**Washington County Historical Society  
Interpretive Plan for Washington County Heritage  
Center, \$40,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to write an interpretive plan for the Washington County Heritage Center. *Stillwater, Washington County*



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**Senate District 41, House District 41B**

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**New Brighton Area Historical Society  
Security Assessment of the New Brighton History  
Center, \$5,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to perform an assessment of New Brighton Area Historical Society's security needs. *New Brighton, Ramsey County*

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**Senate District 42, House District 42B**

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**Shoreview Historical Society  
Archaeological Evaluation Survey of Vadnais Lake,  
Phase II: Evaluation, \$9,750**

To hire a qualified archaeologist to conduct a Phase II survey of Vadnais Lake. *Shoreview, Ramsey County*

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**Senate District 43, House District 43B**

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**North Star Scouting Memorabilia  
Processing the Backlog of Potential Collections,  
\$46,800**

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *North St. Paul, Ramsey County*

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**Senate District 44, House District 44B**

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**Minnetonka Historical Society  
Inventory Collections, \$9,990**

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Minnetonka, Hennepin County*

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**Senate District 45, House District 45B**

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**Golden Valley Historical Society  
Complete Cataloging of Archival Collection,  
\$20,950**

To hire a qualified professional to process the archival collections held by Golden Valley Historical Society. *Golden Valley, Hennepin County*

**Golden Valley Historical Society  
General Conservation Assessment and  
Long-Range Preservation Plan, \$3,700**

To hire a qualified museum consultant to conduct a general preservation needs assessment survey and long-range collections preservation plan. *Golden Valley, Hennepin County*

**Golden Valley Historical Society  
3D Object Cataloging, \$9,949**

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Golden Valley, Hennepin County*

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**Senate District 46, House District 46A**

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**Jewish Historical Society of the Upper Midwest  
Book Project, *We Spoke Jewish*, \$10,000**

To hire qualified professionals to publish a book on the history of 20th-century Jewish immigrant culture in Minnesota. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

**Jewish Historical Society of the Upper Midwest  
History of Jewish Communities of St. Paul, \$7,750**

To document in oral history interviews the history of Jewish immigrant communities in St. Paul. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

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**Senate District 47, House District 47A**

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**Carver County Historical Society  
Andrew Peterson Diary Translation, \$9,782**

To hire a qualified professional to provide a new translation for the Andrew Peterson diaries. *Waconia, Carver County*

**Carver County Historical Society  
3D Inventory, \$97,224**

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Waconia, Carver County*

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**Senate District 47, House District 47B**

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**Chaska Historical Society  
Updating and Preparing Volumes I and II of  
*Chaska: A Minnesota River City as a Combined  
Volume Entitled Chaska: A Minnesota River City,  
1800s to 1950*, \$6,750**

To hire qualified professionals to update and edit a manuscript on the history of Chaska. *Chaska, Carver County*

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**Senate District 48, House District 48B**

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**City of Eden Prairie  
Phase I Archaeology Survey of Town of Hennepin,  
\$9,920**

To hire a qualified archaeologist to conduct a survey of the area known as the town of Hennepin. *Eden Prairie, Hennepin County*

**City of Eden Prairie  
Riley-Jacques Farmstead Interpretive Signs,  
Phase II, \$8,000**

To design, produce, and install interpretive signs for the Riley-Jacques Farmstead. *Eden Prairie, Hennepin County*

**Wings of the North Inc.  
Collections and Inventory Assessment, \$8,474**

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Eden Prairie, Hennepin County*

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**Senate District 49, House District 49B**

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**Edina Historical Society  
Historical Organization Self-Assessment Using  
StEPs, \$962**

To provide Edina Historical Society with professional continuing education through a national museum training program. *Edina, Hennepin County*

**Minnesota Independent Scholars Forum  
Scholars Without Walls: The History of the  
Minnesota Independent Scholars Forum 1983-  
2018, \$7,090**

To hire qualified professionals to produce a manuscript on the history of independent scholarship in Minnesota. *Bloomington, Hennepin County*

**Minnesota Independent Scholars Forum  
Seeking Refuge in a New Land: A Pop-Up History  
of Refugees in Minnesota 1967-2017, \$9,999**

To hire a qualified consultant to research the history of refugees in Minnesota, in preparation for a future exhibit. *Bloomington, Hennepin County*

**PACER Center  
Write Minnesota's History of Parent Involvement in  
Educating Children with Disabilities, \$9,914**

To produce a manuscript on the history of parent involvement in educating Minnesota children with disabilities. *Bloomington, Hennepin County*

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**Senate District 50, House District 50A**

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**Northwestern Health Sciences University  
Archives Basic Processing Project, \$9,878**

To provide better organization of the archival materials, allowing for greater public access of these historic resources. *Bloomington, Hennepin County*

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**Senate District 50, House District 50B**

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**Minnesota Masonic Historical Society and Museum  
Establishing an Environmental Monitoring System,  
\$2,899**

To monitor, assess, and make necessary changes to environmental controls at the museum sites. *Bloomington, Hennepin County*

**Minnesota Masonic Historical Society and Museum  
Partial Collections Inventory, \$70,720**

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Bloomington, Hennepin County*

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**Senate District 51, House District 51B**

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**Caponi Art Park  
Conservation Survey of Sculptures in Collection,  
\$9,980**

To hire a qualified museum consultant to conduct a preservation needs assessment for the Caponi Art Park sculptures. *Eagan, Dakota County*

**Caponi Art Park  
Development of Archive, Phase VI, \$9,295**  
To assess and better organize the archival collections held by Caponi Art Park. *Eagan, Dakota County***Caponi Art Park  
HVAC Evaluation of Archive Storage Areas,  
\$8,000**

To hire a qualified and experienced HVAC engineer to evaluate how well the current system controls the museum environment. *Eagan, Dakota County*

**Yale Alumni Association of the Northwest  
A Heritage of Service: Yale Alumni in Minnesota,  
\$10,000**

To hire a qualified historian to research the history of Yale University graduates in Minnesota. *Eagan, Dakota County*

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**Senate District 52, House District 52A**

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**Minnesota Genealogical Society  
Library Cataloging and Reclassification Project,  
\$10,000**

To provide better organization of the library collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's genealogy resources. *South St. Paul, Dakota County*

**Minnesota Genealogical Society  
William J. Hoffman Library Shelving Upgrades,  
\$10,000**

To provide appropriate storage and public access for genealogy materials. *South St. Paul, Dakota County*

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**Senate District 52, House District 52B**

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**Inver Hills Community College Foundation  
Community and Technical Colleges Oral History  
Project, \$9,000**

To document through oral history interviews the history of Inver Hills Community College and Dakota County Technical College to commemorate their 50th anniversaries. *Inver Grove Heights, Dakota County*

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**Senate District 54, House District 54A**

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**Dakota County Historical Society  
Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner, \$9,385**

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public. *South St. Paul, Dakota County*

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**Senate District 54, House District 54B**

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**Afton Historical Society and Museum  
Conservation of Fabric Plat Map of Afton, \$4,645**

To hire a qualified conservator to restore a significant object in the museum's collections. *Afton, Washington County*

**Afton Historical Society and Museum  
Rehouse Large 3D Objects, \$40,752**

To improve collections care and management through proper storage. *Afton, Washington County*

**Belwin Conservancy  
George Metcalf Property National Register  
Evaluation, \$9,000**

To hire a qualified historian to complete an evaluation to determine eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for the George Metcalf property in Afton. *Afton, Washington County*

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**Senate District 55, House District 55A**

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**Scott County Historical Society  
K-12 Educational Trunks, \$3,295**

To create Minnesota-based educational "trunk programs" for Scott County schools. *Shakopee, Scott County*

**Scott County Historical Society  
Microfilm Two-Year Backlog of Local Newspapers,  
\$9,192**

To microfilm issues of Scott County area newspapers, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource. *Shakopee, Scott County*

**Scott County Historical Society  
Oral History Association Conference Scholarship,  
\$352**

To provide professional development for staff and board members at the national Oral History Association conference in Minneapolis, Oct. 4-8, 2017. *Shakopee, Scott County*

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**Senate District 55, House District 55B**

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**Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community  
Interpretive Materials Development for Dakota  
Cultural and Medicinal Garden, Phase I Research,  
\$10,000**

To hire qualified consultants to conduct research for interpretive materials for a Dakota cultural and medicinal garden. *Prior Lake, Scott County*

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**Senate District 58, House District 58B**

