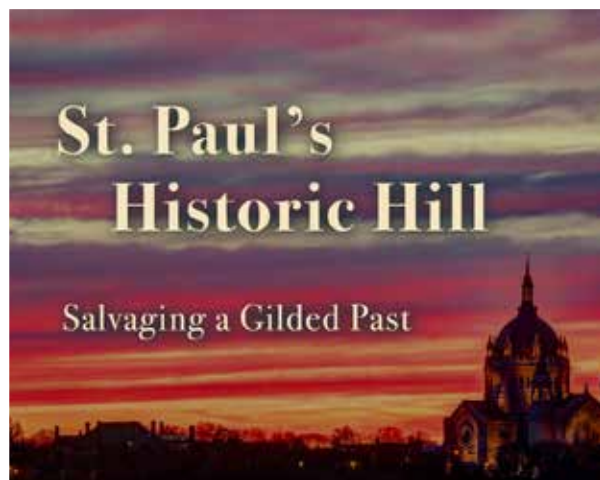




Minnesota History: Building A Legacy

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 Director and CEO

Over my first full year as director and CEO of the Minnesota Historical Society (MNHS), it has been a privilege to learn about the important work that Minnesota's history organizations are able to undertake, thanks to the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Legacy funding not only helps MNHS staff pursue our mission, but more than 850 organizations across the state have preserved and shared Minnesota's rich history through grants, partnerships, and more since 2009.

As of January 2020, Minnesota's vibrant history community has received \$58 million in statewide history and cultural heritage grants. In 2016, the Legacy Strategic Agenda Collaborative—made up of Minnesotans and organizations working across disciplines in state and local history—created a five-year plan to build on the successes of the first few years of Legacy grants.

This planning initiative concludes on June 30, 2020, and focuses on the following four key goals:

1. Equip members of Minnesota's history community with tools to meet individual and collective aspirations for long-term success and sustainability.

Notable Project: The Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums' (MALHM) work to improve local historical societies' collections management systems

After discovering many of Minnesota's history organizations used an obsolete collections system, MALHM and its partners began piloting a new database in 2017. This strategic work continues today as more local organizations tap into this collections management system.

2. Empower Minnesota's history community to create and provide opportunities that develop all Minnesotans' critical thinking skills through the exploration and practice of history.

Notable Project: The exhibit *Blue-Collar Battleground: The Iron Range Labor Story* at Minnesota Discovery Center in Chisholm

Opened in December 2017 with Legacy support, this exhibit chronicles over 100 years of history on the Iron Range. This is a long-term exhibit that challenges visitors to think critically about important stories of mining, immigration, and more.

3. Enhance existing relationships and develop new partnerships that connect people to the vast and rich historic resources that tell Minnesota's history.

Notable Project: The Heritage Studies and Public History graduate program at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities

Created through a partnership between the College of Design, College of Liberal Arts, and MNHS, this master's program launched in fall 2017 and combines academic history work along with experiences in the public history field. The first class of students graduated in May 2019, and 100% are employed in the field.

4. Amplify unfamiliar narratives, both past and present, through direct service, programs, and strategic partnerships

Notable Project: HACER's project to document the history of Latino businesses in Minneapolis

In 2019, the nonprofit HACER (Hispanic Advocacy and Community Empowerment Through Research) kicked off a Legacy-funded project to collect oral histories from the city's Latino community, one of the fastest-growing populations in Minnesota.

These are just a few highlights of the amazing work produced by the Minnesota history community over the past five years. I encourage you to review this report with an eye toward projects underway in your community. We are grateful for your continued support of the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, and I look forward to the next innovative and strategic history achievements that Minnesotans accomplish with Legacy funding.

Kent Whitworth, director and CEO

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On the cover: Legacy funding has supported a wide range of projects, including (clockwise from top left) restoration of the Wasioja Civil War Recruiting Station, a new exhibit on the history of the jingle dress, a documentary on St. Paul's Historic Hill District, and restoration of the William A. Irvin museum ship.

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 CY19 and projects and programs funded through MNHS for FY20.

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

The Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund receives 19.75% of overall Legacy funding. In 2019, the legislature appropriated \$32.96 million from the ACHF to MNHS for the two-year period July 2019-June 2021. That appropriation breaks down to \$15.572 million for fiscal year 2020 and \$17.383 million for fiscal year 2021.

The legislature divided the fiscal years 2020 and 2021 appropriations to MNHS into the following six categories:

Category	FY20 Appropriation	FY21 Appropriation
Statewide Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants	\$5,846,000	\$7,004,000
Statewide History Programs	\$5,846,000	\$7,004,000
Statewide History Partnerships	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Statewide Survey of Historical and Archaeological Sites	\$500,000	\$500,000
Minnesota Digital Library	\$375,000	\$375,000
Additional Projects	\$505,000	0
Total	\$15,572,000	\$17,383,000

AT A GLANCE

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 economies¹

\$2.77 PER PERSON PER YEAR

Less than a small mocha at your favorite coffee place—that's how much each Minnesotan pays annually for the programs, partnerships, grants, and other statewide initiatives detailed in this report²



78 COUNTIES HAVE RECEIVED MORE THAN \$50,000

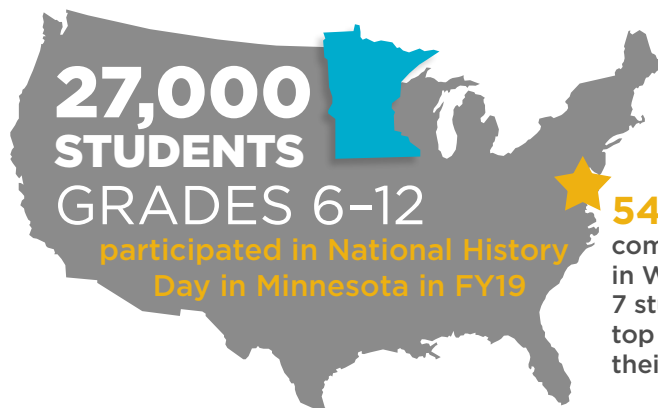
IN LEGACY-FUNDED
GRANTS SINCE JULY 1, 2009



2,677 GRANTS SINCE PROGRAM STARTED TOTALLING \$58.7 MILLION

2.5 to 1 DEMAND FOR HISTORICAL & CULTURAL HERITAGE GRANTS

OUTWEIGHED AVAILABLE
RESOURCES DURING
CALENDAR YEAR 2019³



27,000 STUDENTS GRADES 6-12

participated in National History
Day in Minnesota in FY19

54 STUDENTS

competed at nationals
in Washington, DC, with
7 students placing in the
top 10 in the country in
their categories

¹ "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

² Based on the Minnesota State Demographic Center's 2018 population estimate of 5,629,416 and the FY2020 appropriation of \$15,572,000

³ Based on \$16,934,655 in overall grant requests in calendar year 2019 and \$6,648,669 in actual grant awards

Historic Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC)

Legislation specifies that the HRAC, a volunteer citizen panel that guides decisions for the 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 2019, including two vacancies:

Jonathan Palmer, St. Paul (Chair)

- Executive director, Hallie Q. Brown Community Center
- BA in psychology, Morehouse College
- Currently completing MA in public affairs, Humphrey School of Public Affairs
- Qualified in grant management, program administration, and governance

Annette Atkins, Minneapolis

- PhD in American history/American studies, Indiana University
- Professor emerita of history, St. John's University
- Former interim executive director, Stearns History Museum
- Qualified in local history, research, governance

Milissa Brooks-Ojibway, Duluth

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

Tamara Edevold, Bagley

- Executive director, Clearwater Historical Society
- BA in history, Moorhead State University
- Qualified in local history, archives, exhibits, and collections management

Ginny Lackovic, Minneapolis

- Associate vice president at HGA
- Licensed architect in Minnesota and meets the Secretary of the Interior's qualifications for historical architect
- Qualified in historic preservation

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 architecture and landscape architecture at University of Minnesota
- Qualified in historic preservation

Richard Nash, New Prague

- Member of the MNHS Executive Council
- Lt. general (retired), Army National Guard
- 30th Adjutant General of the Minnesota National Guard (2010-2017)

Kathryn Ohland, St. Paul

- MS in architecture preservation and conservation, University of Minnesota
- Architectural historian
- Qualified in historic preservation

Matthew Piscitelli, Chaska

- Project archaeologist and digital media manager, SEARCH Inc.
- Research associate at the Field Museum
- Qualified in archaeology, grant administration, community outreach, education, and museum services

Benjamin Vander Kooi, Jr., Luverne

- Member of the MNHS Executive Council
- Attorney practicing at Vander Kooi Law Offices
- Past chair of Minnesota State Arts Board
- Adviser, National Trust for Historic Preservation
- Qualified in historic preservation, nonprofit and grants administration

Jill Wohnoutka, Bird Island

- Director, Kandiyohi County Historical Society
- Former director, Renville County Historical Society
- BA in history, Gustavus Adolphus College
- Qualified in local history, grant writing, archives, exhibits, and collections management

Ex Officio Members:

David Hakensen, president of the MNHS Executive Council

Daniel J. Schmechel, treasurer of the 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 2019:

Officers:

David Hakensen, President
William D. Green, Vice President
Phyllis Goff, Immediate Past President
Kent Whitworth, Secretary
Daniel J. Schmechel, Treasurer

Members of the Executive Council:

Eric D. Ahlness	Steven R. Gibson
Ford W. Bell	Maykao Y. Hang
Suzanne Blue	Dennis L. Lamkin
Kurt V. BlueDog	Jean M. Larson
Barbara E. Burwell	Monica Little
Grant W. Davis	Richard C. Nash
Michael J. Davis	Joseph S. Nayquonabe
M. Mitchell Davis	Peter M. Reyes, Jr.
Michael B. Farnell	Anton S. Treuer
Stephanie L. Fehr	Ben Vander Kooi
Thomas M. Forsythe	Warren J. Zaccaro

Ex Officio Members:

Tim Walz, Governor
Peggy Flanagan, Lieutenant Governor
Steve Simon, Secretary of State
Keith Ellison, Attorney General
Julie Blaha, 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 FY20-21 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
Rethos (previously 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 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 FY20-21, 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 dollars 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 a website that inform the public about all ACHF initiatives funded through MNHS.

Minnesota's Legacy, www.legacy.mn.gov, 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, 2019, First Special Session, Chapter 2, Article 4, Section 2, Subdivisions 4(a)-(b)(6)

Subd. 4. Minnesota Historical Society, FY2020: \$15,572,000, FY2021: \$17,383,000

(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, 2023. 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

\$5,846,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$7,004,000 in fiscal year 2021 are for statewide historic and cultural grants to local, county, regional, or other historical or cultural organizations or for activities to preserve significant historic and cultural resources. Money must be distributed through a competitive grant process. The Minnesota Historical Society must administer the money 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

\$5,846,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$7,004,000 in fiscal year 2021 are for historic and cultural programs and purposes related to the heritage of the state. Of this amount, \$250,000 each year must be used by the Minnesota Historical Society to either produce or purchase and to distribute a book to engage and educate elementary school students on Minnesota's natural resources, legacy, culture, and history. The book should be made available for free to educators and libraries and through state historical society sites to provide to a targeted grade of elementary school students.

(3) History Partnerships

\$2,500,000 each year is for history 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

\$500,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2021 are for one or more contracts to be competitively awarded to conduct statewide surveys or investigations of Minnesota's sites of historical, archaeological, and cultural significance. Results of the surveys or investigations 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, the Indian Affairs Council, and the State Historic Preservation Office must each appoint a representative to an oversight board to select contractors and direct the conduct of the surveys or investigations. The oversight board must consult with the Department of Transportation and Department of Natural Resources.

(5) Digital Library

\$375,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$375,000 in fiscal year 2021 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

\$200,000 the first year is for a grant to the Minnesota Military Museum to create and conduct a statewide story-sharing program to honor the distinct service of post-9/11 veterans in anticipation of the 2021 anniversary.

\$115,000 the first year is for a grant to the Minnesota Military Museum to care for, catalog, and display the recently acquired collection of the personal and professional effects belonging to General John W. Vessey, Minnesota's most decorated veteran.

\$40,000 the first year is for a grant to the Isanti County Historical Society to relocate, update, and preserve the Moody School and the Grandy Union Church.

\$150,000 the first year is for a grant to the commissioner of natural resources to maintain the history of the Grindstone River Dam at Hinckley.

Any unencumbered balance remaining under this subdivision the first year does not cancel but is available the second year.

FEATURED STORIES



The roof and exterior of the Civil War Recruiting Station, part of the Wasioja Historic District, were restored with Legacy grant support.

Dodge County Historical Society Adds New Life to Wasioja Historic District Through Restoration Work

Made up of a historic school, church, Civil War recruiting station, seminary ruins, limestone kiln, and the home of a local stonemason, the Wasioja Historic District has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1975. But in recent years, the Dodge County Historical Society (DCHS)—which owns the school, recruiting station, and church—has undertaken new efforts to restore and interpret the buildings for future generations.

Established in 1856, Wasioja was once an up-and-coming village that today tells the story of early European American settlement in southern Minnesota. With the help of Legacy funding in 2018 and 2019, DCHS is working to turn the site into a robust tourist destination.

DCHS completed restoration work on the Civil War Recruiting Station in 2019, including improvements to the exterior and roof. Built of local limestone, more than 200 recruits passed through the station to join the Union Army, and most became part of Company C of the Second Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiment. It is the only remaining Civil War-era recruiting station in Minnesota.

In fall 2019, DCHS received a Legacy grant to hire a historic building architect to conduct a condition assessment of the Wasioja School and evaluate it for future restoration. Completed in 1860, the limestone building served as an area school for almost 100 years until 1955. Today the building serves as a community meeting space, and DCHS uses the second floor to store its collections.

DCHS and Dodge County have also received a \$24,500 Heritage Partnership Program grant to create a joint interpretive plan for the Wasioja Historic District, with the long-term goal of increased tourism.

Released in May 2019, a report from Bluestem Heritage Group recommended various content ideas to shape the district's historical interpretation as well as opportunities to better share this history, including increased signage, new brochures, a website, and increased hours. The project also aims to develop more programming and exhibits to draw more visitors to the Wasioja Historic District and make it a tourist destination.



The William A. Irvin museum ship dry docked as it underwent restoration work.

Now Ore Later, William A. Irvin Returns to Duluth to Share Shipping History

This summer visitors to Duluth will once again be able to explore the William A. Irvin museum ship to learn about North Shore iron and coal shipping and how that history shaped modern America.

“The *Irvin* was a significant part of Duluth’s shipping industry,” said Steve Rankila, museum manager. “It’s appropriate and an honor to have this iconic attraction back in Duluth’s Minnesota slip.”

The ship underwent significant repairs, thanks to a ACHF grant of \$504,000 and \$355,320 in matching funds. The Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center (DECC) partnered on the project with the City of Duluth, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, US Army Corps of Engineers, and Fraser Shipyards.

At the shipyard, workers repaired more than 200 corroded rivets in the ship’s hull, fixed the electric mooring winches, and applied a fresh coat of paint in the color ore ship red.