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**City of Northfield (Northfield Hospital and Clinics)  
Writing the Second Half of the History of the  
Northfield City Hospital, \$10,000**

To hire qualified professionals to produce a manuscript on the history of the Northfield City Hospital. *Northfield, Dakota County*

**Dakota City Heritage Village  
Evaluation of Building Mechanical System (HVAC),  
\$7,200**

To hire a qualified and experienced HVAC engineer to evaluate how well the current system controls the museum environment. *Farmington, Dakota County*

**Randolph Public Schools  
Yearbook Digitization Project, \$5,886**

To digitize school yearbooks from 1939 to the present, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource. *Randolph, Dakota County*

### **Waterford Township**

#### **Waterford Bridge Predevelopment Construction Plans and Specifications, \$106,800**

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for Bridge L3275 (Waterford Bridge), listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Northfield, Dakota County*

### **Senate District 59, House District 59A**

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#### **St. Olaf Lutheran Church**

##### **National Register Nomination, \$9,000**

To hire a qualified historian to complete the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for St. Olaf Lutheran Church. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

### **Senate District 59, House District 59B**

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#### **Minnesota Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians**

##### **Minnesota Architects: Modern Masters Oral History Project, Phase II, \$9,875**

To document in eight oral history interviews the history of modernist architects in Minnesota. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

#### **Minnesota Center for Book Arts**

##### **Restoring Public Access: Cataloging Support for the James and Marilynn Alcott Library, \$9,986**

To provide better organization of library materials, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

#### **Municipal Building Commission**

##### **Archives and Collections Project, \$38,000**

To provide better organization of the archives and collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

### **Senate District 60, House District 60B**

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#### **American Red Cross Twin Cities Area Chapter Celebrating a Century of Service: 100 Years of the American Red Cross in Minnesota, \$10,000**

To hire qualified professionals to produce a manuscript on the history of the American Red Cross in Minnesota. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

#### **Regents of the University of Minnesota (American Indian Studies)**

##### **Restoring Minnesota Ojibwe Language Resources: The Phonetic Texts of William Jones and J.P.B. de Josselin de Jong, \$48,675**

To hire qualified professionals to produce materials on the Ojibwe language for public access. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

#### **Regents of the University of Minnesota (Bell Museum of Natural History)**

##### **History of the Bell Museum and Planetarium, Phase IIA, \$10,000**

To hire qualified professionals to edit a manuscript on the history of the Bell Museum and Planetarium. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

#### **Regents of the University of Minnesota (Bell Museum of Natural History)**

##### **Jaques Collection Cataloging and Public Access, \$89,760**

To compile information on publicly owned Jaques art and allow greater public access to these historic resources. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

#### **Regents of the University of Minnesota (Center for Urban and Regional Affairs)**

##### **History of the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, \$8,236**

To hire a qualified historian to conduct primary source research on the history of the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

#### **Regents of the University of Minnesota (Institute on Community Integration)**

##### **Research Special Education Teachers: How the Field Evolved in Minnesota, \$9,953**

To hire a qualified historian to research the history of special education teachers in Minnesota. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

#### **Regents of the University of Minnesota (Weisman Art Museum)**

##### **"WAM Files" Processing Project, \$9,647**

To provide better organization of the archival materials, allowing for greater public access to the museum's historic resources. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

#### **Seward Neighborhood Group**

##### **The History of the Seward Neighborhood, Phase III, \$10,000**

To hire qualified professionals to produce an edited manuscript on the history of the Seward neighborhood. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

Grants awarded Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2017. Project locations reflect where grant work is being accomplished.

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**Senate District 61, House District 61A**

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**Foundation of the First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis  
Creating Finding Aid for John Dietrich Sunday Talks 1916-1938, \$4,975**

To create a finding aid for a historically significant collection of sermons, which will allow greater public access to this resource. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

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**Senate District 61, House District 61B**

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**Farmer-Labor Education Committee  
Working Script: Farmer Labor Film Project, \$10,000**

To hire qualified professionals to produce a documentary script on the history of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Movement. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

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**Senate District 62, House District 62A**

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**Hennepin History Museum  
Christian Family Residence Historic Structure Report, \$75,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to develop a Historic Structure Report that will help preserve the Christian Family Residence, listed in the National Register of Historic Places and home to the Hennepin History Museum. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

**Minneapolis College of Art and Design  
Guitar Shop: Transcribing Knut Koupee's Oral History, \$7,750**

To transcribe 30 hours of oral history interviews about the history of the Knut Koupee music store. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

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**Senate District 62, House District 62B**

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**Minnesota's Black Community Project  
Research on Minnesota's 21st-Century African American Community, \$25,000**

To conduct research on the 21st-century African American community in Minnesota. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

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**Senate District 63, House District 63A**

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**Friends of Christ Church Lutheran  
Sanctuary Roof Restoration, \$82,612**

To hire qualified professionals to replace the roof on the Christ Church Lutheran sanctuary, a National Historic Landmark. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

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**Senate District 63, House District 63B**

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**AirSpace Minnesota  
Oral History Project: The Honeywell Ring Laser Gyro—An Epic 20-Year Engineering Odyssey, \$4,850**

To document in 12 oral history interviews the history of the Honeywell ring laser gyro. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

**AirSpace Minnesota  
Research Project, The Honeywell Ring Laser Gyro, \$2,748**

To research the history of the Honeywell ring laser gyro, in preparation for a future manuscript. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

**Richfield Historical Society  
Phase I Structural Stabilization Planning, \$9,600**

To hire a qualified architect to develop architectural drawings for the Riley Bartholomew House, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Richfield, Hennepin County*

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**Senate District 64, House District 64A**

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**Mitchell Hamline School of Law  
Collections Management Policy and Procedures, \$3,600**

To hire a qualified consultant to prepare a collections management policies and procedures document. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

**Mitchell Hamline School of Law  
Interpretive Planning: Content Research for Development of a History Center, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to write an interpretive plan for Mitchell Hamline School of Law. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

**The Performance Lab  
Minnesota Dance Pioneers Oral History, \$9,999**

To document the history of Minnesota's dance community by conducting and transcribing oral history interviews. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

**Celtic Junction Arts Center  
Irish Music and Musicians in the Twin Cities Community 1950-1990, \$7,339**

To document in 13 oral history interviews the history of Celtic Junction Arts Center. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

**Charles Thompson Memorial Hall  
Historic Structure Report, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to develop a Historic Structure Report that will help preserve the Charles Thompson Memorial Hall, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

**Ramsey Hill Association  
The Historic Hill District of St. Paul:  
a Documentary, \$85,700**

To hire qualified professionals to produce a documentary on the history of the Historic Hill District in St. Paul. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

**Rondo Avenue Inc.  
Interpretive Panels for Rondo Plaza: Planning,  
\$10,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to research the history of St. Paul's Rondo neighborhood, in preparation for future exhibit panels. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

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**Senate District 64, House District 64A**

**Maritime Heritage Minnesota  
Minnesota Suburban Lakes Nautical Archaeology  
Project: Anomaly Assessment, \$9,989**

To conduct a marine archaeology anomaly assessment of several suburban lakes. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

**Maritime Heritage Minnesota  
Purpose-Built Watercraft Analysis & 3D Scanning  
Project, \$9,208**

To conduct primary source research on the history of small watercraft in Minnesota. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

**Maritime Heritage Minnesota  
USS Essex Log Book Editing Project, \$9,998**

To edit the USS Essex logbooks in order to make them more publicly accessible. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

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**Senate District 65, House District 65A**

**Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota  
Hmong Folk Culture in Minnesota Permanent  
Exhibit Implementation Project, \$10,000**

To hire qualified consultants to develop and install an exhibit on Hmong folk culture in Minnesota. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

**Friends of Historic Virginia Street Church  
Planning and Design for Repair and Preservation,  
\$24,550**

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for the Virginia Street Church, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

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**Senate District 65, House District 65B**

**Central Presbyterian Church/Presbyterian Church  
(USA)**

**Predevelopment for Rehabilitation of Exterior  
Fabric, \$50,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for Central Presbyterian Church, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

**Imhotep Center for Science Education and  
Knowledge Production**

**Rondo Children's Stories, \$9,500**

To write and edit a manuscript of children's stories on the history of the Rondo community in St. Paul. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

**Minnesota Museum of American Art  
Creating Metadata for Digital Assets, \$10,000**

To create metadata for a collection of digital photographs. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

**Minnesota Transportation Museum  
Education Plan, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to write an education plan for the Minnesota Transportation Museum. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

**Minnesota Transportation Museum  
Jackson Street Roundhouse Roof Repair,  
Construction Documents, \$23,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for roof repair on the Jackson Street Roundhouse, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

**Minnesota Transportation Museum  
Pullman Porters and Union Depot Red Caps  
Exhibit Plan, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to write an exhibit plan from research completed on the Pullman porters and Union Depot Red Caps. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

**Ramsey County Historical Society  
Archival Collections Processing, \$9,979**

To hire a qualified professional to process three archival collections held by Ramsey County Historical Society. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

**Ramsey County Historical Society  
Install UV-Blocking Film on Gibbs Farm  
Building Windows, \$7,428**

To improve lighting conditions in the museum by installing UV window film. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

**Saint Paul Public Schools, ISD #625  
Context Study of Historic Saint Paul Public  
Schools 1890-1978, \$60,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to conduct a context study of historic Saint Paul public schools. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

**Science Museum of Minnesota  
Oneota Subsistence in the North: 14th-17th  
Century Food and Foodways in the Central  
Woodlands of Minnesota, \$150,531**

To provide better organization and analysis of archaeological collections, allowing for greater public access to historic resources. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

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**Senate District 66, House District 66A**

**City of Falcon Heights  
Curtiss Field Interpretive Signage, \$2,136**

To design, produce, and install two historical markers at Curtiss Field. *Falcon Heights, Ramsey County*

**East Side Freedom Library  
Centennial History of the Arlington Hills Public  
Library, \$10,000**

To hire qualified professionals to produce a manuscript on the history of the Arlington Hills Public Library building. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

**Fitzgerald in Saint Paul  
Publishing, Marketing, & Distributing of *F. Scott  
Fitzgerald in Minnesota: The Writer & His Friends  
at Home*, \$10,000**

To hire qualified professionals to publish a book on historic homes in Minnesota that have a connection to F. Scott Fitzgerald. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

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**Senate District 67, House District 67B**

**Minnesota Department of Natural Resources  
Translation of the Hvoslef Natural History  
Phenology Journals 1881-1897, \$40,000**

To hire a qualified professional to translate 19th-century phenology journals from southern Minnesota. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*





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## FY18 REPORT OF STATEWIDE HISTORY PROGRAMS



The ACHF supports several statewide educational initiatives, including the Legacy Field Trip Support Fund, which provides financial assistance to schools to offset the high cost of field trip transportation

The Minnesota Historical Society has been preserving, sharing, and connecting people with history since 1849. With support from the Legacy Amendment's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, the people of Minnesota are investing \$11 million this biennium in history programs that will bring the power of history to Minnesotans of all ages in all corners of the state.

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**FY18-19 Appropriations Language—Programs:** \$4,055,000 the first year and \$6,945,000 the second year are for programs and purposes related to the historical and cultural heritage of the state of Minnesota conducted by the Minnesota Historical Society.

## ARCHAEOLOGY

### Lower Sioux Agency Archaeological Collections, \$69,500

In FY18, MNHS's archaeology department received Legacy funding to begin inventorying, creating digital catalog records, and rehousing artifacts excavated at Lower Sioux Agency historic site. These collections were generated in the 1970s, and catalog records exist almost entirely in paper form. A review of collections records shows there are roughly 160 boxes of artifacts from Lower Sioux in collections storage, and an estimated 75,000+ individual artifacts. Members of the Lower Sioux Indian Community, which manages the Lower Sioux Agency historic site, have been introduced to the project and are invited to review artifacts and collections records, with the possible outcome of creating new exhibits at the site.

## ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

### Multimedia Unit, \$97,113

Legacy funds support two full-time multimedia positions, along with materials and services to produce video, audio, and other multimedia content for education, interpretive, and exhibit programs across MNHS. The content is also used to inform the public about these MNHS programs.

### Program Evaluation, \$188,889

MNHS continues to build a culture of evaluation. An evaluation manager leads institutional evaluation capacity building and provides technical assistance and support to staff who evaluate ACHF projects and programs. An evaluation associate facilitates evaluation efforts, specifically in K-12 education and public programs. Three interns and numerous volunteers continue to support evaluation work. Three trainings were held to prepare volunteers to do visitor intercept interviews and teach staff focus group and observation methodology. Seventy-seven unique projects or teams engaged in some evaluation project overall.

2017 highlights include:

- Facilitated 19 Team-Based Inquiry (TBI) events, with 145 participants, to more systematically engage in data-informed decision-making
- Created six new logic models, with 34 participants. Eight existing logic models were reviewed with 29 participants
- Created 61 new program surveys and reviewed 27 more surveys
- Conducted 82 public program audience surveys
- Completed seven observation checklists
- Wrote four evaluation reports and assisted with two grant proposals
- Created five interactive dashboards in Tableau, an online data visualization tool. Dashboards are available for primary audiences, including K-12, family, adult and young adult audiences, as well as employee engagement and volunteers

## EXHIBITS

### The 1968 Exhibit, \$320,600

*The 1968 Exhibit* was developed as a national traveling exhibit, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and created in partnership with the Atlanta History Center, the Chicago History Museum, and the Oakland Museum of California. The exhibit first opened at the Minnesota History Center in 2011 and traveled to eight additional venues across the United States.

The exhibit returned to the Minnesota History Center in December 2017 for a final 13-month run to mark the 50th anniversary of this pivotal year in U.S. history in 2018. *The 1968 Exhibit* is organized in 12 sections, corresponding to the months of the year, with each section focusing on a particular theme or event, for example: January is devoted to the Vietnam War, the month of the Tet Offensive; April reflects on Martin Luther King Jr. who was assassinated that month; August explores the violent events around the Democratic National Convention. Two additional "lounges" focus on popular culture and design of 1968. This exhibit is on display through January 2019.

### **AMVETS Post #5: Photographs by Xavier Tavera, \$122,300**

This exhibit features 29 portraits of Mexican and Mexican American military veterans, all members of AMVETS Post #5 in St. Paul, donated to MNHS collections by photographer Xavier Tavera. Accompanying oral history excerpts, presented in English and Spanish, tell of their return from war and reintegration into St. Paul's West Side community. This exhibit is on display at the Minnesota History Center through April 22, 2018.

### **The First Avenue Exhibit, \$168,000**

This exhibit is planned to open at the Minnesota History Center in April 2019. First Avenue made Minnesota hip. For four decades, Minneapolis's legendary music venue has been a launching pad for local talent like Prince, The Replacements, Hüsker Dü, and a place national touring acts loved to play. First Avenue connected different genres and brought in diverse audiences. It booked African American rock, soul, and hip-hop artists unable to get gigs at other downtown venues and fostered a growing punk, hardcore, and indie rock scene. It was at the center of a network of local producers, record labels, record stores, zines, music journalists, and other people and places that made up the Minneapolis music scene of the 1980s and beyond. Whether you're a fan, an employee, a musician, First Avenue is a place that changes lives.

### **Long-Range Exhibit Planning, \$37,800**

Building on MNHS's established reputation for creating innovative, immersive historical exhibits, staff will embark on a multiyear planning project that will identify current and future exhibition needs, assess current exhibits throughout the MNHS network, and develop an 8-to-10-year plan to align the institution's core exhibits and changing exhibits with the institution's strategic goals and values.

### **Renewing What They Gave Us: Native American Artist in Residence, \$140,100**

This exhibit showcases original beadwork, birchbark, and textiles made by five Native artists who participated in MNHS's Native American Artists-in-Residence Program. These newly acquired collections objects are displayed along with historic examples from MNHS collections that artists studied during their residencies. This exhibit is on display at the Minnesota History Center through April 22, 2018.

### **Somalis + Minnesota, \$288,700**

A partnership with the Somali Museum of Minnesota, this exhibit will help Minnesotans understand this recent immigrant community who began arriving several decades ago. The exhibit will showcase cultural traditions and material culture of Somalia, cover the immigrant experience coming to Minnesota, and will review the accomplishments and cultural adaptations Somali people have made since making Minnesota home. The exhibit will open June 23, 2018.

## **EXPERIENCE DEVELOPMENT**

### **Development of Minnesota Curriculum, \$137,421**

MNHS is developing new curricula, programs, and resources to engage students in learning about Minnesota history. In FY17, the Forests, Fields and the Falls website launched in a new format, making it more accessible to teachers and students using any platform or device. A new portal focused on World War I stories and materials also launched to help students access MNHS collections and content.