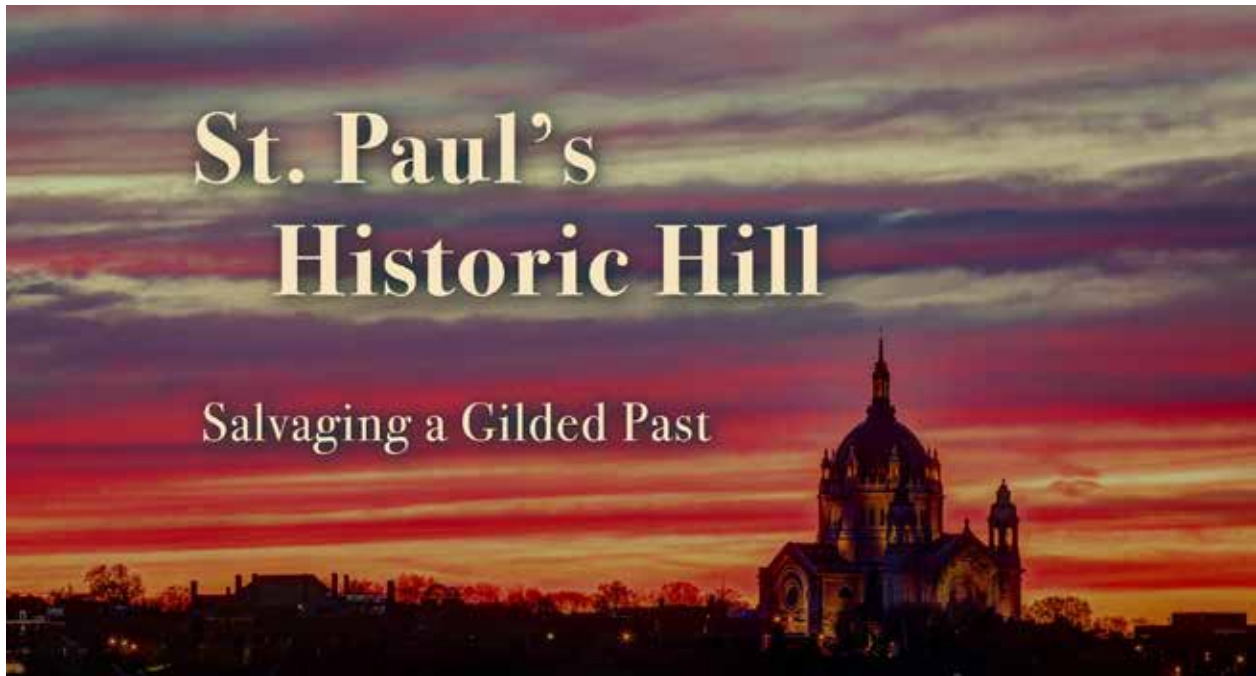
The *William A. Irvin* is a steel-hulled bulk freighter built in 1938 by the American Ship Building Company for US Steel. Named after the president of US Steel

at the time, the *Irvin* was known as the “Pride of the Silver Stackers” in reference to the color of the smokestacks which were a trademark of US Steel’s Great Lakes fleet.

For 40 years, the *Irvin* transported iron ore and coal between Duluth and Two Harbors and southern ports in Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. The *Irvin* further stands out because it was outfitted for guests with elegant staterooms, an observation deck, and an oak-paneled dining room with chandeliers. US Steel invited wealthy customers as well as prospective investors to vacation on the ship where they could play shuffleboard, hit golf balls off the deck, and fly kites.

US Steel retired the *Irvin* in 1978. The DECC purchased the *Irvin* in 1986, renovated it, and permanently moored it at Canal Park where the museum is open seasonally for public tours. On average, 55,000 people visit the *Irvin* every year.

Chelly Townsend, DECC executive director said, “This generous grant that funded repairs will allow the vessel to be toured for many years to come.”



The documentary *St. Paul's Historic Hill: Salvaging a Gilded Past*, aired on Twin Cities Public Television on June 2, 2019, and is available to view on tpt.org.

New Documentary Narrates the History and Preservation of St. Paul's Historic Hill District

In May 2019, the Ramsey Hill Association debuted its new documentary, *St. Paul's Historic Hill: Salvaging a Gilded Past*, at Dove Hill, one of the restored historic homes on Summit Avenue in St. Paul. The documentary tells the story of the neighborhood through oral histories from residents who aided in the renovation and preservation of the Historic Hill District. The Historic Hill District includes the neighborhoods of Ramsey, Crocus, Cathedral, and Summit Hills.

In the late 19th century, many large Victorian-era houses, such as the James J. Hill House, were erected in St. Paul. However, the neighborhoods and subsequently many Victorian houses in the Historic Hill District became decrepit and fell out of use during the Great Depression and after World War II. Furthermore, in the 1950s and 1960s, many families vacated the city in favor of suburban sprawl.

A new movement for historic preservation sprouted in the 1960s alongside new preservation laws, as St. Paul residents began buying and restoring the old houses.

The film documents the preservation community that emerged in the 1960s and 1970s and worked to revitalize the historic district, despite the challenges of old infrastructure, heightened crime, and suburban sprawl.

Christopher Keith, a Historic Hill resident, touches on the romanticism of St. Paul's historic district in the documentary, "The topography of St. Paul adds so much sentiment to its neighborhoods and so much identity, and that's really evident here in the Hill District."

The film was supported by a \$85,700 Legacy grant and was produced in partnership with Twin Cities Public Television (TPT). *St. Paul's Historic Hill: Salvaging a Gilded Past* aired on TPT June 2, 2019. It is free to view on tpt.org.



Jingle dresses on display at Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post as part of the exhibit *Ziibaaska' iganagooday: The Jingle Dress at 100*.

Mille Lacs Indian Museum Exhibit Marks the 100th Anniversary of the Ojibwe Jingle Dress

One hundred years ago in 1918-1919, the global influenza pandemic killed millions worldwide, including thousands of Native Americans. In the midst of widespread illness, a revolutionary new tradition of healing emerged in Ojibwe communities in North America: the jingle dress dance.

In April 2019, the new exhibit *Ziibaaska' iganagooday: The Jingle Dress at 100* opened at Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post, exploring the story of the *ziibaaska' iganagooday*, or jingle dress, its connections to healing, and how the dance tradition has spread across Native communities in the last century.

Oral histories vary on where exactly the jingle dress first appeared, but some origin stories point to the Mille Lacs Ojibwe community. One version involves a man having a recurring dream of four women dancing in red, blue, green, and yellow dresses featuring metal cones.

After he shared his dream, his wife and other community women created the dresses and demonstrated the dance steps. When the woman began to dance, one very sick girl watched them, and soon she was up and dancing with them, healed of her illness. The jingle dress is still associated with healing today.

In the exhibit, visitors can examine jingle dresses from a variety of eras and communities and see how Native women have handcrafted garments or transformed store-bought dresses by adding decorative metal cones—originally created from snuff tobacco cans—to jingle as the wearer dances.

Visitors can also learn how jingle dress dance is popular today among Native women from a wide range of tribal affiliations as part of the competitive powwow circuit.

Exhibit content is presented in both English and Ojibwe and was curated by Professor Brenda Child, Red Lake Ojibwe and Northrop professor of American studies and American Indian studies at the University of Minnesota, and her students.

The exhibit is a partnership between the Minnesota Historical Society, the University of Minnesota Department of American Studies, and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe community.

Ziibaaska' iganagooday: The Jingle Dress at 100 will be on display through Oct. 31, 2020.

CY19 REPORT OF MINNESOTA HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE GRANTS



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

The ACHF-supported 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, 2,677 grants totalling over \$58 million have been awarded to 862 organizations in every county in Minnesota since the Legacy Amendment was passed in 2008.

Since the last report in January 2019, 212 grants totalling more than \$5.6 million have been awarded in 56 counties to 172 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.

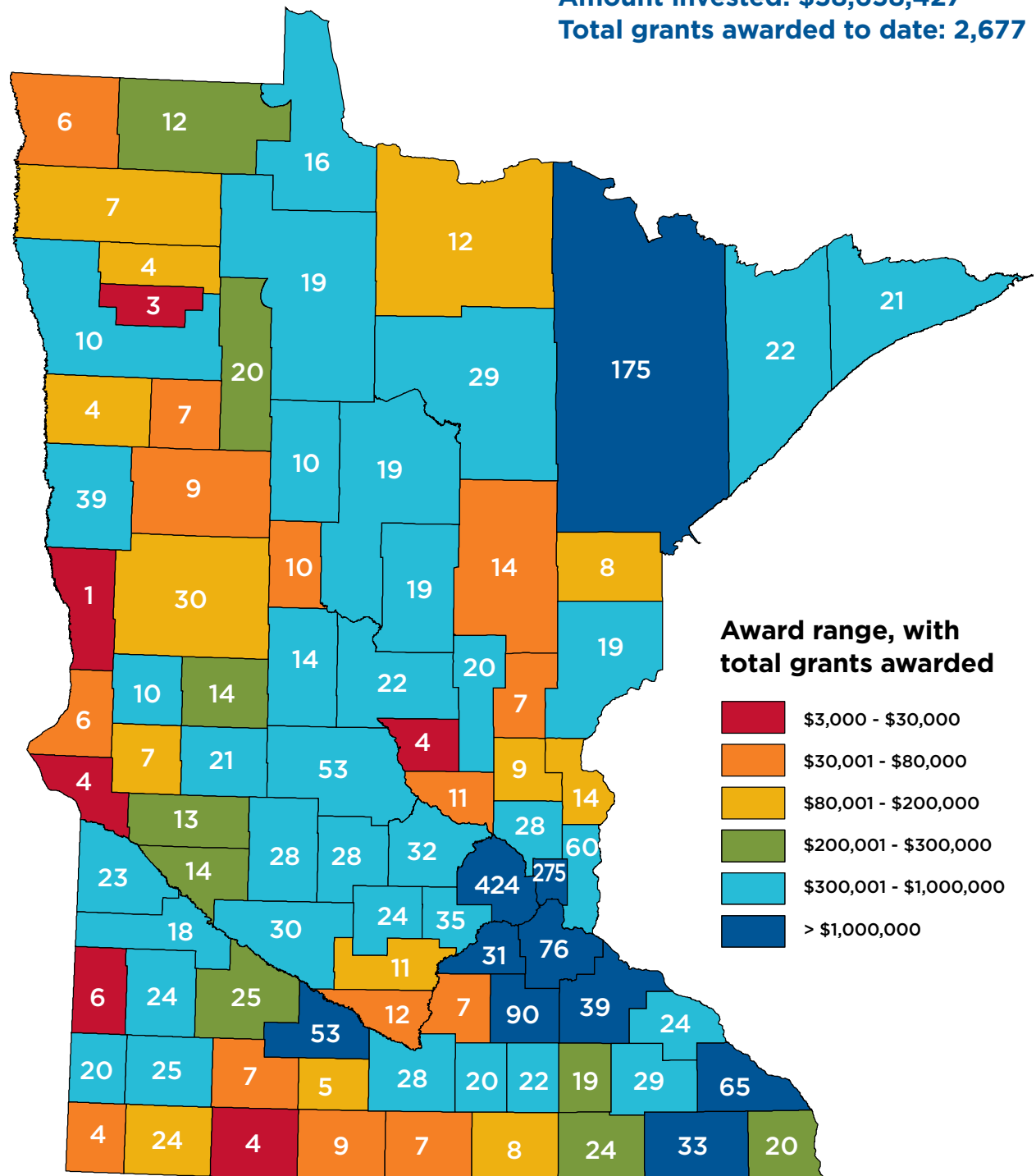
To assure transparency and measurable outcomes of projects, grants staff members conduct onsite visits required by the Minnesota Office of Grants Management and, throughout the grant life cycle, monitor the progress of all awarded grants.

All grants awarded between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2019 are listed on pages 14-30. Information on projects funded through future grant rounds will be available at mnhs.org/legacy.

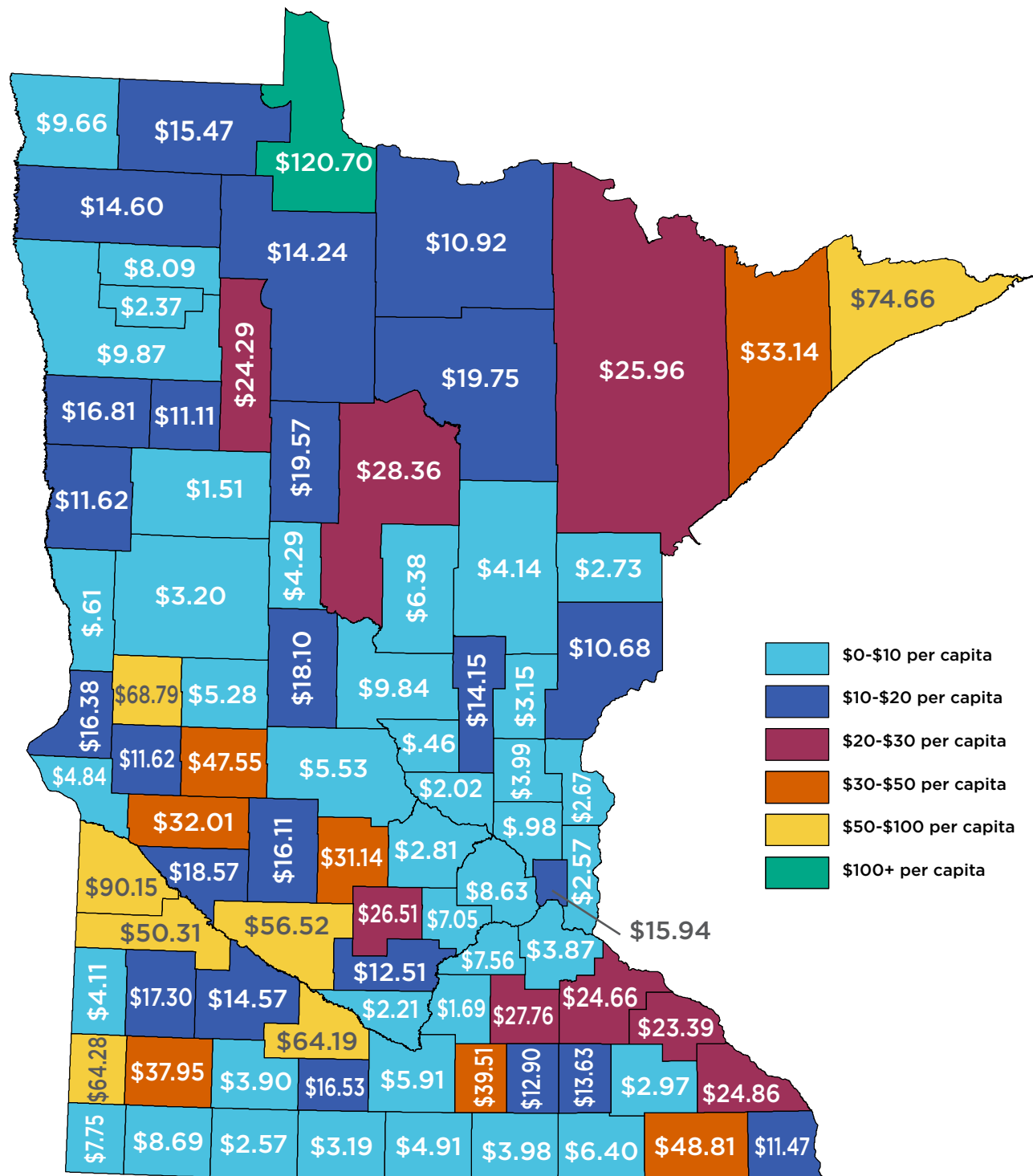
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Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants July 1, 2009-Dec. 31, 2019

Amount invested: \$58,658,427
Total grants awarded to date: 2,677



Total Grant Award Dollars Per Person Per County **July 1, 2009-Dec. 31, 2019**



Senate District 01, House District 01A

**Roseau County Historical Society
Collections Inventory, Phase 2, \$9,990**

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
Lighting Restructure Project, \$146,099**

To hire qualified technicians to upgrade Roseau County Historical Society's lighting system.