In addition, Education staff and Oliver Kelley Farm staff created new curriculum on agriculture, history, and STEM for K-12 teachers and students. Four new programs launched at the Kelley Farm in May 2017. New teacher supplements include a primary source packet series designed to engage students on the topics of Native American termination and relocation and American experiences during World War I.

### **Exhibits Programming, \$50,306**

MNHS exhibits are supported by diverse programming that complements exhibit content while extending the rich stories of Minnesota's history. MNHS staff are able to partner with community organizations on innovative programs for visitors of all ages. In FY18, program participants explored a variety of inclusive topics at theater programs in the gallery, several large-scale family days, opening day artist and curator talks, film screenings, lectures, discussions, and new community outreach programs. Staff are able to work with diverse community partners, presenters, and artists on these exhibit-related programs; some of the strongest partners this fiscal year are from the Native American, Latino, veteran, African American, and Somali communities.

### **History Live! Interactive Video Conferencing, \$193,072**

History Live! is an award-winning educational program, delivered to over 8,500 students a year. The program uses the Internet to deliver live, interactive educational programming to students across Minnesota, the United States, and the world. The project brings MNHS resources to students who are unable to visit historic sites in person.

The History Live! program also works with MNHS's K-12 programs and services team to develop webinars for teachers across the state, allowing wider access to MNHS resources. In FY18, 20 live and recorded webinars are scheduled for teachers to support professional development.

### **Legacy Field Trip Support Fund, \$105,385**

The Legacy Field Trip Support Fund helped 22,606 Minnesota students in 284 schools experience field trips at Minnesota historic sites and museums statewide in FY17. The high cost of transportation can prohibit many Minnesota teachers from taking their students on field trips. The Legacy Field Trip Support Fund offsets transportation costs to all MNHS historic sites and museums. Eligible schools (those with 25 percent or more students enrolled in the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program) are reimbursed \$4 per student, allowing more students access to field trips. The program is expected to serve a similar number in FY18.

### **Lifelong Learning, \$25,500**

MNHS is engaged in cultivating meaningful relationships with adult audiences as lifelong learners, members, donors, volunteers, and supporters. In FY18, these funds support the House of Memories: US Project, a mobile app to help professional and family caregivers draw stories and conversations out of those with memory loss, using images and content from MNHS collections. A training program for caregivers will also be developed to help them create meaningful connections through conversation. The free mobile app and in-person training programs are expected to be available in fall 2018. This project is a partnership with the National Museums Liverpool.

### **Play the Past: The Field Trip for the 21st-Century Learner, \$138,044**

This groundbreaking project allows students on field trips to interact with Minnesota History Center exhibits using mobile devices. It offers a new model for school field trips, using mobile and web technologies to capitalize on the natural behaviors and learning styles of today's students. Play the Past demonstrates how museums can use technology to create self-directed, personalized, responsive field trip experiences that deepen students' connection to history while honing their critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

In fall 2017, Play the Past expanded into the *Minnesota's Greatest Generation* exhibit at the Minnesota History Center, with support from a National Endowment for the Humanities grant. Students can now explore stories from the Great Depression, World War II, and the baby boom. In FY18, this program will be delivered to an estimated 7,500 students.

## **FINANCE**

### **Administrative Expenses, \$424,302**

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## **INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **Diversity Outreach, \$25,000**

MNHS continues to recruit diverse students from the Twin Cities for programs that engage them in understanding how public organizations present historical narratives. Internally, the Department of Inclusion and Community Engagement supports the diversity and inclusion efforts of other MNHS departments, such as the access advisory group and training for the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act officer. Staff also attend cultural competence learning opportunities.

## HERITAGE PRESERVATION

### **Minnesota History Whatever Conference, \$9,500**

The Minnesota History Whatever Conference is a new statewide gathering of Minnesota's broader history community. It serves academics, public historians, museum professionals, archaeologists, preservationists, and anyone who seeks to use the power of history and its emphasis on critical thinking to make Minnesota a better place. The event was held in May 2017 at the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis. More than 140 people registered and participated in 17 sessions. It is estimated that there were 40 different history disciplines represented by the attendees.

## LIBRARY & COLLECTIONS

### **Native American Outreach, \$50,000**

The MNHS permanent collection includes more than 6,500 objects related to Native American culture and history. MNHS takes seriously its responsibility to provide stewardship of these items, in accordance with federal law (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act) and the institution's own policies and practices (Culturally Sensitive Objects Policy). In FY17, the Native American collections proved again to be an incredibly active collecting area as staff hosted artists, researchers, Native community members, and organizations. MNHS also lent works to important exhibits at museums nationally and internationally including the Minneapolis Institute of Art and the Royal Ontario Museum.

At the History Center and MNHS sites, as well as in Native communities, MNHS continued to engage colleagues and community members through: participating in regional and national conferences, like the International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums; supporting and partnering with Indigenous nonprofit organizations, including Two Rivers Gallery at the Minneapolis American Indian Center; and facilitating tours for artists, researchers, students, educators, and interested community members.

In FY17, MNHS partnered with the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation (MHA Nation) by facilitating a visit of elders, students, faculty, and the tribal college president to study the Gilbert Wilson collections at the Minnesota History Center. Collections staff also

engaged the MHA Nation at large by accompanying important collections items to their reservation in North Dakota for programming related to Native agriculture. Additionally, MNHS will provide ongoing guidance as they continue to plan for a future museum and cultural center.

The Native American Artist-in-Residence program continues to be successful, and in September 2017, an exhibit entitled *Renewing What They Gave Us: Native American Artists in Residence*, featuring the work of the first five resident artists and MNHS historic collections, opened at the Minnesota History Center. Staff continue to plan for additional collections-based events, broadening MNHS's reach through the artist-in-residence program into Native communities in Minnesota and beyond.

### **Minnesota State Capitol Art, \$80,000**

After months of public discussion, MNHS made the decision to relocate two controversial paintings—that had originally hung in the Governor's Reception Room—to a different location of the building. The paintings, *Father Hennepin Discovering the Falls of Saint Anthony* and *The Treaty of Traverse des Sioux*, were relocated to the Capitol's third floor Cass Gilbert Room with new interpretation in July 2017.

MNHS staff interviewed a wide range of people about their perspectives on the paintings, and these interviews became interpretive panels to help visitors understand the reason the paintings were moved and to foster communication about complex issues surrounding art in public spaces. A third painting previously housed at the Capitol, *Attack on New Ulm*, has been installed in a temporary exhibit in the James J. Hill House's art gallery with a similar interpretive approach through mid-January 2018.

### **Digitization of Historical Collections, \$133,353**

Increasing the public's online access to MNHS's permanent collections remains a top priority. Since the beginning of FY18, 1,020 artifacts have been digitally photographed and cataloged. This included Native American material culture as well as fine art, recent acquisitions, and artifacts related to current events and MNHS initiatives, like the recent *WWI America* exhibit.

For the remainder of FY18, digitization will continue to focus on recently acquired artifacts, Native American artifacts from tribes of the American Southwest, and women's fashion by notable designers.

### **Digitization of Minnesota's Newspapers, \$125,000**

MNHS continues actively preserving and making accessible the newspapers published in the state. In FY18, MNHS is moving into a new phase with digitization of hardcopy backlog and current papers being completed fully in-house using infrastructure established in FY17. The digitized newspapers are available through the Minnesota Digital Newspaper Hub, with microfilm produced from the digital files serving as the long-term preservation format. MNHS abides by copyright laws, and digital copies of newspapers currently in copyright are available to researchers only in the MNHS Library at the Minnesota History Center unless by special agreement with the publisher.

### **Oral History Projects, \$109,500**

MNHS completed seven interviews focused on African American cabin- and resort-owners at Lake Adney in Crow Wing County. Another oral history project documented the stories of Minnesota's Oromo immigrants, an Ethiopian ethnic group, and MNHS worked with the nonprofit Oromo Community of Minnesota on this project. The Oromo project included 12 interviews, eight of which were conducted in the Oromo language and translated to English.

In FY18, MNHS is launching a project around stories of the Vietnam War. Staff will conduct interviews with a wide range of Minnesota natives and immigrants about their experiences during this turbulent time in our history.

### **Scan-on-Demand Digitization of Archival Collections, \$61,000**

MNHS cares for more than 100,000 cubic feet of hard-copy government records and manuscript collections dating from the territorial period to the present. To access the vast majority of these holdings, researchers must currently visit the Minnesota History Center or make other special arrangements. In FY18, MNHS will purchase equipment and hire staff to implement new workflows and processes to support scan-on-demand. Staff will also explore options for better management of and access to the digitized content.

## **NATIVE AMERICAN INITIATIVES**

### **Native American Initiatives, \$319,500**

MNHS's new Native American Initiatives department (NAI) works with Native American constituents on projects pertaining to MNHS, historic sites, and Native American communities. One achievement this year was a partnership agreement with the newly formed Dakota Community Council for the Historic Fort Snelling revitalization project and related sites within the 1805 Treaty boundary. NAI is also currently engaging Native tribes within Minnesota and the region on the future of Grand Mound Historic Site.

This department manages several historic sites within the MNHS network, including Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post and Jeffer Petroglyphs, and works with the Lower Sioux Indian Community on the management of the Lower Sioux Agency historic site. NAI is also working on a Native American exhibit that will open fall 2019 at the Minnesota History Center.

## **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Public Awareness and Communications, \$375,157**

MNHS created communications strategies and promotional tactics for Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund (ACHF) history projects, exhibits, programs, and grants. Minnesotans statewide were made aware of ACHF programs through print, broadcast, outdoor, and online communications, all aimed at providing access to history to the state's students and teachers, as well as the general public.

## PUBLICATIONS

### **MNopedia, the Minnesota Encyclopedia, \$213,000**

MNopedia is a free, award-winning online encyclopedia of Minnesota, created and managed by the Minnesota Historical Society. New articles are published weekly. This unique resource is written and designed for use by general audiences, as well as teachers and students, and provides easy access to the shared history of all Minnesotans.

In 2017, MNopedia grew to include essays on African American history, Indian American history, Somali American history, and articles on topics of importance to Greater Minnesota and the state's diverse communities. Nearly 100 new articles were published on the website in 2017, and since the project launch in 2011, the website has attracted 723,868 unique visitors and more than 2 million page views.

## SUSTAINABILITY AND FACILITIES PROJECTS

### **Historic Fort Snelling Planning, \$145,000**

Historic Fort Snelling is a MNHS historic site and the state's first National Historic Landmark. A major project at the site prioritizes the adaptive reuse of two historic buildings concentrating on opportunities for public use, education, engagement, and reflection. This project supports an MNHS strategic priority and speaks to the organizational mission by returning historic facilities to public use while fostering new dialogues. A master plan for the buildings' reuse was completed in 2015, and predesign was completed in June 2016. Design and programming work are currently ongoing. ACHF funds help support a project manager position, a project lead position, and the head of programming for new site experiences.

### **Sustainability of Programs & Facilities, \$123,250**

MNHS continues to strive for environmental, economic, and social sustainability in its sustainability program. To pinpoint opportunities for ongoing progress, the sustainability program will harmonize a broader range of institutional needs and objectives. The program will establish integrated, continuous, electronic reporting that unites environmental, social, and economic risk analysis. This reporting will be used to further reduce our environmental impact and improve the sustainability of our operations as a whole.

## VOLUNTEER SERVICES

### **College Internship Program, \$124,000**

College student interns are placed in various departments and sites across MNHS. Staff use targeted recruitment efforts with the goal of attracting talented students from Minnesota's diverse communities. During their semester-long internships, students have the opportunity to work alongside museum and public history professionals to enhance their skills and apply their knowledge in a professional environment.

Internship activities also focus on having students engage with MNHS on a deeper level by discussing current public history issues and trends with staff, exploring the impact of absent narratives and sharing intern experiences, and building professional networks. These internships provide college students exposure to the work environment, enabling them to gain more work experience as they apply for professional jobs. In FY17, 94 college interns contributed 12,418 work hours.

### **Engaging High School Students in Minnesota History through Internships, \$6,400**

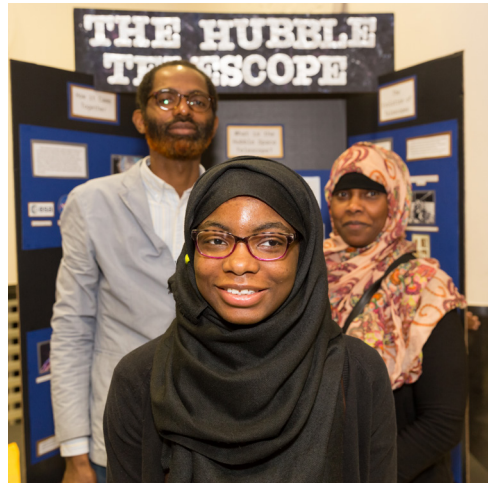
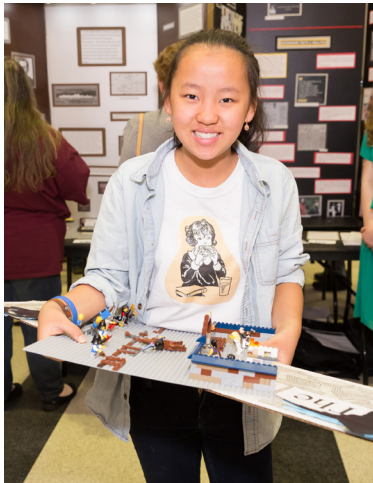
MNHS strives to attract high school interns from underrepresented communities and expose them to careers in arts and cultural organizations and nonprofits. Legacy funds allow high school interns to develop professional on-the-job experience and learn skills, such as completing an application, attendance, working in teams and increasing communication skills. MNHS staff works to recruit interns within communities of color. MNHS has also reviewed recruitment, onboarding processes, forms, and other procedures to ensure a safe and supportive work environment for interns.





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## REPORT OF HISTORY PARTNERSHIPS



The ACHF supports National History Day outreach around Minnesota, including undergraduate students mentoring middle and high school History Day students

Funding from the Legacy Amendment's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund has resulted in partnerships between the Minnesota Historical Society and more than 30 organizations.

It also supports the Heritage Partnership Program that works to build capacity of two or more independent organizations to preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's history and cultural resources, by supporting the creation and development of sustainable, history-based partnerships throughout the state.

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**FY18-19 Appropriations Language—History Partnerships:** \$2,000,000 each year are for partnerships involving multiple organizations, which may include the Minnesota Historical Society, to preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's history and cultural heritage in all regions of the state.

## FY18 Partnerships with the Minnesota Historical Society

### EXPERIENCE DEVELOPMENT

#### **Educational Achievement, \$55,349**

*Partners: Northland Community Schools, Remer; Washington Technology Magnet School, St. Paul; Brooklyn Center High School, Brooklyn Center*

The Educational Achievement initiative allows MNHS to create partnerships with three school districts—one rural, one suburban, and one urban—and evaluate how a variety of educational programs measurably improve student achievement across multiple grade levels over multiple years. Partnership schools receive funding to enrich their history instruction for students in grades 6-12, and schools also provide significant matching funding to further enrich educational opportunities for their students.

Over the next five years, MNHS will continue to study the impact of the *Northern Lights* sixth grade social studies textbook, National History Day in Minnesota, and other classroom resources on student learning and engagement. Each school also participates in joint field trips to MNHS sites and museums, including overnight stays. In FY17, partnership activities included summer enrichment programs, internships, and job shadowing to address summer learning loss.

This partnership gives rural, suburban and urban students the chance to expand their knowledge of Minnesota and American history and to engage in applied and place-based learning opportunities. MNHS educators use the partnership schools to test materials and programs that can then be applied to other schools around the state.

#### **Education Outreach for National History Day, \$201,011**

*Partners: Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis Public Schools, Saint Paul Public Schools, Associated Colleges of the Twin Cities*

This partnership program helps extend National History Day's reach in Minnesota. MNHS staff coordinated school services with an emphasis on support for students from diverse backgrounds. Higher education partnerships help build college readiness skills for middle and high school students and strengthen the mentoring skills of Minnesota

college students. Undergraduate students from the University of Minnesota, Associated Colleges of the Twin Cities, and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities train to become History Day mentors and work with History Day students at inner city and rural schools.

These partnerships have established a national model for creating “campus to classroom” connections where undergraduate students support classroom teachers by advising History Day students with topic selection, research, and project development. These academic skills make students more college-ready, and the relationships with mentors increase student aspirations for higher education.

#### **Education Outreach Partnership, \$65,734**

*Partners: Minneapolis Public Schools, St. Cloud State University, Minnesota State University Moorhead, University of Minnesota, Augsburg University*

This project is designed to strengthen existing partnerships and create new opportunities for MNHS to deliver transformative educational experiences to students. Partnership dollars were used to leverage matching dollars from Minneapolis Public Schools to increase their commitment to contract with MNHS for educational programs, such as History Day. St. Cloud State University and Minnesota State University Moorhead also provided matching funds for partnerships that enrich US history instruction with experiences at historic sites and museums. Seven undergraduate students in St. Cloud and Moorhead received paid internships and provided History Day mentoring support to area schools.