Roseau, Roseau County

Senate District 02, House District 02A

**Clearwater County
Levorsen Mill Site Marker, \$1,009**

To design, produce, and install a historical marker for the Levorsen Mill Site in Clearwater County.

Bagley, Clearwater County

**Helga Township
Repair and Replacement of Nary School Windows,
\$363,945**

To hire qualified professionals to repair and replace windows at the Nary School (Consolidated School District No. 22), built in 1919 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Helga Township, Hubbard County

**Lake of the Woods County Historical Society
Interpretive Report, \$9,800**

To hire a qualified consultant to write an interpretive report for Lake of the Woods County Historical Society.

Baudette, Lake of the Woods County

**Lake of the Woods County Historical Society
Security System Installation, \$9,800**

To hire qualified technicians to install a security system to protect the collections from theft and fire.

Baudette, Lake of the Woods County

Senate District 03, House District 03A

**City of Ely
Ely Pioneer Mine Retaining Wall Construction
Drawings, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for the retaining wall at the Ely Pioneer Mine site, which opened in 1889 and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Ely, St. Louis County

**Cook County Historical Society
General Preservation Needs Assessment & Long-
Range Conservation Plan, \$7,662**

To hire a qualified museum consultant to conduct a general preservation needs assessment survey and long-range collections preservation plan.

Grand Marais, Cook County

**Ernest C. Oberholtzer Foundation
Rainy Lake Wilderness Ethic Oral Histories, \$9,170**

To document the history of "wilderness ethic" at Rainy Lake in 10-15 oral history interviews.

Rainy Lake, Lake of the Woods County

**Tower-Soudan Historical Society
Tower Historic Fire Hall Preservation, Stabilization,
Phase 1, \$7,500**

To hire qualified professionals to repair original windows and doors in the Tower Fire Hall, built circa 1895 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Tower, St. Louis County

Senate District 03, House District 03B

**Proctor Area Historical Society
DM&N Car Shop Superintendent's Office Building
National Register Evaluation, \$9,500**

To hire qualified consultants to evaluate the 1927 Duluth, Missabe, & Northern Railway Car Shop Superintendent's Office Building for possible inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Proctor, St. Louis County

**Proctor Area Historical Society
Proctor Museum ADA Compliance, \$82,813**

To improve public accessibility at the Proctor Area Historical Society and better comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Proctor, St. Louis County

**St. Scholastica Monastery
Archives Digital Project, \$10,000**

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

Duluth, St. Louis County

Senate District 04, House District 04A

**Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County
CollectiveAccess Conversion, \$5,660**

To improve collections care and management through an updated collections management system.

Moorhead, Clay County

**Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County
Installation of New Museum Lighting, \$89,446**

To hire qualified technicians to upgrade the lighting system at the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County.

Moorhead, Clay County

**Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County
Storage Rehousing for Minnesota Art, \$10,000**

To provide appropriate storage materials for the museum's Minnesota art collection.

Moorhead, Clay County

Senate District 04, House District 04B

**Becker County Historical Society
What a Beautiful Detroit, Rough-Cut
Documentary, \$9,500**

To hire qualified professionals to produce a rough-cut documentary on the history of Detroit Lake.

Detroit Lakes, Becker County

**City of Barnesville
Old City Hall Opera House Architectural Plans,
\$30,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for the historic Barnesville City Hall, built in 1899 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Barnesville, Clay County

Senate District 05, House District 05B

**City of Coleraine
Coleraine City Hall Construction Documents,
\$7,630**

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for reuse of the 1910 Coleraine City Hall, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Coleraine, Itasca County

Senate District 06, House District 06A

**Hibbing Historical Society
Textile Inventory Project, \$5,685**

To provide better organization of the museum's textile collection, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources.

Hibbing, St. Louis County

**Minnesota Discovery Center
Ordovician Collection Inventory, \$9,750**

To provide better organization and analysis of archaeological collections from the Ordovician period, allowing for greater public access to historic resources.

Chisholm, St. Louis County

**Minnesota Museum of Mining
Museum Security: Link Fence Replacement,
\$10,000**

To hire qualified technicians to install a security fence to protect large outdoor collection pieces from vandalism.

Chisholm, St. Louis County

Senate District 06, House District 06B

**Virginia Area Historical Society
Historical Markers, \$2,792**

To design four markers at the Virginia Area Historical Society to augment the area's historical information for visitors.

Virginia, St. Louis County

Senate District 07, House District 07A

**Regents of the University of Minnesota (Glensheen)
Carriage House Exterior Preservation, \$250,000**

To hire qualified professionals to make exterior repairs to the carriage house at Glensheen, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Duluth, St. Louis County

**Regents of the University of Minnesota (Glensheen)
Stained Glass Conservation: Main Staircase
Landing, West Window Set, \$10,000**

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

Duluth, St. Louis County

**Regents of the University of Minnesota
(University of Minnesota Duluth's Kathryn A.
Martin Library)
Library Annex Mechanical Systems Evaluation,
\$9,900**

To hire a qualified and experienced HVAC engineer to evaluate how well the current system controls the library environment.

Duluth, St. Louis County

Senate District 08, House District 08A

**Otter Tail County Historical Society
Fergus Falls Historic Research, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified professional to produce a manuscript on the history of Fergus Falls.

Fergus Falls, Otter Tail County

**Prospect House Museum
Collections Management Policy Development &
Collections Survey, \$9,733**

To hire a qualified consultant to prepare a collections management policies and procedures document and train staff to conduct a collections survey.

Battle Lake, Otter Tail County

**Prospect House Museum
Development of Curriculum on Industrialization &
Minnesota, \$10,000**

To develop curriculum on industrialization in Minnesota for use in Minnesota classrooms.

Battle Lake, Otter Tail County

**Prospect House Museum
General Conservation Assessment & Development
of Long-Range Preservation Plan, \$4,800**

To hire a qualified museum consultant to conduct a general preservation needs assessment survey and long-range collections preservation plan.

Battle Lake, Otter Tail County

Senate District 08, House District 08B

**Douglas County Historical Society
Knute Nelson House Condition Assessment,
\$10,000**

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the Knute Nelson House, the 1872 home of the longtime Minnesota politician, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Alexandria, Douglas County

Senate District 09, House District 09A

**Clarissa Community Museum
Upgrade Museum Lighting System, \$9,995**

To hire qualified technicians to upgrade Clarissa Community Museum's lighting system.

Clarissa, Todd County

**Staples Historical Society
Northern Pacific Railway Depot & Freighthouse
Condition Assessment, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the Staples Depot (Northern Pacific Railway Depot and Freighthouse), built in 1910 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Staples, Todd County

**Wadena County Historical Society
Back to the Land: Oral Histories from the
“Dreamers” of the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s, \$8,455**

To document in 19 oral history interviews the history of immigration to Wadena County in the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s.

Wadena, Wadena County

Senate District 09, House District 09B

**Friends of Linden Hill Inc.
Barn/Carriage House Condition Assessment,
\$10,000**

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the barn/carriage house at the 1898 Linden Hill historic estate, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Little Falls, Morrison County

**Military Historical Society of Minnesota
Care & Cataloging of the General John W. Vessey
Collection, \$7,040**

To provide better organization of the Vessey collection, allowing for greater public access to these historic resources.

Little Falls, Morrison County

**Todd County
Rock Wall Construction Documents, \$76,000**

To contract with qualified professionals to prepare construction documents for the preservation of a rock retaining wall, listed in the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Todd County Historic Courthouse.

Long Prairie, Todd County

Senate District 10, House District 10A

**City of Brainerd
Preservation Plans & Specifications to Restore &
Preserve the Brainerd Historic Concrete Water
Tower, \$23,700**

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for the city of Brainerd Historic Water Tower, built in 1918-1921 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Brainerd, Crow Wing County

Grants awarded Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2019. Project locations reflect where grant work is being accomplished.

Senate District 11, House District 11B

City of Sandstone**Robinson Park Cultural Landscape Report, \$7,200**

To hire a qualified consultant to write a cultural landscape report for Robinson Park.

Sandstone, Pine County

Pine County Historical Society**Inventory of Collections, Phase 6, \$7,737**

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**Lighting Redesign Installation, \$139,035**

To hire qualified technicians to upgrade Pine County Historical Society's lighting system.

Askov, Pine County

Senate District 12, House District 12A

City of Browns Valley**Carnegie Library Condition Assessment with Focus on the Structural System, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the Browns Valley Carnegie Library, built 1915-1916 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Browns Valley, Traverse County

**Regents of the University of Minnesota
(Morris Campus)****Digitizing an Oral History Collection, \$10,000**

To digitize a collection of oral history recordings that document West Central Minnesota history and the history of the University of Minnesota Morris, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource.

Morris, Stevens County

Senate District 12, House District 12B

Pope County Historical Society**News Photo Cataloging & Digitization, \$10,000**

To digitize a collection of news photo negatives, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource.

Glenwood, Pope County

Sinclair Lewis Foundation**Implementation of Historical Manuscript:
Becoming Sinclair Lewis, \$6,200**

To hire qualified professionals to publish a book on the history of Sinclair Lewis.

Sauk Centre, Stearns County

Sinclair Lewis Foundation**In Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Main Street: a Centennial Presentation Based on Sinclair Lewis's Life & Works, \$90,000**

To hire qualified professionals to produce a historical play on Sinclair Lewis in honor of the 100th anniversary of his novel *Main Street*.

Sauk Centre, Stearns County

The Nature Conservancy**Ordway Prairie Historical Interpretation, \$9,500**

To hire a qualified historian to research the history of Ordway Prairie and the Fort Lake Johanna Historical Site in Pope County.

Glenwood, Pope County

Senate District 14, House District 14A

Stearns History Museum**Stearns County Women in Sports Research, \$9,505**

To hire a qualified historian to research the history of women's sports and Title IX Education Amendments in Stearns County.

St. Cloud, Stearns County

Senate District 14, House District 14B

St. Cloud State University**(Department of Anthropology)****Archiving and Curating the Douglas A. Birk Collection, \$71,392**

To provide better organization of the Douglas A. Birk archaeological materials, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources.

St. Cloud, Stearns County

Senate District 16, House District 16A

City of Dawson**Dawson Armory Roof Replacement, Site Grading, & Water Damage Repairs, \$184,000**

To hire qualified professionals to repair the roof on the historic Dawson Armory and Community Building, built in 1923 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Dawson, Lac qui Parle County

Dawson Historical Properties**First National Bank Condition Assessment, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the First National Bank, built in 1897 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Dawson, Lac qui Parle County

Senate District 16, House District 16B

Brown County

East Attic Level Masonry, Terracotta, & Window Restoration, \$178,773

To hire qualified professionals to repair masonry, terracotta, and windows in the 1909 New Ulm Post Office, listed in the National Register of Historic Places and home of the Brown County Historical Society.

New Ulm, Brown County

Brown County Historical Society

Comprehensive Inventory, Phase 1, \$9,973

To hire a qualified professional to assess the collections held by Brown County Historical Society.

New Ulm, Brown County

Brown County Historical Society

Update to Collections Management Policy & Collections Survey, \$9,220

To hire a qualified consultant to prepare an updated collections management policies and procedures document and collections survey.

New Ulm, Brown County

City of Clements

State Bank of Clements Condition Assessment, \$10,000

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the State Bank of Clements, built in 1902 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The building currently houses City of Clements offices.

Clements, Redwood County

Sleepy Eye Area Historical Society

Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner, \$9,879

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer/scanner to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public.

Sleepy Eye, Brown County

Sleepy Eye Area Historical Society

Acquire Primary Resources on Microfilm, \$10,000

To add 159 rolls of microfilmed newspapers to make primary records more accessible to the public.

Sleepy Eye, Brown County

State Street Theater Company

New Ulm High School Historic Structure Report, \$10,000

To hire a qualified consultant to develop a historic structure report that will help preserve the historic 1915/1939 New Ulm High School, now State Street Theater, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

New Ulm, Brown County

Senate District 17, House District 17A

Bird Island Cultural Centre

Tinnes-Baker House National Register Nomination Project, \$4,750

To hire a qualified historian to complete the National Register of Historic Places nomination for the Tinnes-Baker House, a distinctive local example of the Craftsman/Bungalow architectural style.

Bird Island, Renville County

City of Appleton

Orientation Map: Minnesota River Valley National Scenic Byway, \$10,000

To hire a qualified historian to research and assemble materials in preparation for a heritage tourism map.

Appleton, Swift County

City of Maynard

Maynard State Bank Condition Assessment with ADA Study, \$10,000

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the 1915 Maynard State Bank, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Maynard, Chippewa County

Sacred Heart Area Historical Society

Hotel Sacred Heart Construction Documents, Phases 2 & 3, \$183,923

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for reuse of the Hotel Sacred Heart, built in 1914 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Sacred Heart, Renville County

Senate District 17, House District 17B

Atwater Area Historical Society

Acquire Primary Sources on Microfilm, \$8,952

To add 99 rolls of microfilmed newspapers to make primary records more accessible to the public.

Atwater, Kandiyohi County

Senate District 18, House District 18A

City of Litchfield

GAR Hall National Register Nomination Update, \$6,000

To hire a qualified historian to complete an updated nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Litchfield GAR Hall, built in 1885.

Litchfield, Meeker County

Meeker County Historical Society**Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner, \$9,879**

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer/scanner to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public.

Litchfield, Meeker County

Meeker County Historical Society**Acquire Primary Resources on Microfilm, \$9,947**

To add 78 rolls of microfilmed Meeker County newspapers to make primary records more accessible to the public.

Litchfield, Meeker County

Senate District 18, House District 18B**Arlington Historical Society****Lighting Design Implementation, \$24,724**

To hire qualified technicians to upgrade Arlington Historical Society's lighting system.

Arlington, Sibley County

City of Gaylord**Historic Structure Report for Oaks Lakeside Pavilion, \$9,250**

To hire a qualified consultant to develop a historic structure report that will help preserve the 1916 Oaks Lakeside Pavilion, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Gaylord, Sibley County

Senate District 19, House District 19B**Blue Earth County Library System****Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner, \$9,995**

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer/scanner to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public.

Mankato, Blue Earth County

**Minnesota State University, Mankato
(Library Services)****Acquire Primary Resources on Microfilm, \$7,893**

To add 97 rolls of microfilmed local newspapers to the library's holdings, making primary records more accessible to the public.

Mankato, Blue Earth County

Senate District 20, House District 20A**Le Sueur County Historical Society****Accessibility Assessment of Elysian Site, \$10,000**

To hire qualified consultants to conduct an Americans with Disabilities Act assessment at the 1895 Elysian School, which is used as a museum by the Le Sueur County Historical Society.

Elysian, Le Sueur County

Senate District 20, House District 20B**Carleton College****Seeking "A Better Chance": African American Students in Northfield, MN, 1968-1973, \$9,666**

To document in oral history interviews the experiences of African American students in Northfield from 1968 to 1973 through the "A Better Chance" program.