MNHS also expanded its summer enrichment programs by partnering with the Minnesota Institute for Talented Youth for two summer History Day courses, creating a new campus immersion program at Augsburg University, and sustaining two campus immersion experiences for middle school students at the University of Minnesota, in partnership with the university's Athletic Department. The highly successful Summer History Immersion Program served two cohorts of high school students with in-depth academic and college immersion experiences, in partnership with the University of Minnesota.

### **State Fair Programming, \$40,093**

*Partner: The Minnesota State Fair Foundation*

MNHS and the Minnesota State Fair Foundation increased awareness and knowledge of Minnesota history by providing quality programming for visitors to the Great Minnesota Get-Together. In 2017, two new stops were added to the Minnesota State Fair History Walking Tour brochure, and inclusivity was a top project goal. About 37,000 brochures were distributed during the run of the fair.

History-on-a-Schtick, an original, vaudevillian romp through Minnesota's past with sing-alongs, trivia, and prizes, had two daily performances in 2017. MNHS worked with Minnesota playwright Beth Gilleland and a group of actors to create the production, which filled the 200-seat venue each day.

## **EXTERNAL RELATIONS**

### **Legacy Strategic Agenda, \$70,000**

*Partners: Augsburg University, Sherburne History Center, Goodhue County Historical Society, Stearns History Museum, St. Cloud State University, Otter Tail County Historical Society, University of Minnesota, Southwest Minnesota State University, Red Lake Nation College, Rice County Historical Society, Minnesota Museum of American Art, Morrison County Historical Society*

This statewide project builds on the achievements realized during past years of Legacy funding to guide future work. The LSA is a strategic document and a resource for statewide history communities over the next four years. The LSA has identified four strategic priorities that will be measured and sustained at the community level: history education, Legacy grants, partnerships, and unfamiliar stories.

## **FINANCE**

### **Administrative Costs, \$121,544**

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## **HERITAGE PRESERVATION**

### **Building Capacity of History Professionals, \$30,000**

*Partner: Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums (MALHM)*

MALHM and MNHS collaborate to develop the capacity of history professionals across the state to better serve local communities. This partnership distributed high-quality best practices to all corners of the state through an improved periodic publication and a conference. This year's conference in Walker experienced a 28 percent increase in participation and a third track of sessions was added.

### **Historic Preservation Corps, \$400,000**

*Partner: Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps*

This partnership program trains young adults in historic preservation while addressing the preservation needs of historic structures and landscapes across the state. Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps and MNHS increase the viability of a historic preservation activity by building on a conservation corps model. The partnership's first year focused on building the capacity of the corps through further expansion of service projects, skills training, and networks. The 2017 field season saw a marked increase in capacity with three crews working on sites from Grand Portage to Thief River Falls and Hastings. Corps members put in an estimated 16,000+ hours during the season.

### **Minnesota Main Street Partnership, \$150,804**

*Partners: Preservation Alliance of Minnesota (primary), University of Minnesota Extension Center for Community Vitality, University of Minnesota Tourism Center, Minnesota GreenStep Cities, and Minnesota Design Team*

Minnesota Main Street, as a member of the Main Street America network, continues to provide the training information and networking tools needed to boost commercial districts in local Main Street communities. The Main Street Four-Point Approach is a downtown revitalization strategy with proven results showing increases in property improvements, new business development, new job creation, and volunteer participation.

This year Mankato-North Mankato joined Faribault, New Ulm, Owatonna, Red Wing, Shakopee, Willmar, and Winona as the eighth designated Minnesota Main Street. Using the Main Street methodology, each of these unique historic towns has seen social and economic vitality return to their downtowns while showcasing outstanding historic structures.

Every year Minnesota Main Street recognizes projects in the Main Street and Network Communities that have exemplified excellent work in the Four-Point Approach. In September 2017 at the Preserve Minnesota Conference in Albert Lea, three designated Main Street communities received 2017 Minnesota Main Street Awards: Red Wing received Best Community Impact Project for their Small Business Revolution campaign; Shakopee was awarded Most Targeted Event for their Rhythm on the Rails concert series; and Winona Main Street Program won Best Volunteer Project for their Big Muddy Brew 'n Que event.

### **PAM Education, \$110,000**

*Partners: Preservation Alliance of Minnesota*

PAM Education (formerly Cornerstone Academy), the preservation education partnership of the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota and MNHS, launched in 2014. The statewide preservation education program has developed a training series for homeowners, realtors, community members, and professionals in fields that frequently interact with historic buildings and districts. The past year focused on building new audiences using evaluative techniques. The results were 29 classes offered in 20 venues for 278 students. More than 20 expert instructors were a part of the partnership.

## **INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **American Indian Museum Fellowship, \$76,946**

*Partner: Minnesota Indian Affairs Council*

Native American undergraduate students from across Minnesota participated in this unique intensive 17-day residential program. The students attended onsite presentations throughout Minnesota and experienced hands-on learning about the museum and archaeology fields and other historical and cultural preservation organizations. Students also learned about various career paths and academic requirements for working in these types of organizations, both on and off reservations, as well as challenges Native communities face related to preserving tribal heritage.

### **Diversity Outreach, \$176,964**

*Partners: multiple (see below)*

MNHS is working to strengthen its presence and visibility as a community resource to Minnesota's diverse communities by supporting a strategic tabling and sponsorship effort at 12 community events, such as Rondo Days, Twin Cities Jazz Festival, and the Cultural Heritage and Social Action Summit. In addition, funds supported cosponsoring and hosting diverse events, including Twin Cities Black Film Festival and Somali Independence Day at the Minnesota History Center.

MNHS is also partnering with the Minnesota Council on Disability and VSA Minnesota to better understand the needs and interests of people living with physical and cognitive disabilities. An advisory group has been formed to provide feedback and direction. In addition, MNHS is playing a key role in creating an access consortium with colleagues from Twin Cities arts and cultural organizations to learn, share, advise, and coordinate with each other about this work.

### **Neighborhood Leadership Program, \$85,081**

*Partner: Amherst H. Wilder Foundation*

MNHS and the Wilder Foundation worked together to provide greater access and awareness of MNHS resources to St. Paul neighborhoods through the Wilder Foundation's Neighborhood Leadership Program (NLP). NLP is a six-month training program that has been supported by the Wilder Foundation for the past 20 years with nearly 800 program alumni. The purpose of NLP is to help existing and emerging leaders take action to improve their community. This year 29 people were accepted to the NLP program.

Through visits to the Minnesota History Center, participants learned about the diverse history of St. Paul and explored resources available through MNHS. They learned how understanding the history of their community can improve communications with community members, help frame community issues, and set goals and strategies to create change. Program participants, many of whom had never visited, made new connections to the Minnesota History Center. More importantly, the partnership allowed MNHS to engage with the greater community in new ways.

### **History Museum Fellows Program, \$158,146**

*Partner: University of Minnesota, Associated Colleges of the Twin Cities (ACTC)*

Through this partnership, University of Minnesota and ACTC students from diverse backgrounds explore the museum field and issues related to diversity and museums during a semester-long course, followed by a paid internship. The program also engages students in discussions on the under-representation of communities of color and Native American nations in historical organizations and public history graduate programs. The class is offered in the fall for ACTC students and as a spring semester course at the University of Minnesota. Students held internships at MNHS, the Somali Museum of Minnesota, Minneapolis Institute of Art, East Side Freedom Library, American Swedish Institute, Ramsey County Historical Society, and other organizations.

### **Teaching Heritage Collaboration, \$70,000**

*Partner: University of Minnesota*

The University of Minnesota and MNHS are collaborating to enhance heritage education across Minnesota. This project engages students in field experiences with the archaeological collections and interpretive programs at Historic Fort Snelling and provides research support for new programs at Oliver Kelley Farm. These projects help build models for collaborative instruction that fosters cultural heritage awareness and protection. These projects also expose students to the breadth of Minnesota's diverse artifacts, sites, stories, and traditions, thus nurturing future professionals who understand the interdisciplinary and collaborative nature of heritage and preservation work. This initiative also works to build better community-institutional relationships and fosters broader public support for cultural heritage awareness and protection.