Northfield, Rice County

Montgomery Area Historical Society**Level II Property Evaluation Survey, \$10,000**

To hire qualified consultants to evaluate the historic buildings in Montgomery for possible inclusion as a historic district in the National Register of Historic Places.

Montgomery, Le Sueur County

Northfield Arts Guild**60-Year History Publication, \$10,000**

To hire qualified professionals to publish a book on the history of the Northfield Arts Guild.

Northfield, Rice County

Northfield Historical Society**Fire and Security System Upgrade, \$10,000**

To hire qualified technicians to upgrade Northfield Historical Society's fire and security system.

Northfield, Rice County

Northfield Historical Society**Raid Exhibit Graphic Design Project, \$9,430**

To hire a qualified consultant to develop graphic design panels for an upcoming exhibit on the 1876 James-Younger Gang bank robbery in Northfield.

Northfield, Rice County

St. Olaf College**Cataloging Minnesota Treasures in the St. Olaf Archives, \$97,344**

To provide better organization of St. Olaf College's archival materials, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources.

Northfield, Rice County

St. Olaf College

Preparing for the Future: A Long-Range Preservation Plan for the College Archives & Special Collections, \$6,800

To hire a qualified museum consultant to conduct a general preservation needs assessment survey and long-range collections preservation plan.

Northfield, Rice County

Senate District 21, House District 21A

The Artist Sanctuary

Condition Assessment, \$17,800

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the 1875 Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Mission Church, listed in the National Register of Historic Places and now used by the Artist Sanctuary.

Red Wing, Goodhue County

Cannon Falls Area Historical Society

History of the Mineral Springs Sanatorium Research, \$10,000

To hire a qualified historian to conduct research on the history of the Mineral Springs Sanatorium, which opened in 1915.

Cannon Falls, Goodhue County

City of Lake City

Mounds Park National Register Evaluation, \$9,000

To hire a qualified historian to complete an evaluation to determine if Mounds Park is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Lake City, Wabasha County

Senate District 21, House District 21B

Friends of St. Rose Inc.

St. Rose of Lima ADA Accessibility Plan, \$13,625

To hire qualified consultants to develop construction documents, including ADA planning, for the historic Church of St. Rose of Lima, built in 1878-1879 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Kenyon, Goodhue County

Plainview Area History Center

Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner, \$9,879

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer/scanner to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public.

Plainview, Wabasha County

Rollingstone Luxembourg Heritage Museum

Rollingstone Village Hall National Register Nomination, \$4,500

To hire a qualified historian to complete a National Register of Historic Places nomination for the Rollingstone Village Hall, built in 1900.

Rollingstone, Winona County

West Concord Historical Society

West Concord High School National Register Nomination, \$4,500

To hire a qualified historian to complete the National Register of Historic Places nomination for the 1902 West Concord High School.

West Concord, Dodge County

Senate District 22, House District 22A

City of Pipestone

Historic Water Tower Plans & Specifications, \$91,400

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for the historic 1920 Pipestone Water Tower, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Pipestone, Pipestone County

Murray County

Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, & Omaha Turntable Condition Assessment, \$10,000

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Omaha Turntable, built in 1901 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Currie, Murray County

Murray County Historical Society

Museum Bookshelf, \$1,975

To add 22 museum studies books to Murray County Historical Society's holdings to make this information more accessible to the public.

Slayton, Murray County

Murray County Historical Society

The 1920s: A Decade of Change in Murray County, Phase 2, Exhibit Implementation, \$9,104

To develop and install an exhibit on the 1920s in Murray County.

Slayton, Murray County

Pipestone County Historical Society
Construction Drawings for the Ferris Grand Block,
\$56,000

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for the Ferris Grand Block/Masonic Hall, built in 1898 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
Pipestone, Pipestone County

Reclaim Community
Bauman Hall Condition Assessment & Stabilization
Plan, \$10,000

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment and stabilization plan for Bauman Hall, built in 1881 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
Jasper, Pipestone County

Reclaim Community
Historic Structure Report for the Jasper School,
\$75,000

To hire a qualified consultant to develop a historic structure report that will help preserve the Jasper School, built in 1911 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
Jasper, Pipestone County

Wheels Across the Prairie Museum
General Conservation Assessment & Long-Range
Preservation Plan, \$6,827

To hire a qualified museum consultant to conduct a general preservation needs assessment survey and long-range collections preservation plan.
Tracy, Lyon County

Senate District 22, House District 22B

Nobles County Historical Society
Acquire Primary Resources on Microfilm, \$9,770

To add 120 rolls of microfilmed newspapers to make primary records more accessible to the public.
Worthington, Nobles County

Nobles County Historical Society
Acquire Primary Resources on Microfilm, \$9,689

To add 119 rolls of microfilmed newspapers to make primary records more accessible to the public.
Worthington, Nobles County

Nobles County Historical Society
Digital Conversion of Photographic Negatives
1940-1947, \$9,668

To digitize a collection of photo negatives, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource.
Worthington, Nobles County

Senate District 24, House District 24A

Steele County Historical Society
Fire Hall Collection Processing, \$4,891

To provide better organization of a discrete part of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources.
Owatonna, Steele County

Steele County Historical Society
Photo Collection, Phase 2, \$61,696

To provide better organization of a large digital photograph collection, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources.
Owatonna, Steele County

Senate District 24, House District 24B

Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour
Guild House Four Chimneys Construction
Documents, \$9,500

To contract with qualified professionals to prepare construction documents for the preservation of the Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour's guild house, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
Faribault, Rice County

Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour
Roof Construction Documents, \$10,000

To contract with qualified professionals to prepare construction documents for the preservation of the Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour's roof, built in the 1860s and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
Faribault, Rice County

City of Faribault
Columbia Hall Condition Assessment, \$10,000

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of Columbia Hall, built in the early 1900s and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
Faribault, Rice County

Rice County Historical Society
Environmental Monitoring System, \$3,245

To monitor and assess environmental controls at the historical society.
Faribault, Rice County

Valley Grove Preservation Society
History of the Valley Grove Lutheran Church,
\$9,850

To hire a qualified historian to conduct primary source research on the history of Valley Grove Lutheran Church.
Nerstrand, Rice County

Senate District 25, House District 25A

**Dodge County Historical Society
Bourdon House, Phase 2, Construction
Documents, \$8,600**

To contract with qualified professionals to prepare construction documents for the preservation of the Bourdon House, built circa 1856 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Mantorville, Dodge County

**Dodge County Historical Society
Collections Management System Conversion,
\$7,900**

To improve collections care and management through an updated collections management system.

Mantorville, Dodge County

**Dodge County Historical Society
Wasioja School Condition Assessment, \$9,998**

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the Wasioja School, built in 1858 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Dodge Center, Dodge County

Senate District 26, House District 26A

**City of Rochester
Plummer House Water Tower Construction
Documents, \$10,000**

To contract with qualified professionals to prepare construction documents for the preservation of the Henry S. Plummer House water tower, completed in 1924 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Rochester, Olmsted County

**SELCO
Research for a History of Southeastern Libraries
Cooperating (SELCO), \$10,000**

To hire a qualified historian to research the history of SELCO, one of Minnesota's 12 regional public library systems.

Rochester, Olmsted County

Senate District 26, House District 26B

**Olmsted County Historical Society
Research for Women's Rights Exhibit, \$7,500**

To hire a qualified historian to research the history of women's rights in Olmsted County.

Rochester, Olmsted County

Senate District 27, House District 27A

**Wells Historical Society
Depot & Lunchroom Architectural Drawings &
Specifications, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, & Pacific Depot & Lunchroom, built in 1903 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Wells, Faribault County

Senate District 27, House District 27B

**City of Adams
First National Bank of Adams Condition
Assessment, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the First National Bank of Adams, built in 1924 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It's now used as the Adams Area History Center.

Adams, Mower County

**Hormel Historic Home
Collections Inventory, \$14,611**

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

Austin, Mower County

Senate District 28, House District 28A

**City of Winona
Winona Athletic Club National Register
Nomination, \$6,500**

To hire a qualified historian to complete the National Register of Historic Places nomination for the 1930 Winona Athletic Club.

Winona, Winona County

**First Congregational Church of Winona
Condition Assessment, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the 1863 First Congregational Church of Winona, which is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Winona, Winona County

**Polish Cultural Institute
Historical Research on Polish & Kashubian
Heritage in Winona, \$9,980**

To hire a qualified historian to research the history of Polish and Kashubian immigrants in Winona.

Winona, Winona County

Polish Cultural Institute**Transfer of Database to New Collections Management Software, \$4,515**

To hire qualified technicians to transfer collections data to a new collections database.

Winona, Winona County

Winona County Historical Society**Conservation of Blueprints for the National Guard Armory, \$8,200**

To hire a qualified conservator to restore blueprints for the National Guard Armory in Winona in the museum's collections.

Winona, Winona County

Winona County Historical Society**HVAC Evaluation for the Winona County History Center, \$9,900**

To hire a qualified and experienced HVAC engineer to evaluate how well the current system controls the museum environment.

Winona, Winona County

Senate District 28, House District 28B**City of Lanesboro****Restoring Historic Heimbygda Lodge Exterior, \$66,320**

To hire qualified professionals to repair the exterior of the 1910 Bethlehem Lutheran Church Hall, now operated by the Sons of Norway as Heimbygda Lodge, and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Lanesboro, Fillmore County

City of Wykoff**Mitchell Saloon Renovation & Stabilization, \$48,750**

To hire qualified professionals to repair the 1876 Mitchell Saloon, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Wykoff, Fillmore County

Fillmore County Historical Society**Collections Management Conversion & Upgrade, \$9,910**

To improve collections care and management through an updated collections management system.

Fountain, Fillmore County

Harmony Area Historical Society**McMichel Grain Elevator National Register Evaluation, \$3,000**

To hire qualified consultants to evaluate the 1879 McMichel grain elevator for possible inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Harmony, Fillmore County

Houston County**Historic Jail Construction Planning Study, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for the Houston County historic jail, built in 1875 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Caledonia, Houston County

Lanesboro Historical Preservation Association**Organizing the Bounty: Estate Donation Inventory, \$9,900**

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

Lanesboro, Fillmore County

Rushford Area Historical Society**Southern Minnesota Depot Condition Assessment, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the Southern Minnesota Depot in Rushford, built in 1867 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Rushford, Fillmore County

Senate District 29, House District 29A**Rockford Area Historical Society****Effects of the 1965 Crow River Flooding on the Rockford Business Community, \$4,462**

To document the history of the 1965 Crow River flood and its effect on Rockford businesses in 8-12 oral history interviews.

Rockford, Wright County

Senate District 30, House District 30A**City of Elk River****Jackson Street Water Tower Restoration, \$136,367**

To hire qualified professionals to restore the historic Elk River Water Tower, built in 1920 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Elk River, Sherburne County

Senate District 30, House District 30B

**St. Michael Historical Society
Pioneer Cemetery Identification, \$10,000**

To hire qualified archaeologists to conduct a geophysical survey of the area thought to be the site of the St. Michael church and cemetery.

St. Michael, Wright County

Senate District 32, House District 32B

**Minnesota Supreme Court Historical Society
Oral History Transcribing Project 2, \$2,787**

To transcribe nine oral history interviews about the history of the Minnesota Supreme Court to make them more publicly accessible.

Chisago City, Chisago County

Senate District 33, House District 33A

**North Hennepin Pioneer Society
District #107 (Burschville) School Condition
Assessment, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of District #107 (Burschville) School, built in 1894 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Corcoran, Hennepin County

Senate District 33, House District 33B

**City of Excelsior
Eligibility Study to List Excelsior's Downtown in
the National Register, \$10,000**

To hire qualified consultants to evaluate the City of Excelsior's downtown area for possible inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Excelsior, Hennepin County

**Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Historical Society
Research for Exhibits, \$6,470**

To conduct research on the Excelsior and Lake Minnetonka areas in preparation for future exhibits.

Excelsior, Hennepin County

**Maritime Heritage Minnesota
Lake Minnetonka Targeted Sonar Survey &
Underwater Anomaly Assessment, \$9,988**

To conduct marine archaeology investigation of anomalies found in Lake Minnetonka.

Minnetonka, Hennepin County

Westonka Historical Society**Inventory of Collection, Phase 1, \$8,960**

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

Mound, Hennepin County

Senate District 34, House District 34A

City of Dayton**Dayton Town Hall National Register Evaluation,
\$6,462**

To hire a qualified historian to complete an evaluation of the circa 1883 Dayton Town Hall to determine its eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Dayton, Hennepin County

City of Dayton**Stephens Farm National Register Evaluation,
\$9,437**

To hire qualified consultants to evaluate the Stephens Farm Park for possible inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Dayton, Hennepin County

Senate District 38, House District 38B

White Bear Lake Area Historical Society**White Bear Town Hall Historical Markers, \$10,000**

To design, produce, and install five historical markers about White Bear Township.

White Bear Lake, Ramsey County

Senate District 39, House District 39A

Arcola Mills Historic Foundation**Condition Assessment, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of Arcola Mills, dating to the 1840s and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Stillwater, Washington County

Franconia Township**History of Franconia Township Scholarly Research
Project, \$9,999**

To hire a qualified historian to research the history of the Franconia Township area.

Franconia Township, Chisago County

Senate District 39, House District 39B

City of Stillwater**Acquire Primary Resources on Microfilm, \$3,085**

To add 34 rolls of microfilmed property assessment and tax records to make primary records more accessible to the public.

Stillwater, Washington County

City of Stillwater**Lowell Park Pavilion & Levee Historic Structure Report, \$9,375**

To hire a qualified consultant to develop a historic structure report that will help preserve Lowell Park Pavilion and Lowell Park Levee, built circa 1916 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Stillwater, Washington County

City of Stillwater**Stillwater Heritage Preservation Commission Enabling Ordinance Amendments, \$9,950**

To hire a qualified consultant to tie established design guidelines to the standards set forth in Stillwater's city code.

Stillwater, Washington County

Senate District 43, House District 43A

City of Birchwood Village**Birchwood Village Hall National Register Evaluation, \$9,900**

To hire qualified consultants to evaluate the Birchwood Village Hall, built in 1931, for possible inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Birchwood Village, Washington County

Senate District 44, House District 44A

The Association of Chinese Americans For Social Justice**Struggling to Find a New Home: Chinese Immigrants in Minnesota, \$9,980**

To hire a qualified historian to research the history of Chinese immigrants in Minnesota.

Plymouth, Hennepin County

City of Plymouth**Evaluation of Building Mechanical System, \$5,000**

To hire a qualified and experienced HVAC engineer to evaluate how well the current system controls the museum environment in the 1885 Old Town Hall, home of the Plymouth Historical Society.

Plymouth, Hennepin County

Senate District 45, House District 45B

Golden Valley Historical Society**Disaster Plan Development, \$5,400**

To hire a qualified museum consultant to develop a disaster plan.

Golden Valley, Hennepin County

Golden Valley Historical Society**Historic Context Study for Golden Valley, \$9,650**

To hire a qualified consultant to write a historic context study for the City of Golden Valley.

Golden Valley, Hennepin County

Senate District 46, House District 46B

City of Hopkins**Design ADA-Compliant Restroom & Entrance Ramp, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified architect to complete Americans with Disabilities Act drawings for the 1901 Albert Pike Lodge, home of the Hopkins History Center.

Hopkins, Hennepin County

Senate District 47, House District 47A

Carver County Historical Society**Construction Documents for Three Buildings at the Peterson Farmstead, \$111,400**

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for reuse of the farmhouse, granary, and south barn at the historic 1860s Peterson Farmstead, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Waconia, Carver County

San Francisco Township**Township Hall National Register Evaluation, \$5,000**

To hire qualified consultants to evaluate the San Francisco Township Hall for possible inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

San Francisco Township, Carver County

Senate District 47, House District 47B

City of Chaska**City Square Park Geophysical Archaeological Survey, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified archaeologist to conduct a survey of City Square Park for future city planning.

Chaska, Carver County

Senate District 49, House District 49A

Afton Press**Artist Hazel Belvo Publication, Research/Writing/
Editing, \$10,000**

To hire qualified professionals to edit a manuscript on the life and work of Minnesota artist Hazel Belvo.

Edina, Hennepin County

**Edina Morningside Community Church
Inventory of Books & 3D Objects, \$9,986**

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

Edina, Hennepin County

**Edina Morningside Community Church
Inventory Slides, Sound, & Moving Images,
\$10,000**

To provide better organization of the church's slide and image collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources.

Edina, Hennepin County

Senate District 49, House District 49B

**Edina Historical Society
Inventory Project, Phase 2, \$40,800**

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

Edina, Hennepin County

Senate District 50, House District 50B

**Minnesota Masonic Historical Society & Museum
Partial Collections Inventory, Phase 2, \$73,549**

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

Bloomington, Hennepin County

Senate District 51, House District 51B

**City of Eagan (Eagan Television)
Video Collections Archiving & Preservation
Planning, \$8,750**

To hire a qualified consultant to conduct a needs assessment and write a digitization plan for Eagan Television's analog video collections.

Eagan, Dakota County

Caponi Art Park**Establish Collections Management System, \$9,995**

To improve collections care and management through an updated collections management system.

Eagan, Dakota County

Caponi Art Park**Research Phase of Exhibition Development, \$9,775**

To hire a qualified consultant to write a research plan for upcoming exhibits.

Eagan, Dakota County

Senate District 52, House District 52B

Minnesota Genealogical Society**Cataloging Donated Books, \$10,000**

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

Mendota Heights, Dakota County

Senate District 54, House District 54B

Afton Historical Society and Museum**Clean & Seal Artifact Storage Area Floor, \$9,977**

To hire qualified technicians to improve the collections storage area.

Afton, Washington County

Afton Historical Society & Museum**HVAC Renovation, Add Zoning, \$9,135**

To hire qualified technicians to upgrade heating, ventilating, and air conditioning system for the museum collections area.

Afton, Washington County

Afton Historical Society & Museum**HVAC Renovation, Replace Trunk Lines, \$9,950**

To hire qualified technicians to upgrade heating, ventilating, and air conditioning system for the museum collections area.

Afton, Washington County

Afton Historical Society & Museum**Install LED Linear Lighting, \$9,778**

To hire qualified technicians to upgrade lighting in their collections storage area.

Afton, Washington County

City of Afton**Local Designation of Historic Sites, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified archaeologist to complete local historic designations for three sites in Afton, including the Bolles Mill and Bissell Mound site.

Afton, Washington County

Senate District 55, House District 55A

Minnesota Malayalee Association**Oral History of Minnesota Malayalees, \$6,440**

To document the history of Malayalee immigrants to Minnesota in 25 oral history interviews.

Shakopee, Scott County

Scott County Historical Society**HVAC System Upgrade, \$163,000**

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

Shakopee, Scott County

Scott County Historical Society**Upgrade Collections Management Software from PastPerfect 5 to CollectiveAccess, \$8,873**

To hire qualified technicians to upgrade to a new collections database.

Shakopee, Scott County

Senate District 55, House District 55B

Jordan Area Historical Society**Acquire Historical Jordan Area Newspapers on Microfilm, \$9,608**

To add 118 rolls of microfilmed newspapers to make primary records more accessible to the public.

Jordan, Scott County

Jordan Area Historical Society**Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner, \$9,999**

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer/scanner to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public.

Jordan, Scott County

Senate District 56, House District 56B

Dakota County Library - Burnhaven Library**Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner, \$9,879**

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer/scanner to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public.

Burnsville, Dakota County

Senate District 58, House District 58B

City of Northfield**(Northfield Hospital & Clinics)****Design & Print Publication of a History of the Northfield Hospital, \$8,500**

To hire qualified professionals to publish a book on the history of the Northfield Hospital.

Northfield, Rice County

Waterford Township**Waterford Bridge Rehabilitation, \$342,818**

To hire qualified professionals to repair the 1909 Waterford Bridge (Bridge L3275), listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Waterford Township, Dakota County

Senate District 59, House District 59B

Minnesota Orchestra Association**Preserving the Minnesota Orchestra's Concert Broadcast History, \$130,250**

To digitize a large collection of archival audio concert recordings, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Raymond W. Cannon Foundation**Alpha Archives & Collections Project, \$8,650**

To document the history of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity in Minnesota in 10 oral history interviews.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Regents of the University of Minnesota**(University of Minnesota Press)****UMN Press Files Transfer, \$10,000**

To improve collections care and management through proper storage.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Senate District 60, House District 60B

First Congregational Church of Minnesota - United Church of Christ**Gothic Windows Restoration, \$63,157**

To hire qualified professionals to repair windows on the First Congregational Church of Minnesota - United Church of Christ, built in 1886 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

**HACER (Hispanic Advocacy and Community Empowerment Through Research)
Our History Oral History, \$35,200**

To document in 15 oral history interviews the history of Latino businesses in Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

**Regents of the University of Minnesota
(Institute on Community Integration)
Write Special Education Teachers & Related Services Staff: How the Professions Evolved in Minnesota, \$9,997**

To hire qualified professionals to produce a manuscript on the history of special education teachers in Minnesota.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

**Regents of the University of Minnesota
(Weisman Art Museum)
Oral History: The Legacy of Director Lyndel King, \$9,505**

To document the history of Dr. Lyndel King's tenure at the Weisman Art Museum in seven oral history interviews.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

**Seward Redesign Inc.
The People's Real Estate: Seward Redesign Inc. at 50, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified historian to conduct research in preparation for celebrating Seward Redesign's 50th anniversary.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Senate District 61, House District 61A

Or Emet, Minnesota Congregation for Humanistic Judaism

Humanistic Judaism in Minnesota: an Oral History of Or Emet, \$10,000

To document the Minnesota history of Or Emet and humanistic Judaism in 10 oral history interviews.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Senate District 61, House District 61B

**African American Registry
Preserving Voices That Guide Us: Digitization, \$8,793**

To digitize a collection of oral history recordings of African American elders and community representatives, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

**Minnesota Independent Scholars Forum
Publication of Scholars Without Walls: The History of the Minnesota Independent Scholars Forum (1983-2018), \$6,718**

To hire qualified professionals to publish a book on the history of the Minnesota Independent Scholars Forum.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

**The Museum of Russian Art
Collections Storage Renovation, \$74,386**

To improve collections care and management through proper storage.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

**The Museum of Russian Art
Creating a Disaster Plan, \$3,779**

To develop a disaster plan for the museum.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Senate District 62, House District 62A

**Alano Society of Minneapolis
National Register Evaluation, \$9,750**

To hire a qualified historian to complete an evaluation to determine if the Minneapolis Alano Society, housed in the former 1887 home of John Washburn, is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

**Calvary Baptist Church
National Register Nomination, \$7,650**

To hire a qualified historian to complete a National Register of Historic Places nomination for the 1883 Calvary Baptist Church.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Minnesota Annual Conference United Methodist Church

General Conservation Assessment & Long-Range Preservation Plan, \$5,260

To hire a qualified museum consultant to conduct a general preservation needs assessment survey and long-range collections preservation plan.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

**Minnesota Council of Churches
Research for Bdote: a Sacred Site, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified historian to research the history of Bdote and create a script from the research.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Senate District 62, House District 62B

The African American Interpretive Center of Minnesota**Outer Experiences: Black Life in Rural & Suburban Minnesota, \$8,354**

To document the history of black rural and suburban experiences in Minnesota in 15-20 oral history interviews.
Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Senate District 63, House District 63A

Farmer-Labor Education Committee**Video Post-Production, \$10,000**

To produce a rough edit of the documentary about the history of the Farmer-Labor Movement.
Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Minneapolis Pops Orchestra Association**Minneapolis Pops Orchestra History Publication, \$7,403**

To hire qualified professionals to publish a book on the history of the Minneapolis Pops Orchestra for its 70th anniversary.
Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Senate District 63, House District 63B

Richfield Historical Society**Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner, \$9,989**

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer/scanner to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public.
Richfield, Hennepin County

Senate District 64, House District 64A

Charles Thompson Memorial Hall**Construction Documents, \$116,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for Charles Thompson Memorial Hall, listed in the National Register of Historic Places and one of the few remaining clubhouses for the deaf community in the United States.
St. Paul, Ramsey County

Jewish Community Action**25 Years of Jewish Minnesotans Organizing for Racial & Economic Justice, \$9,270**

To document the institutional history of Jewish Community Action in oral history interviews.
St. Paul, Ramsey County

Jewish Community Action**Preserving the Founding Years of Jewish Community Action: Organizing for Racial & Economic Justice, \$9,940**

To provide better organization of Jewish Community Action's archival materials, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources.
St. Paul, Ramsey County

Midway Chamber of Commerce Foundation**100 Years of History Research & Writing, \$5,400**

To hire a qualified historian to research the history of the Midway Chamber of Commerce.
St. Paul, Ramsey County

St. Clement's Episcopal Church**Condition Assessment, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of St. Clement's Episcopal Church, dating to 1895 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
St. Paul, Ramsey County

Senate District 64, House District 64B

Maritime Heritage Minnesota**Minnesota Suburban Lakes Underwater Archaeology Project: Anomaly Assessment, \$9,999**

To conduct marine archaeology investigation of anomalies found in Prior Lake, Medicine Lake, and Lake Johanna.
St. Paul, Ramsey County

St. Catherine University**Welcoming the Dear Neighbor? A History of Housing Inequality in Ramsey County, \$9,202**

To hire a qualified historian to research the history of housing inequality in Ramsey County.
St. Paul, Ramsey County

Senate District 65, House District 65A

Hallie Q. Brown Community Center**Spirit of the Rondo Athlete Manuscript, \$9,550**

To hire qualified professionals to produce a manuscript on the history of athletes in the Rondo community from 1940 to 1970.
St. Paul, Ramsey County

**Friends of Historic Virginia Street Church
Historic Virginia Street Church Construction,
\$150,500**

To hire qualified professionals to make ADA improvements to the Cass Gilbert-designed Virginia Street Church, built in 1886 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

**Rondo Center of Diverse Expression
The Women of Rondo: Research & Writing, \$8,350**

To hire qualified consultants to research the history of women in the Rondo neighborhood, in preparation for a future exhibit.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

Senate District 65, House District 65B

**Central Presbyterian Church
Rehabilitation of West Front, \$200,000**

To hire qualified professionals to repair the west facade of the Central Presbyterian Church, built in 1889 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

**Historic Saint Paul
Public Archaeology Program Using 412 Goodrich
Artifacts, Phase 2, \$10,000**

To organize and catalog an archaeological collection of more than 1,000 artifacts collected during a 2018 archaeological dig of a historic privy at 412 Goodrich Avenue.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

**Historic Saint Paul
St. Paul Neighborhood Video Project, Script, &
Storyboard Writing, \$7,075**

To research and develop scripts and storyboards for neighborhood history tours.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

**Minnesota Legislative Reference Library
Legislative Coordinating Commission Tape
Conversion Project, \$10,000**

To digitize part of a large collection of archival audio recordings, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

**Ramsey County Historical Society
Digitize Everett Kroeger Photographic Collection,
\$7,194**

To digitize a St. Paul photographer's collection of photographs and negatives, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

**Saint Paul Public Schools (ISD #625)
Supplemental Teaching Kits for American Indian
Education Program Resource Center, \$5,740**

To create Minnesota-based educational kits for the Saint Paul Public Schools' American Indian Education Program.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

Senate District 67, House District 67B

**Metropolitan State University Foundation
Our First 50 Years - Metropolitan State University
Oral History Project, \$9,350**

To document the history of the first 50 years of Metropolitan State University in approximately eight oral history interviews.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

FY20 REPORT OF STATEWIDE HISTORY PROGRAMS



With Legacy support, the exhibit *First Avenue: Stories of Minnesota's Mainroom* opened to blockbuster crowds at the Minnesota History Center in May 2019.

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 \$12.85 million this biennium in history programs that will bring the power of history to Minnesotans of all ages in all corners of the state.

FY20–21 Appropriations Language—Statewide History Programs: \$5,846,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$7,004,000 in fiscal year 2021 are for historic and cultural programs and purposes related to the heritage of the state. Of this amount, \$250,000 each year must be used by the Minnesota Historical Society to either produce or purchase and to distribute a book to engage and educate elementary school students on Minnesota's natural resources, legacy, culture, and history. The book should be made available for free to educators and libraries and through state historical society sites to provide to a targeted grade of elementary school students.

ARCHAEOLOGY

Archaeology Collections Management, \$71,200

This project focuses on creating detailed digital catalog records for archaeological collections that were acquired before digital documentation was possible. This work will increase the accessibility and research value of the MNHS archaeological collections. It will also bring curation of these collections up to current standards and increase the number of archaeological objects available to view on the MNHS website.

Lab staff worked with five undergraduate interns and volunteers from the University of Minnesota and Hamline University to provide the students with hands-on artifact identification and cataloging experience. In the past year, staff completed an inventory of artifacts discovered during 1968-1976 archaeological research at Lower Sioux Agency. This process resulted in the creation of over 9,000 new electronic catalog records and a total of nearly 24,000 new records since the project began in July 2017.

EDUCATION AND PROGRAMMING

2020 Program Theme, \$60,000

This project will develop a series of program offerings about voting rights and the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in 2020 across the state at various MNHS historic sites and museums. Programs will be offered in conjunction with the new Minnesota History Center exhibit *She Voted: Her Fight, Our Right*, opening September 2020.

Adventure-Based Programming – Paddle Through History, \$20,000

This project supports developing a kayak-based tour program of the Mississippi River at Forest History Center in Grand Rapids. Staff will create two interpreter-led programs centered on logging history and the natural environment and exploring the huge role the river plays in the area's history. Staff are also exploring a portable model where kayak programming can travel to other MNHS historic sites and museums for special events.

Funding will support the purchase of a trailer, fleet of kayaks, necessary equipment, and staff time to develop and pilot the program. Forest History Center plans to launch prototype tours in June 2020.

Curriculum & Teacher Professional Development, \$151,640

This project focuses on creating primary source-based curricular materials and teacher professional development opportunities. In the past year, staff worked with the team developing the new exhibit *Our Home: Native Minnesota* (which opened December 2019) to create primary source-based curricular resources on Native American history in Minnesota.

Teacher professional development offerings vary year by year but include training for K-12 social studies and English teachers, college-level pre-service teachers in teacher preparation programs, and college-level social studies methods instructors and professors.