### **Youth Partnerships, \$77,758**

*Partners: Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES) and St. Paul College for Summer Technology Workshop; Two Rivers Gallery and Minneapolis Central Library for Mazinaakizige: American Indian Teen Photography Project; and East Side Freedom Library and Two Rivers Gallery for Teen Action Group*

MNHS partners with diverse organizations to create in-depth, meaningful learning experiences for young people that help them develop career and life skills. The Mazinaakizige: American Indian Teen Photography Project welcomed six Native American high school students who investigated historic and contemporary images of Native people, learned digital photography, and created a gallery show to interpret the theme "Forward." The show was on view at Two Rivers Gallery from December 15 to January 22, 2018, with a closing reception on January 19, 2018. The gallery donated program and exhibition space, announcement postcards, and frames for the prints. The student show will be displayed at the Minneapolis Central Library starting April 11, 2018 and at the Mille Lacs Indian Museum & Trading Post in September 2018.

The Summer Technology Workshop highlights career readiness through a community-identified assessment of technology skills needs. For two and a half weeks, students explored the Google suite of tools and web design through immersive opportunities held at the Minnesota History Center and Saint Paul College. Students explored Latino representation in the historical record and identified

topics for future in-depth research. They created 10-minute documentaries and websites.

The Teen Action Group works with 10 diverse high school students from around the metro area to increase awareness of museum resources and historical research. In 2017, students worked with collections staff to select objects and artifacts to tell an intersectional civil rights narrative from the 1960s to the present in an exhibit at the Gale Family Library. In 2018, students will collaborate with community partners, East Side Freedom Library and Two Rivers Gallery, to create intergenerational dialogue through historical objects and an activity and learn how public engagement works with museums.

In the 2016-2017 school year, the Wariyaa: Somali Youth in Minnesota program met at Mill City Museum every Saturday. This program encouraged nine Somali high school students to explore their identities as Minnesotans through food, storytelling, and cultural resources. Using oral histories, videos, historical research, and career-readiness curriculum, students compiled research into a cookbook, which will be published by MNHS Press in May 2018.

## CY17 Heritage Partnership Program

### **Archaeology Alpha Sites Program, Phase II, \$70,542**

*Partners: Scott County Historical Society, Anoka County Historical Society, and Dakota County Historical Society*

The first phase of this program identified several alpha sites in each of the partner counties. Alpha sites are past cultural locations that have been documented from written accounts, area maps, or oral tradition, but have never been formally investigated to see if they still contain intact cultural deposits. Using the phase one research, a phase two, 12-month program will provide in-depth alpha site archaeological research, planning, and outreach services to three partner organizations. Based on preliminary review of State Historic Preservation Office files, Anoka County has 25 alpha sites, Dakota county has 40, and Scott County has 43.

Alpha sites have previously fallen outside state and federal development corridors, and as development has surged in the last 50 years, these locations have been lost at an alarming rate. This partnership project will establish a common base of knowledge around these sites while also creating tools for programming, curating, and otherwise working with these archaeological sites. This partnership approach will save time and effort while reducing costs.

This program's objectives are:

- Using Phase I archaeological literature review, provide each participating organization expanded research on each known alpha site's location; the sites' relationship to already developed historic contexts; and recommendations/ranking based on location probability for cultural material retention.
- Consult with each historical society to identify 10 site locations from each county for the development of public programs oriented toward site documentation.
- Complete a series of public programs to document 30 alpha site locations. Documentation will follow standard Phase I archaeological survey methods as laid out by the Minnesota Office of the State Archaeologist and may include: GPS, photography, mapping, limited artifact collection, surface survey, shovel testing, and ground penetrating radar.

- For locations where cultural materials are encountered, a Minnesota Archaeological Site Form will be completed and sent to the Minnesota Office of the State Archaeologist for site numeration.
- For locations where no cultural materials were encountered or where there is no evidence of the alpha site, an update to the existing alpha site form will be provided to the State Historic Preservation Office.
- If cultural materials are collected, each historical society will ensure adequate documentation and curation protocols are followed.
- Provide a final capstone program to present the project results to the constituents of each partner organization and the wider public.
- Present findings to Minnesota archaeology, museum, and local history fields via appropriate local conferences.

### **Collection Management Software Pilot Program, \$124,510**

*Official Partners: Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums, Pope County Historical Society, Minnesota Indian Affairs Council in partnership with Hamline University, Stevens County Historical Society, Renville County Historical Society, and Isanti County Historical Society*

*Supporting Organizations: Stearns History Museum, Morrison County Historical Society, Minnesota Digital Library, and Murray County Historical Society*

This partnership had its start in April 2014 when a task force of Minnesota-based collection managers and other museum personnel from various historical societies began to meet, understanding that by working together, the task force could influence the future of collections management systems. The software used by most Minnesota history museums runs on an obsolete database, which puts collection data at risk. While there has not been a critical failure, the partners deemed the subject important enough to start to look at what comes next.

The task force determined that a free, open-source, web-based collections management system would be the best solution. The partnership will select software and web hosting vendors through an RFP process. The chosen vendor will provide an application that will allow for future expansion and work for the needs of museums and repositories across the state. This new software will be piloted using the collections data of five institutions:

Pope County Historical Society, Minnesota Indian Affairs Council/Hamline University, Stevens County Historical Society, Renville County Historical Society, and Isanti County Historical Society.

As the voice of the Minnesota local history community, the Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums (MAHLM) will be the coordinating organization for the pilot program. The eventual goal is that, upon the successful completion of the pilot program, the software will be made available statewide with MAHLM providing a central home for the community. MAHLM will also manage hosting services for the software; manage and maintain community resources, such as working groups and a mailing list; coordinate bug tracking and feature requests from members; and allow members to leverage shared economies to protect each organization's investment in the CMS. A strong member base will ensure the software developed today continues to evolve into the future.

By sharing a collections management system, organizations will save significantly on web hosting, training, and updates. The eventual goal is that not only will individual institutions be able to share their collection online with the public, but that these Minnesota organizations will be able to share their collection information with each other through a nonpublic, shared database.

### **Disaster Preparedness Response and Recovery, \$11,123**

*Partners: McLeod County Historic Partnership: McLeod County Historical Society, Glencoe Historic Preservation Society, and Historic Hutchinson*

Staff of the member organizations of the McLeod County Historic Partnership will receive training and resources to better care for collections, especially in emergency situations. Members will train in proper disaster response procedures, create response plans that take advantage of the assistance they can provide one another, and create a shared cache of supplies necessary to respond to the most common types of disasters. The McLeod County Historic Partnership estimates a net cost savings of over \$10,000 between all groups, thanks to sharing this training and disaster preparedness supplies.

By working together to draft response plans, the partnership members will each create more comprehensive and cohesive plans, share ideas and insights, and will be able to work more symbiotically in emergencies by having innate understanding of each organization's plans.

### **Meeker County Heritage Tourism Assessment and Planning, \$18,500**

*Partners: Meeker Development Corporation, Meeker County Historical Society, and Dassel Area Historical Society*

Three Meeker County organizations will form a partnership to identify and assess heritage tourism sites, activities, and events in Meeker County and develop a strategic plan to coordinate, promote, and improve access to these sites and activities. This strategic plan will then serve as a tool to begin promoting Meeker County's historic resources under the umbrella of heritage tourism.

This collaboration will enhance efficiency for all three organizations in collecting and sharing this rich history by reducing individual time spent by each institution and avoiding unnecessary duplication of efforts. This coordination will also lead to expanding awareness of each organization's resources and strengthen their reputations as sources of information about this important part of Minnesota's past.