Elementary School Book, \$250,000

The state legislature appropriated funding for the "Minnesota Historical Society to either produce or purchase and to distribute a book to engage and educate elementary school students on Minnesota's natural resources, legacy, culture, and history. The book should be made available for free to educators and libraries and through state historical society sites."

MNHS staff are currently preparing a project proposal to create a resource for upper elementary students. After a timeline and creation process are approved, an author will be selected and begin drafting content.

Interpreter Training, \$184,858

This project involves researching, planning, and piloting a framework for training interpreters across the Minnesota Historical Society's historic sites and museums. Frontline staff, especially interpreters, are key to engaging MNHS visitors. This new framework will be used to train new staff as well as assess and improve training for veteran interpreters. This effort will greatly improve program delivery and visitor experience across MNHS sites.

A rollout of this new training initiative will begin in winter 2020 with the goal of having every MNHS interpreter onboarded by the end of FY20. An institution-wide gathering of interpreters is planned in fall 2020, where staff can participate in sessions and workshops to further develop their skills and connect with their colleagues.

Legacy Field Trip Support Fund, \$105,956

The high cost of transportation prohibits 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% or more students enrolled in the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program) are reimbursed \$4 per student, allowing more students access to field trips.

In FY19, this fund helped 20,401 Minnesota students from 176 different schools take field trips to MNHS historic sites and museums. Staff expect to serve a similar number of students in FY20.

History Center Public Programs, \$54,472

This funding supports a program specialist position to develop programs for the Minnesota History Center's core audiences, including adult learners and intergenerational/family groups. Content is tied to core and changing exhibit themes and broad history topics.

History Center Museum Programs, \$47,000

This funding creates a program assistant position to work under the direction of the Minnesota History Center site manager to develop and implement programs to serve the museum's core audiences, including adult learners and intergenerational/family groups, and field trips. Content is tied to core and changing exhibit themes and broad history topics. The position is expected to be hired in winter 2020.

Our Home: Native Minnesota Staffing, \$28,350

This project supports hiring members of Dakota and Ojibwe communities to staff the Minnesota History Center galleries, including the new *Our Home: Native Minnesota* exhibit and associated programming.

Telling the stories of Minnesota's Indigenous peoples requires hearing directly from these communities. MNHS also aims to have all museum guests feel represented in the faces and culture of staff when they visit the History Center.

Play the Past: The Field Trip for the 21st Century Learner, \$24,659

This project creates 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.

Students receive handheld devices installed with the mobile application that can be used in the *Then Now Wow* and *Minnesota's Greatest Generation* exhibits at the Minnesota History Center. The application enhances students' experiences and promotes interaction with the physical exhibits by encouraging them to answer questions, solve problems, and collect digital artifacts related to the exhibit and MNHS collections items. Students and teachers can access this "digital backpack" of collected artifacts back in the classroom, further expanding on the field trip experience.

Program Evaluation, \$232,687

The Minnesota Historical Society continues to build a culture of evaluation. Evaluation staff provides technical assistance and support to staff to evaluate Legacy-funded projects and programs. An Institutional Evaluation Action Team, along with consultation from Wilder Research, helps provide strategy and direction for evaluation capacity-building efforts. Interns and numerous volunteers also support evaluation efforts.

In FY19, staff conducted more than 80 evaluation projects, including general visitor surveys gathering audience data at 14 MNHS historic sites and museums, with plans to conduct similar studies in FY20.

In the past year, staff have:

- Trained nearly 50 volunteers at four historic sites to conduct data collection through visitor intercept surveys
- Facilitated 26 team-based inquiry processes with 173 participants, to more systematically engage in data-informed decision-making
- Completed eight logic models with 38 participants
- Presented at three museum conferences to share the results of MNHS's evaluation capacity efforts

Statewide Program Support, \$187,987

This initiative supports the development, testing, implementation, and evaluation of interpretive programs and experiences across the statewide network of MNHS historic sites and museums. The staff supported by this fund work on project-based program development, including researching historical content, interpretive planning, testing new programs, and integrating new historical perspectives and stories into MNHS program offerings.

Projects are selected from proposals submitted quarterly by site staff. Those submissions are evaluated and selected based on available resources, goals of the project, alignment with MNHS strategic priorities, potential impact, and project duration. Recent work has included reimagining the daily experience at Historic Fort Snelling and Historic Forestville, assessing tours at Alexander Ramsey House, and developing new experiences at Snake River Fur Post for the 2020 season.

Another project involves each site completing a framework outlining its interpretation and themes, which will serve as “road maps” to assist staff in long-term planning. Mill City Museum and Oliver Kelley Farm are the first sites to create an interpretive framework.

EXHIBITS

Exhibits to Go, \$8,000

This funding allows MNHS staff to manage its statewide traveling exhibits program of three exhibits: *Coming of Age: The 1968 Generation*, *Electrifying Minnesota*, and *Fur Trade in Minnesota*. In FY19, the exhibits traveled to 10 different locations around the state.

In FY20, *Coming of Age: The 1968 Generation* will be on display at Olmsted County Historical Society, Becker County Historical Society, and Waseca County Historical Society. *Electrifying Minnesota* will travel to Becker County Historical Society and the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in St. Paul. *Fur Trade in Minnesota* will travel to Dassel History Center and Ergot Museum, Winsted Arts Council, and Runestone Museum in FY20.

First Avenue Exhibit, \$284,906

The new exhibit *First Avenue: Stories of Minnesota's Mainroom* opened May 4, 2019, at the Minnesota History Center and will be on display through May 3, 2020. Since 1970, First Avenue has been at the heart of the Minnesota music scene. The *First Avenue* exhibit takes you inside the sights, sounds, and stories of this landmark venue that put Minnesota music on the map. Through music, interviews, images, artifacts, and hands-on interactive elements visitors can relive the club's nearly 50-year history.

This funding supports public communications and ongoing technical support of the *First Avenue* exhibit at the Minnesota History Center for the duration of its year-long run.

Main Street at 100 Exhibit, \$217,191

October 23, 2020, marks the 100th anniversary of the publication of Sinclair Lewis's *Main Street: The Story of Carol Kennicott*. The best-selling novel was based on Lewis's hometown of Sauk Centre and his social critiques of American society in the 1920s continue to resonate today. This approximately 1,500 square foot exhibit, opening October 2020, at the Minnesota History Center, will reexamine Lewis's legacy and draw parallels between social concerns of his time and our own.

Minnesota History Center Core Exhibit, \$82,501

Staff will perform content and audience research and consult with stakeholder groups to gather information to develop a plan for the next generation of Minnesota History Center exhibits.

Our Home: Native Minnesota Exhibit, \$378,389

The new exhibit *Our Home: Native Minnesota* opened Dec. 7, 2019 at the Minnesota History Center. In the exhibit, visitors can learn about Native communities in Minnesota, including stories of survival, resiliency, and adaptation.

Native Americans—Dakota, Ojibwe, as well as people from other tribal nations—have dwelled in this area for thousands of years and still live here today. This exhibit shares their stories, enduring presence, and deep connection to the land. View historic and contemporary photographs, maps, and artifacts—and learn how Native people have retained cultural practices, teachings and values, and an essential connection to home.

This exhibit is a new core exhibit at the Minnesota History Center and has no closing date.

Other History Center Exhibits, \$50,000

This funding supports promoting and engaging Minnesotans across the state with additional exhibits at the Minnesota History Center, including *Then Now Wow*. The goal is to drive people to visit the Minnesota Center, so MNHS can use history to develop a more informed citizenry.

Prince: Before the Rain Exhibit, \$56,000

On Sept. 21, 2019, *Prince: Before the Rain* opened at the Minnesota History Center. Minnesota photographer Allen Beaulieu helped shape the icon we know today as Prince. As Prince's personal photographer and friend from the late 1970s into the early 1980s, he charted the musician's progression from rising star to superstar.

Through it all, Beaulieu had access to Prince that few photographers have had, before or since. The exhibit features Beaulieu's work from this era including 50 digital prints of Prince, The Revolution, Morris Day and The Time, and other artists as well as a handful of artifacts that speak to Prince's image. The exhibit will be on display through May 3, 2020.

She Voted: Her Fight, Our Right Exhibit, \$736,462

Opening Sept. 26, 2020, this 5,000 square foot exhibit will explore how Minnesota women shifted the political landscape before and after the passage of the 19th Amendment, and visitors can consider what actions they will take to shape our democracy. On August 26, 1920, lawmakers signed the 19th Amendment into law, which gave women the right to vote. The 100th anniversary, which falls during a presidential election year, provides an opportunity to present an exhibit on the history and present state of voting rights in Minnesota.

Developed in partnership with the League of Women Voters Minnesota, the exhibit will focus on stories of activist women throughout the state. Their commitment to civic responsibility can inspire visitors to participate more fully in our democratic process.

USS Minnesota Exhibit at the Minnesota State Capitol, \$37,000

This project aims to develop a display on the *USS Minnesota* battleship at the Minnesota State Capitol. The battleship was commissioned in 1907 and was part of the historic circumnavigation of the globe by the Great White Fleet in 1909. Struck by a naval mine during World War I, the *USS Minnesota* was decommissioned in 1921.

In 1907, the people of Minnesota presented the battleship crew with a set of service silver for use at formal functions. After the ship was decommissioned, the US Navy retained it and has offered to loan the silver set to MNHS for temporary display.

FINANCE

Administrative Costs, \$574,328

Administrative costs reflect a portion of the "shared services" costs, such as human resources, payroll, financial accounting, reporting and payment processing, and the technology infrastructure and space-related costs for those services. These services are necessary to support the day-to-day operation of the entire organization as well as Legacy-funded programs and partnerships. MNHS works to provide these services at a reasonable cost while adhering to the statutory mandate that costs be "directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation."

HERITAGE PRESERVATION

We are Water MN, \$20,000

This project features multiple statewide organizations and state agencies (MNHS, Minnesota Humanities Center, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and Minnesota Departments of Agriculture, Health, and Natural Resources) working with organizations to host the traveling exhibit, *We Are Water MN*. This exhibit explores the future of water in the state through the lenses of history, science, and the humanities.

In 2018-2019, this traveling exhibit had stops in St. Paul, Bemidji, Crookston, Duluth, Austin, Northfield, Grands Rapids, and Onamia. In 2020-2021, the exhibit will travel to six new host cities: Chisholm, Pipestone, Morris, Mankato, St. Paul, and Rochester.

INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Programs, \$191,083

The Community Programs team is a new effort at the Minnesota Historical Society that intentionally seeks to build deep, collaborative partnerships with communities of color. The long-term goal is to increase communities' participation in MNHS programs, sites, and resources, and for MNHS to better share all histories that have shaped Minnesota.

Over an initial two-year period, Community Programs staff is working on programming with local African American community organizations, many of whom are new MNHS partners. The goal is to co-create meaningful programs in order to build trust and deepen collaborative community partnerships, so MNHS can better serve the African American community.

Over the past year, Community Programs staff has partnered with the Capri Theater and Film Society of Minneapolis St. Paul on the First Thursdays @ The Capri film series in North Minneapolis, which includes movie screenings and follow-up conversations with community leaders. Staff also partnered with Hallie Q. Brown Community Center to hold two genealogy workshops focused on the African American community.

Other partnerships include working with Urban Farm & Garden Alliance on a food tour of the Frogtown and Rondo neighborhoods and partnering with Robbins Urban Wellness Center on a community exhibit and resource table to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the first enslaved people's arrival in what's now the United States.

Veteran Relations, \$84,665

This funding supports a position to assess the current state of the relationship between MNHS and the veteran community and work collaboratively to develop sustained engagement. This position also provides support for veteran and military-related programs and exhibits and serves as a resource for other MNHS staff.

Veteran relations highlights in the past year include:

- All MNHS historic sites and museums became members of the national Blue Star Museums program, which offered free admission to active military members and their family members from May 18-Sept. 2, 2019

- A new partnership with the 33rd Airlift Wing Minnesota Air National Guard, which includes adding more aviation history at Historic Fort Snelling and commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Minnesota Air National Guard in 2021
- Transition of the World War II Round Table program series from Historic Fort Snelling to the Minnesota History Center
- Hosting a US Marine Corps change of command at Historic Fort Snelling for 100 Marines and 50 guests
- Various tours conducted for active military and veterans groups
- Attending Military Action Group and United Veterans Legislative Council meetings each month

Diversity Programs, \$102,753

This funding supports new initiatives at MNHS that seek to engage with the diverse communities of Minnesota. In September 2018, the Department of Inclusion and Community Engagement launched a two-year initiative to create a model for MNHS to build sustainable relationships with diverse communities across the state.

Through the work of an external task force of 10 community leaders and an internal workgroup of MNHS staff members, this project seeks to identify barriers to sustained engagement with African American communities and to develop infrastructure that supports ongoing, meaningful relationships. MNHS aims to develop a model that can be used in relationship-building with other Minnesota communities.

Native American Initiatives, \$466,965

The Native American Initiatives team engages with Native communities throughout the state, ensures Native voices and concerns are addressed in MNHS work, provides content, and creates programming and engagement opportunities.

In FY19, the third annual Dakota Omniciye gathering was held at Historic Fort Snelling May 4 and 5, which marks the anniversary of the government's removal of Dakota people from a concentration camp at Fort Snelling to exile outside of Minnesota. This truth-telling gathering invites Dakota people to return home to Minnesota and share community knowledge and traditional teachings.

Over three hundred participants enjoyed learning Dakota language, history, and culture, including over 20 students from the Bdote Learning Center. In 2020, the Dakota Omniciye plans to focus on Dakota genealogy and family paper preservation as well as continuing language teaching for kids.

In FY19, the Dakota Community Council (DCC) continued to be an important MNHS partner on the revitalization project at Historic Fort Snelling. The DCC met with MNHS director and CEO Kent Whitworth and staff numerous times over the year, and subcommittee members have played key roles in developing content for interpretation and advising on design elements for the project. The DCC's objective is to ensure that Dakota people, history, perspectives, and homelands are honored and sustained at MNHS properties within an area defined by the first treaty between the United States and the Dakota people in 1805.

LIBRARY & ARCHIVES

Collections Projects, \$315,745

Staff conduct research, identify potential objects and collections that are significant to Minnesota history, and fulfill the MNHS core mission. They cultivate relationships with existing and potential object donors, negotiate acquisitions, perform initial assessments and condition evaluations, contribute to object documentation, provide for care and storage of collections, and meet with the public as needed to provide access to materials in the MNHS collection.

In the past year, staff have created or edited catalog records for nearly 4,500 items in the MNHS collection, including items related to the exhibit *She Voted: Her Fight, Our Right*. Staff are also constantly working on digitizing collections items for online access; one highlight of FY19 was the complete digitization of the entire women's fashion hat collection, made up of 718 hats.

Digitization of Archival Collections, \$259,771

This project supports digitization of MNHS collections in three streams: mass digitization, fulfillment of patron requests to digitize material, and digitization of select new collections.

In FY19, 253.15 cubic feet of archival collections were digitized on new equipment. So far in FY20, 70.4 cubic feet from 194 archival collections have been digitized, resulting in 2,572 digital objects online. Highlights include digitizing Stillwater State Prison records from 1854-1902, the sound and visual collection of Minnesota conservationist Ernest C. Oberholtzer, and the papers of Beneta McHie, an African American woman involved in education and social justice issues in the Twin Cities in the 20th century.

Digitization of Minnesota's Newspapers, \$500,000

MNHS continues to digitize hardcopy and microfilm newspapers from across the state for preservation and access. All digitized pages are then made available online via the Minnesota Digital Newspaper Hub on the MNHS website, which surpassed 3 million pages in August 2019. In FY19, 867,284 newspaper pages were digitized. So far in FY20, staff has digitized 235,583 pages with many decades' worth of newspapers remaining.

Genealogy Librarian, \$70,000

This project supports hiring a genealogy librarian position at MNHS to develop and coordinate specialized programming and resources, outreach, and services for family history audiences using the MNHS collections and library resources. The librarian will be responsible for piloting a robust volunteer genealogy patron assistance program, developing innovative public programs and classes in coordination with other program areas, creating new online resources, outreach to diverse audiences, and other related activities.

Legacy Research Fellowship Program, \$35,280

Since 2014, more than 25 Minnesota scholars have been able to delve deeper into our state's history through Legacy Research Fellowships. Fellows use resources from MNHS collections and the Gale Family Library to explore a wide range of Minnesota history topics to add to public knowledge of Minnesota's history and cultural heritage.

In FY2019, eight researchers were awarded \$3,500 fellowships:

- Heather Carroll, Minneapolis: Minnesota's Art and Feminism in the 1970s
- Patricia Cavanaugh, St. Paul: The Early Development of Watershed-Based Governance in Minnesota
- Steven Dornfeld, Woodbury: 1969 Bus Strike: A Critical Turning Point
- Chris Hommerding, Minneapolis: The Otherness of Ober: Queerness, Wilderness, and Place-Making
- Louis Johnston, St. Cloud: The Work of the Minnesota Resources Commission, 1939-1947
- Jessica Milgroom, Elk River: Access to Wild Rice
- William Millikan, Minneapolis: Financing the Development of Minnesota with Indian Lands: The Homestead Act
- Barbara Scott, St. Paul: European American Women at 19th-Century Fort Snelling

Oral History Projects, \$109,500

Everyone has a story. Collecting oral histories is one of the most proactive ways MNHS can fill gaps in its collection and preserve the history of all Minnesotans. In FY20, staff launched three new oral history projects and have collected nearly 50 interviews so far. The three projects are:

- Baseball in Minnesota: Staff are collecting baseball stories in Minnesota from all levels, including amateur teams, which Minnesota has more of than any other state in the country.
- Korean War and Cold War: MNHS has interviews in its collection with narrators who served in every conflict from the Civil War to the second Iraq War, except for the Korean War. With its aging population, this is likely the last opportunity to collect these stories. Staff will also collect stories of Minnesota veterans who served during the Cold War.

- Women and Voting Rights in Minnesota: This project will use oral history interviews to tell the story of what came after women were granted the right to vote in 1920 and bring the story into the 21st century. This project will coincide with the upcoming exhibit *She Voted: Her Right, Our Fight*.

Research & Content Development, \$119,795

This project supports MNHS statewide interpretive initiatives by developing and vetting historical content, providing an interpretive framework for the organization, and maintaining scholarly and subject expertise networks throughout the state. This funding supports a senior historian position, who coordinates research efforts across MNHS and helps determine content priorities across historic sites and museums.

In the past year, staff work has included Native American content for the Snake River Fur Post, research for the *She Voted: Her Fight, Our Right* exhibit, content for *Our Home: Native Minnesota*, research on the lumber industry in Minnesota, and reviewing content for the exhibit under development at Historic Fort Snelling.

PUBLICATIONS

Graphic Novel Histories, \$20,000

MNHS Press is working to publish a series of nonfiction graphic novels that present Minnesota history in a new and exciting format for students. This series will explore themes and topics within the curriculum of Minnesota social studies standards, allowing students and teachers to delve deeper into specific areas of interest while engaging students in a new, innovative educational approach. Each book will offer well-researched content and present history in a way that connects with modern-day themes and issues.

Educators are increasingly embracing the graphic novel format as an effective way to reach students who may not respond as well to traditional textbooks and/or who face language barriers in the classroom. The format broadens access to history content and offers a different model for critical thinking and engagement.

MNopedia – Digital Encyclopedia of Minnesota History, \$221,491

MNopedia is a free, online platform offering core content and resources relating to Minnesota history, from prehistoric times to the modern day, in a wide array of subject areas. Content is developed by knowledgeable authors and carefully fact-checked. MNopedia is nimble and able to quickly and concisely highlight content and resources that are relevant to current events.

MNopedia draws on and enhances MNHS collections, interpretive programs, staff expertise, and institution-wide content initiatives. Externally, MNopedia works with scholarly institutions and forms partnerships with county and local history organizations throughout the state in order to engage communities statewide and provide a platform for sharing local stories and collections.

In FY19, MNopedia published 125 new articles, with a focus on adding content from communities of color and Greater Minnesota. MNopedia's readership rose by nearly 60% in FY18-19 over the previous biennium.

In FY20, staff will develop new content on women's suffrage in connection with the forthcoming Minnesota History Center exhibit *She Voted: Her Fight, Our Right*. So far in FY20, staff has commissioned 15 new articles, including seven by authors from communities of color.

Urban Biographies Series, \$25,900

Minnesota Historical Society Press is launching a new series of histories on major municipalities in Minnesota. The Urban Biographies series will present key stories and profiles of communities from around the state, offering insights into the unique histories of Minnesota's varied regions. Written by local experts, the books will provide clear, concise, historical overviews based on solid research and scholarship. Stories will be both familiar and surprising to readers who know a city's streets but not the stories behind them.

The first four books will focus on Minneapolis, Duluth, St. Paul, and Rochester. *Minneapolis*, written by Tom Weber, and *Duluth* by Tony Dierckins will be published in spring 2020. St. Paul is slated for publication in spring 2021, and *Rochester* in spring 2022.

Women's Suffrage & Voting Rights Content, \$50,000

2020 marks the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in the United States, and MNHS Press will publish books and articles celebrating the contributions of women to Minnesota history and the struggle for voting rights.

Based on solid, documented research by experts in the field, publications will inform Minnesotans about this important area of state history and help connect that history to the state of affairs today, including the high rate of participation by women in the political process.

In August 2020, MNHS Press will publish a book by former Minnesota Secretary of State Joan Growe and retired *Star Tribune* reporter Lori Sturdevant on Growe's career and commitment to advancing voting rights. *Minnesota History* magazine will produce a special 2020 issue focused on women's rights and voting rights, with articles commissioned from top writers and scholars. MNopedia has commissioned four new articles on topics related to suffrage and women's history.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Multimedia Unit, \$105,638

Legacy funds supports roughly 1.5 full-time multimedia positions 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.

Public Awareness & Communication, \$204,896

MNHS staff create communication strategies and promotional materials for Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund-supported projects, programs, grants, and exhibits using media relations, social media, and various marketing tools. This work is aimed at providing access to history to the state's students, teachers, and the general public.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES AND INTERNS

College Internship Program, \$129,545

This program offers interns the opportunity to work alongside experts in the field and gain professional experience. During three cycles each year, college student interns are placed in various departments and sites across MNHS. These placements give MNHS staff new perspectives on our existing programs, provide interns valuable support and work experience, and also help students develop as future leaders.

The internship program places special emphasis on recruiting students from communities of color. Legacy funds provide stipends for students of color to create an even playing field and provide internship opportunities for all students.

In FY19, 64 college interns completed more than 9,600 work hours. This past fiscal year 22% of interns were from diverse communities.

REPORT OF HISTORY PARTNERSHIPS



A partnership between the University of Minnesota and MNHS, the Heritage Studies and Public graduate program kicked off in fall 2017.

Support from the Legacy Amendment's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund has resulted in partnerships between the Minnesota Historical Society and more than 20 organizations.

It also supports the Heritage Partnership Program that works to build the 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.

FY20–21 Appropriations Language—History Partnerships: \$2,500,000 each year is for history 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.

EDUCATION AND PROGRAMMING

Educational Achievement, \$35,805

Partners: Washington Technology Magnet School (Saint Paul Public Schools), Northland Community Schools (Remer)

The Educational Achievement initiative allows MNHS to create partnerships with two school districts—one rural and one urban—to encourage use of MNHS products and evaluate programs on a deeper level through interviews, student feedback, and surveys.

This increased and deeper use of MNHS materials, such as teacher professional development and field trips, helps ensure quality social studies instruction within these districts for teachers and helps prepare teachers to teach a more complete story of Minnesota and US history.

In the past year, Washington Tech students have taken field trips to Split Rock Lighthouse and Forest History Center, and a Northland secondary student interned at Forest History Center from July-October 2020.

History Day Partnerships, \$324,690

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

These funds enable MNHS staff to coordinate the National History Day program in Minnesota, which reaches approximately 27,000 Minnesota students annually. These partnerships specifically emphasize reaching students from diverse backgrounds, expanding statewide reach, and higher education partnerships that help build college readiness skills for middle and high school students and strengthen the mentoring skills of college students.

MNHS staff develops curriculum materials, host teacher workshops, delivers in-classroom presentations, coordinates a statewide network of mentors, hosts research open houses, coordinates a progressive contest cycle, and offers summer enrichment programs for middle and high school students. Participating students build academic skills and increase aspirations for higher education. Partnerships with public and academic libraries support research open houses.

Partnerships with school districts bring staff into classrooms. Partnerships with higher education support the mentor program, which brings undergraduate students into participating classrooms to provide one-on-one support for History Day students.

In FY19, about 27,000 students in grades 6-12 across Minnesota participated in History Day. Fifty-four Minnesota students traveled to Washington, DC, for the national competition, and two students took home medals: 1st place in the country for a senior individual website and 2nd place for junior individual performance. Five other students placed in the top 10 in their categories.

So far in FY20, History Day staff have developed curriculum materials, hosted six workshops for History Day teachers, and recruited, trained, and placed almost 100 undergraduate mentors to work in History Day schools across the state.

State Fair Programming, \$28,000

Partner: Minnesota State Fair Foundation

MNHS and the Minnesota State Fair Foundation partner annually to share the history of the Great Minnesota Get-Together. The Minnesota State Fair Walking Tour allows visitors to pick up a brochure and explore fair history at 12 stops, including two new stops at the 2019 fair.

History-on-a-Schtick—an original, vaudevillian romp through Minnesota's past with sing-alongs, trivia, and prizes—had 24 performances during the fair, two performances each day, in the West End Market, reaching nearly 5,000 visitors in 2019.

FINANCE

Administrative Costs, \$126,127

MNHS works to minimize administrative costs while adhering to the legislative mandate that costs be "directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation." In order to implement its Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund programs, these funds support delivery of Legacy partnership programs.

HERITAGE PRESERVATION

Building Capacity of History Professionals, \$60,000

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 and the 500+ organizations in Minnesota's history community. Through this partnership, MALHM provides best practices training opportunities and resources for local history practitioners. MALHM has also recently taken on the issue of creating a reliable collections management system for local organizations as the ubiquitous PastPerfect software's future becomes less stable.

MNHS and MALHM also partner on an annual conference. The 2019 conference was held in Red Wing in April 2019 over three days with 255 history practitioners attending. Planning is underway for the 2020 conference in Austin.

Historic Preservation Corps, \$450,000

Partner: Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps

This partnership provides training for young adults in historic preservation techniques while addressing the preservation needs of the state's historic structures and landscapes. The partnership between Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps and MNHS increases the viability of a historic preservation activity by building on a conservation corps model.

During the 2019 field season, Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps completed 17,720 hours on service projects helping to maintain and repair 51 historic structures and restore monuments in 13 cemeteries across Minnesota. Project locations included Hennepin History Museum in Minneapolis, Adas Israel Chevra Kadisha Cemetery in Duluth, Halfway Ranger Station in Ely, Old Sandstone School in Sandstone, and Pope County Museum in Glenwood.

Legacy Strategic Agenda Collaborative, \$70,000

Partner: Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums (MALHM)

The 2016-2020 Legacy Strategic Agenda fosters innovation and growth of history and cultural heritage in communities across the state. It invests in the future of communities by finding new ways to partner with diverse cultures and groups and helps make Minnesota history more visible and accessible. The LSA Collaborative is made up of 15 volunteer members who hail from diverse disciplines, cultures, and areas of the state that are part of the Minnesota history community.

The Collaborative launched action teams that create momentum around LSA's strategic priorities: history education, Legacy grants, unfamiliar stories, and partnerships. The team's work spans three phases: 1) survey and focus group research, 2) implementation and evaluation, and 3) sharing results and models.

In the past year, priority action teams have begun the process of wrapping up their projects and creating final products that history practitioners can use in order to more readily access Legacy grants, connect with school audiences, and tell and amplify inclusive history.

Minnesota Main Street Partnership, \$142,644

Partner: Rethos (formerly Preservation Alliance of Minnesota)

As a member of the Main Street America network, Minnesota Main Street 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 common-sense strategy to downtown revitalization with proven results showing increases in property improvements, new business development, new job creation, and volunteer participation. 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.

The partnership provides ongoing technical assistance to the designated Main Street programs, provides packaged in-house preservation design training and services as requested, counsels potential Main Street programs, promotes Minnesota Main Street statewide, provide peer-learning and networking opportunities for designated Main Street programs, trains new local directors and volunteers, and collects data from Main Street programs quarterly.

As of the end of 2019, Minnesota has 12 Main Street cities: Albert Lea, Faribault, Mankato, New Ulm, Northfield, Olivia, Owatonna, Red Wing, Shakopee, Wabasha, Willmar, and Winona. Albert Lea and Olivia are the most recent additions. In the past year, façade and signage projects have begun involving preservation of historic buildings in Olivia, Wabasha, Winona, Red Wing, and Faribault.

Preservation Education, \$87,516

Partner: Rethos (formerly Preservation Alliance of Minnesota)

This program provides education for homeowners, realtors, community members, and professionals in the care and history of historic buildings. This takes the form of classes produced across the state, covering topics from identifying wood used in homes to repairing old windows and instruction in photographing old buildings. Classes are taught by industry professionals.

In FY19, 29 homeowner classes and community events occurred, including partnerships with Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps, Minnesota Tool Library, and NeighborWorks Home Partners. The program also expanded to Duluth, Little Falls/St. Cloud, Mankato, and Winona.

INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Diversity Outreach, \$105,128

Partners: various

This allocation supports the work of the Department of Inclusion and Community Engagement (DICE) to develop new constituents for MNHS. The project supports the Department of Inclusion and Community Engagement's learning and development work internally at MNHS, including an annual conference on diversity and inclusion for staff.

DICE also uses this money to capitalize on partnership opportunities for small projects or support of community events throughout the year. This money has gone to sponsor events with Ka Joog, Twin Cities faith-based organizations, Twin Cities Black Film Festival, and other organizations in past years.

Heritage Studies & Public History Graduate Program, \$172,722

Partner: University of Minnesota

Launched in fall 2017, the Heritage Studies and Public History graduate program (HSPH) takes advantage of the deep scholarly expertise at the University of Minnesota as well as the Minnesota Historical Society's extensive resources and expertise to offer unparalleled training in the theory and methods of heritage and public history studies at the graduate level. This two-year program offers a master's degree in one of three cultural heritage tracks: historical archaeology, historic preservation, and public history.

Students in the program gain technical knowledge about the field while also learning how to address issues of inclusion and equity within the practice. Through a number of field experiences, students also learn to work collaboratively with community agencies and organizations to enhance historical narratives or develop cultural resources that ensure more equitable practices.