### **The Minnesota Computer History Partnership, \$99,000**

*Partners: Minnesota High Tech Foundation, Charles Babbage Institute at the University of Minnesota, and Dakota County Historical Society*

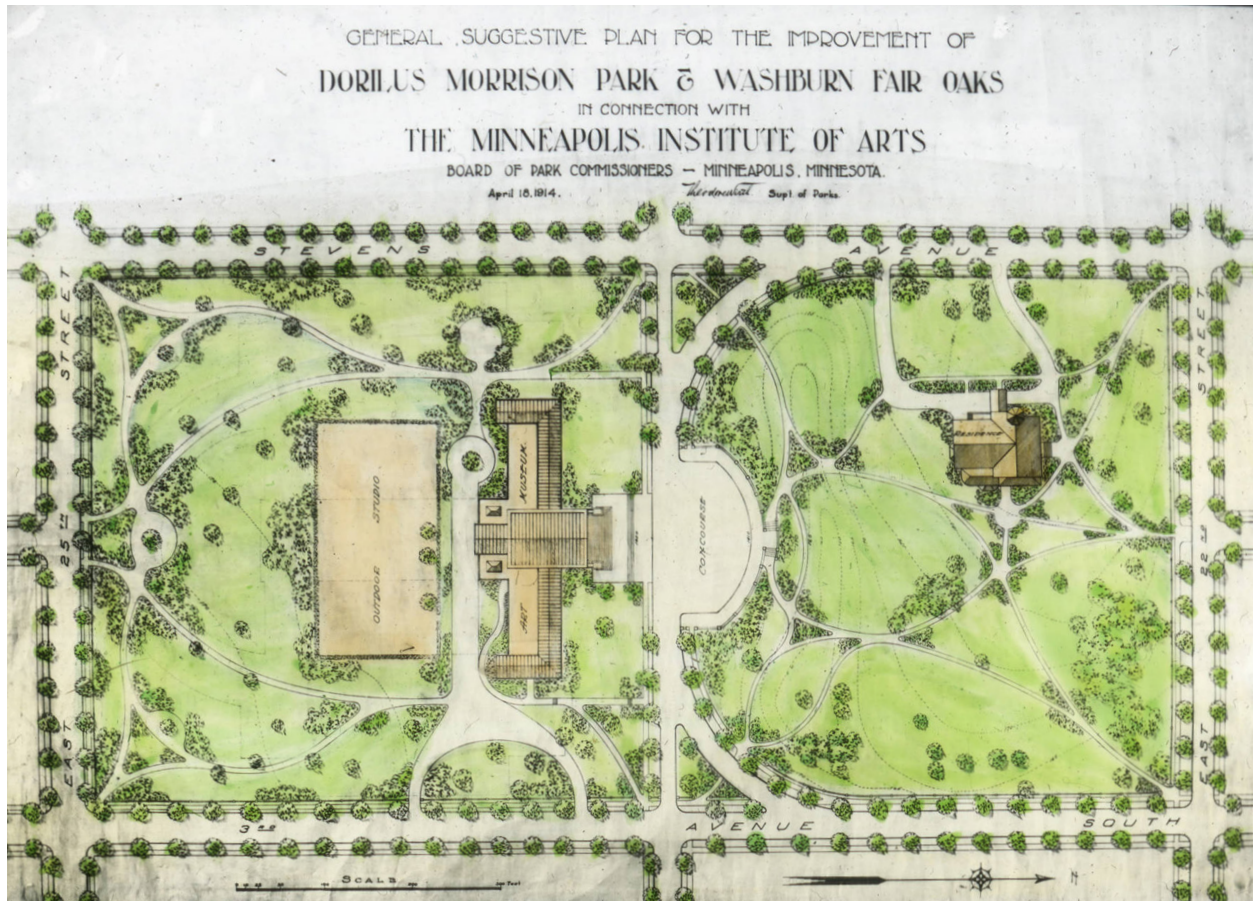
Three nonprofit organizations with a shared interest in the little-known history of Minnesota's role in the development of the modern computer industry have come together to share their resources in a long-term partnership, which will serve scholars, educators, students, and the public. The goal is to work together to make these stories known to the public through digital media, continue to document stories from those who were involved or have archival resources, and share this history with new generations of Minnesotans.

The partners have agreed to three key objectives:

- Researching and collecting information on the available historical resources, artifacts, and data, now scattered among six primary organizations and a cluster of business archives in Rochester and the Twin Cities
- Compiling that information into a single, shared online database and index of resources on the web that will preserve and provide access to the resources
- Creating a unique set of video interviews to capture stories from those who experienced this history firsthand. These videos will be shared and used among the partners in both transcript and video form as resources for public education and future research



## REPORT OF OTHER STATEWIDE INITIATIVES



A lantern slide of a 1914 Minneapolis Park Board plan for the improvement of Dorilus Morrison Park and Washburn Fair Oaks, found in the Minnesota Digital Library

In addition to grants, programs and partnerships, the Minnesota Legislature has directed funding from the Legacy Amendment's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund to support initiatives for history, including the Statewide Survey of Historical and Archaeological Sites, Minnesota Digital Library and Additional Projects. These initiatives support statewide efforts to preserve and share history for future generations. Each initiative is called out with its own appropriations language.



## FY18 Statewide Survey of Historical and Archaeological Sites



A field crew works on an archaeological survey of Dakota County. *Photo courtesy of the Science Museum of Minnesota*

The Legislature created the Statewide Survey of Historic and Archaeological Sites to provide opportunities to expand our understanding of historic and archaeological sites statewide.

Projects are defined by an oversight board and are conducted through competitive-bid contracts. So far three major topics have been addressed by the survey: identification and protection of sensitive historic and archaeological resources; geographic surveys of poorly-known areas of Minnesota; and thematic studies of poorly-understood historic contexts.

To date, 30 projects have been conducted, which have expanded the number of documented historic and archaeological sites in Minnesota, increased our understanding of where such sites are likely to be located, and illuminated cultural traditions, lifeways, and technologies dating to the earliest human occupations of the state.

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**FY18-19 Appropriations Language:** \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the second year are for a contract or contracts to be awarded on a competitive basis to conduct statewide surveys of Minnesota's sites of historical, archaeological, and cultural significance. Results of the surveys must be published in a searchable form and available to the public on a cost-free basis. The Minnesota Historical Society, the Office of the State Archaeologist, and the Indian Affairs Council shall each appoint a representative to an oversight board to select contractors and direct the conduct of the surveys. The oversight board shall consult with the Departments of Transportation and Natural Resources.

### **Archaeological Survey of Wadena County**

This project focuses on creating a better understanding of the archaeology of Wadena County, which has a very small number of recorded archaeological sites. Extensive field survey targeted at identifying sites will expand understanding of the prehistory of this area.

### **Archaeological Survey of Watonwan County**

Watonwan County has a small number of identified archaeological sites, and not much survey work has been conducted in the county. This project will focus on recording more sites and creating a better understanding of prehistory in the county.

### **Dating Minnesota's Prehistory: A Study of the Freshwater Reservoir Effect**

This project builds on an earlier effort to gain more understanding of how "old carbon" in the environment affects radiocarbon dates. This study now has become part of an international effort to better understand this effect in glaciated parts of the world.

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Reports for completed projects are posted on the Office of the State Archaeologist's website at [mn.gov/admin/archaeologist/](http://mn.gov/admin/archaeologist/)

## FY18 Minnesota Digital Library



*EXCELSIOR MAY GO DRY BUT THERE DOESN'T SEEM HOPE FOR THE REST OF THE LAKE.*



Editorial cartoons by Charles Lewis "Bart" Bartholomew that appeared in the Minneapolis Journal, contributed to the Minnesota Digital Library by Gustavus Adolphus College

The Minnesota Digital Library (MDL) is a statewide, multi-institutional collaboration that supports discovery, education, and personal enrichment through digitization of and access to the rich historical resources of the state's public and academic libraries, archives, museums, and historical societies while also preserving these resources for future generations.

MDL partnered with:

- 190+ organizations through Minnesota Reflections, a premier searchable, online collection of primary source materials of more than 53,000 photos, maps, journals, letters, works of art and more
- In FY18, MDL will continue to digitize and make accessible material from across the state both on its own website, as well as through the website of the Digital Public Library of America

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**FY18-19 Appropriations Language:** \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the second year are for a digital library project to preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota images, documents, and historical materials. The Minnesota Historical Society shall cooperate with the Minitex interlibrary loan system and shall jointly share this appropriation for these purposes.



## Additional Projects



Andrew Peterson emigrated from Sweden in 1850 and his historic Waconia farmstead is now managed by Carver County Historical Society

In 2017, the Minnesota Legislature appropriated ACHF funds for these additional projects in the FY2018-19 biennium. The appropriation language reads:

\$80,000 each year is for a grant to the board of directors of the Carver County Historical Society to restore the historic **Andrew Peterson farm** in Waconia.

\$80,000 each year is for a grant to the city of Woodbury to work in collaboration with the Woodbury Barn Heritage Commission to restore the **Miller Barn** and historical programming at the Miller Barn in Woodbury.

\$100,000 the first year is to restore the stained glass in the historic **Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel** in collaboration with the Department of Natural Resources. The historical society may work in collaboration with the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation.

\$250,000 the first year is for a grant to the Fairmont Opera House to restore and renovate the historic **Fairmont Opera House**.

\$50,000 the first year is for a grant to the Litchfield Opera House to restore and renovate the historic **Litchfield Opera House**.



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