In spring 2019, six students from the HSPH program received their master's degrees, and 100% of graduates are now employed in the field. So far graduate students have had more than 50 internships and summer fellowships with 25 different community organizations, and students' work has garnered significant media coverage and won prestigious national awards. In the 2019-2020 school year, the program has 23 graduate students and will graduate its second class of students in May 2020.

Museum Access, \$81,870

Partners: Minnesota Access Alliance, VSA Minnesota, and Minnesota Council on Disabilities

The Minnesota Historical Society is committed to providing access for all visitors, staff, and volunteers by removing barriers that prevent people from engaging with our sites, collections, website, social media channels, programs, and employment.

Access work at MNHS takes many shapes and supports all 26 historic sites. In the past two years, it has involved an overhaul of access pages on all 26 MNHS historic sites and museums' websites, the launch of a partnership with Project Search to increase inclusion in the internship program, ADA reviews, improvement of maps, the formation of an internal MNHS task force on access, a review of exhibit procedures, new accessibility accommodations at sites, and multiple educational offerings for staff around access.

In the past year, MNHS staff launched the US version of the My House of Memories app and training workshop to support people with memory loss and their caregivers. MNHS also started new access accommodations, including open playdates for families with autism at Mill City Museum and the Minnesota History Center, headsets and mics for guided tours at the Capitol, new signage at the Gale Family Library, and new ADA-compliant parking signage and spots at Forest History Center.

In the next year, MNHS will launch an accessibility foundations training for all new interpreters across historic sites and continue to evaluate sites' accessibility and visitors' preferred accommodation options. MNHS will also continue to offer free access workshops for cultural access professionals in partnership with the Minnesota Access Alliance.

Museum Fellows Program, \$102,202

Partners: University of Minnesota, Augsburg University

The Museum Fellows Program encourages Twin Cities undergraduates from diverse communities to explore the challenges within museums, historical organizations, and cultural institutions as they relate to inclusion, representation, narrative, and the workforce. The program is designed to encourage more students to consider working in the museum field, and consists of three major phases: a three-credit college course to introduce students to the museum field and examine challenge of inclusion in the field; paid summer internships; and a museum study trip to Washington, DC, to observe practical application of the concepts and theory learned throughout the program.

In FY19, 18 students successfully completed the Museum Fellows Program.

Neighborhood Leadership Program, \$83,519

Partner: Amherst H. Wilder Foundation

MNHS and the Wilder Foundation work 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 for existing and emerging leaders to amplify their role in community as leaders and to take action to improve their community. NLP also offers six weeks of leadership training delivered in Spanish for the Latino community as an extension of the traditional program.

Each year the program accepts 25-30 participants and has nearly 800 alumni from a diverse range of ages, cultures, experiences, languages, locations, and socioeconomic backgrounds. The history components of NLP help participants understand how the past has contributed to current issues that St. Paul communities face.

In FY19, NLP contracted with Dr. Talaya Tolfree to integrate restorative practices into the program in an effort to better equip community leaders to address ongoing harm across communities. The curriculum was revised to strengthen participants' understanding of the role relationships, values, and voice play in building stronger communities. Seventeen participants graduated the program at a ceremony held at the James J. Hill House in spring 2019.

Youth Partnerships, \$97,238

Partners: University of Minnesota's Department of African American & African Studies, Hallie Q. Brown Center, Minneapolis Community & Technical College, Saint Paul Public Schools

MNHS partners with diverse organizations to create in-depth, meaningful learning experiences for high school students that help to foster a sense of belonging, explore career opportunities, network with professionals, and tackle issues within the community.

The Teen Action Group (TAG) is a school-year-long program that helps introduce high school students to museums, what they do, and how communities are represented. Together students research underrepresented histories, organize events, and present their findings in new ways. This program uses historical knowledge and resources to learn about current events and issues affecting Minnesota's diverse communities.

In FY19, eight students participated in TAG and supported intergenerational community programming in partnership with Hallie Q. Brown Center and the University of Minnesota. Students curated artifacts connecting with *The 1968 Exhibit*; interviewed museum staff about their career journeys; shared a performance on the implications of the 1969 Morrill Hall Takeover at the University of Minnesota; and created zines inspired by the First Avenue exhibit at the Minnesota History Center.

In FY20 so far, eight TAG students have supported the opening of the *Our Home: Native Minnesota* exhibit through collections research and learning from various internal and external stakeholders about the histories of Indigenous peoples in Minnesota.

2019 was the second year of CRECER (Cultivating Revolutionary Education through Cultura y Empoderamiento de Jovenes), which served nine students from the Twin Cities metro through July 2019. Students engaged in culturally specific learning and research focused on Chicanx/Latinx history, which culminated in individual research projects and pop-up books. Students also presented a successful workshop titled "Pop-Up Books and the Need for 'Our' Stories in the Classroom" at the Free Minds Free People national conference at the University of Minnesota.

In 2018, MNHS launched the Nia program, which served nine students during spring break and focused on African American history and culture. Students visited various community-based historical and cultural sites in the Twin Cities, connected with community leaders, and delivered speeches at Hallie Q. Brown Center in St. Paul about how the history and knowledge they learned contributed to their sense of individual purpose and their collective call to action.

In 2019, MNHS launched its latest teen program, the Asian American Podcast Initiative. Through the program, 10 students learned about Asian American community building, innovation, and overcoming struggles through dialogue. Students then created their own podcast episode through interviewing, recording, and narrative storytelling.

CY19 Heritage Preservation Partnership Program

CollectiveAccess Minnesota Training & Support Development, \$96,880

Partners: Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums, Eden Prairie Historical Society, Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Historical Society, Golden Valley Historical Society, Goodhue County Historical Society, Hopkins Historical Society, Hormel Historic Home, Kandiyohi County Historical Society, Shoreview Historical Society, Westonka Historical Society, White Bear Lake Area Historical Society, Pope 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 15 local historical societies began working together on the future of their collections management systems. The software used by most Minnesota history museums runs on an obsolete database, which puts collection data at risk.

The task force determined CollectiveAccess, a free, open-source, web-based collections management system currently in use by a wide range of museums, would be the best solution. In 2017, the Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums (MALHM) received a Heritage Partnership Program grant to launch a pilot program using CollectiveAccess. The five pilot sites worked with the Minnesota local history museum community to develop a customized Minnesota version of CollectiveAccess. The pilot sites have all converted their collection data to CollectiveAccess and have used it exclusively and successfully for about a year.

For this 2019 grant, MALHM and 10 partnership sites will develop a process to ensure the success of new users to CollectiveAccess Minnesota. The goals for this project include 1) Establishing an application system to add new users to CollectiveAccess Minnesota to ensure organizations have the appropriate personnel and financial capacity to join the software community, 2) Developing a training program and appropriate manuals and tutorials to provide a base level of proficiency to users, and 3) Developing an ongoing support program to meet the needs of users and answer questions in a timely manner.

Development of Regional History Groups, \$29,890

Partners: Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums, Blue Earth County Historical Society, Glensheen, Otter Tail County Historical Society, Winona County Historical Society

In Minnesota, there are approximately 570 local history organizations around the state. Some areas of the state have regional history groups that serve a large number of organizations, but others don't. The Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums (MALHM) aims to grow the state's network of regional history groups in partnership with several local history organizations.

One of the top requests from MALHM members and conference attendees is additional networking opportunities to connect with colleagues in the field. By creating additional regional history groups, colleagues can learn from one another, increase collaboration, and offer support and advice close to home.

Otter Tail County Historical Society will lead the creation of a regional history group that encompasses Clay, Wilkin, Traverse, Otter Tail, Grant, Douglas, Pope, Becker, and Stevens Counties and approximately 20 area organizations.

Glensheen will work with organizations on the North Shore and in the Iron Range and Boundary Waters area. Currently, the Northland History Coalition exists—covering Carlton, Cook, Lake, and St. Louis Counties—but it has struggled with regular meetings and structure, in part due to the group's large geographic region. Glensheen and MALHM will work with the area's 29 organizations to figure out the most effective structure for the group, including the option of splitting up into multiple smaller regions covering Northern Minnesota.

Blue Earth County Historical Society and Winona County Historical Society will work to develop a regional history group in south central and southeast Minnesota. The area was once part of the Southern Minnesota History Assembly, which has disbanded. This area covers a 20-county region from Brown and Watonwan Counties in the west, south to counties on the Iowa border like Fillmore and Mower Counties, north to Goodhue, Le Sueur, Rice, and Sibley Counties, and east to Winona County. The area includes approximately 91 organizations, and partners will determine the feasibility of such a large group early on, or if multiple regional history groups are needed.

Digitization of Ecologic History in the Driftless Area of Minnesota, \$24,925

Partners: Winona State University, Winona County Historical Society

The Winona County Historical Society (WCHS) and Winona State University (WSU) have formed a partnership to digitize several items in order to make them more accessible and educate the community about the local ecologic history of the Driftless Area. This project will digitize surveyor's field notes from January 21, 1862, and a herbarium specimen book of local Winona flora that was compiled in the 1890s by a student attending Winona State Teachers College (now Winona State University).

The surveyor's field notes provide a record of the Winona area as it appeared in the middle of the 19th century, including landmarks and natural resources. The herbarium specimen collection appears to have been compiled under the direction of Dr. John M. Holzinger, who was a faculty member in the late 1890s until 1920s at Winona State Teachers College and an internationally renowned botanist.

The items to be digitized are held by WCHS and housed at their main museum facility in the Laird Lucas Library and Archives. WCHS will grant WSU permission to make items publicly accessible through its digital repository, OpenRiver.

In addition to the digitized materials, this project plans to construct a digital map from the 1862 surveyor's field notes. This map will reconstruct the landscape of mid-19th century Winona, showing the vegetation, landmarks, and waterways as they were detailed in the field notes.

WCHS and WSU will also plan an interpretative program to introduce the community to this project and create educational opportunities for the community to learn about the ecologic history of the Driftless Area.

Otter Tail County Asset Mapping, \$79,500

Partners: Rethos (formerly Preservation Alliance of Minnesota), Springboard for the Arts, Otter Tail County Historical Society

Rethos, Springboard for the Arts, and Otter Tail County Historical Society will partner to asset map designated areas in Otter Tail County through one-on-one conversations, focus groups, or other techniques. This work will identify people, places, characteristics, and stories that define their communities.

Mapping cultural assets creates a foundation to preserve, better celebrate, and promote them. Without proper documentation, many assets—particularly in rural communities—will likely never be identified. This project aims for Otter Tail County's cultural assets to achieve locally led economic development.

The project combines Rethos's expertise in heritage preservation and asset mapping, Otter Tail County Historical Society's expertise in the region's history and heritage, and Springboard for the Arts' strengths in facilitation and creative community engagement.

Gathered information will be turned into GIS (geographic information system) maps of Otter Tail County, which will be a public resource. Maps will be available on the Rethos website and any Otter Tail County organization that wishes to host them.

This project will also create a toolkit to ensure this program is replicable and transferable to other locations in order to take inventory of Minnesota's vast undocumented cultural and intangible heritage resources in ways that are authentic to communities.

A Partnership and Long-Term Framework to Generate & Share Cultural and Ecological Knowledge to Sustain Heritage Landscapes, \$74,014

Partners: University of Minnesota's Department of Geography, Environment, and Society, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Leech Lake Tribal College, University of Minnesota's Cloquet Forestry Center

This partnership aims to investigate the interactions between traditional Anishinaabe cultural practices and landscape vegetation patterns, including the use of fire, a tool thought to have been an important part of Anishinaabe land tending prior to European-American settlement.

This partnership has three main goals:

1. Build regional capacity and knowledge for cross-cultural fire history, based at Leech Lake Tribal College, to develop and undertake additional ecological-land use investigations on ceded and reservation territories in northern Minnesota and build a lasting collaborative environment of mutual engagement and benefit.
2. Develop a case study of Star Island in Cass Lake that merges ecological, archaeological, and traditional knowledge and oral history to better understand how the ancestral Anishinaabe of the Leech Lake region tended cultural resources and landscapes, and how those activities are reflected in vegetation patterns today. This case study would be used to build a dialogue around cultural practices that have shaped the forests and provide materials for a knowledge-sharing workshop.
3. Model an equitable collaborative approach to cross-disciplinary research that merges western science and traditional knowledge through respectful cultural engagement to better understand Minnesota's cultural and ecological history.

This project will share the Leech Lake Band's long reciprocal relationship to the land using a case study of Star Island as a pilot opportunity to gather stakeholders and begin a long-term conversation that is inclusive of cross-cultural perspectives on the ecology of people, fire, and pine forests.

Public Archaeology Fieldwork, \$113,020

Partners: Dakota County Historical Society, Ramsey County Historical Society, Scott County Historical Society

For the past several years, the historical societies of Dakota, Ramsey, and Scott counties have successfully worked together on archaeology projects to help share the cost of this expensive work. In this new project, archaeological fieldwork will occur at one farmstead and one Indigenous site in each county.

The material culture remains found during excavation will be analyzed and compared to identify differences and similarities in diet, tools, and sources of manufactured goods. This work will help increase public understanding of the people who lived in these counties in the past. The partners will also work to engage the public in archaeology programming before, during, and after the fieldwork.

In Ramsey County, fieldwork will occur at the Gibbs Farm and an Indigenous site near Fish Creek. In Dakota County, the Samuelson Farm and Kenneally site will undergo archaeology work. Sites are still being identified in Scott County.

REPORT OF OTHER STATEWIDE INITIATIVES



M-A-Quah E-Quay or "Bear Woman," a watercolor created by Ojibwe artist Robert Ka-Ka Gee-sick in 1981-1985 and contributed to the Minnesota Digital Library by the Westonka Historical Society

In addition to grants, programs, and partnerships, the Minnesota Legislature has appropriated 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.

FY20 Statewide Survey of Historical and Archaeological Sites



Archaeologists doing excavation work at a site along the Crow Wing River in Wadena County.

The Statewide Survey of Historical and Archaeological Sites provides opportunities to expand our understanding of these 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 more than 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.

FY20-21 Appropriations Language—Statewide Survey of Historical and Archaeological Sites: \$500,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2021 are for one or more contracts to be competitively awarded to conduct statewide surveys or investigations of Minnesota's sites of historical, archaeological, and cultural significance. Results of the surveys or investigations 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, the Indian Affairs Council, and the State Historic Preservation Office must each appoint a representative to an oversight board to select contractors and direct the conduct of the surveys or investigations. The oversight board must consult with the Department of Transportation and Department of Natural Resources.

Archaeological and Geomorphological Resources Inventory and Appraisal in Watonwan County

The primary objective of this study was to expand the breadth of collective knowledge concerning the location and character of precontact and early postcontact archeological sites in Watonwan County. The investigations surveyed 4,326.78 acres and documented 16 previously unrecorded archaeological properties in the county.

Archaeological Survey of Wadena County

This survey reviewed the precontact and early contact archaeological resources of Wadena County, examined existing collections and known sites, and conducted a field survey within the county to document additional precontact and early contact sites. The survey recorded three Paleoindian sites in Wadena County when previously there were none. Additionally, it added one Archaic site, four Initial Woodland sites, ten Terminal Woodland sites, three undifferentiated Woodland sites, three Sandy Lake sites, and 18 precontact lithic scatters.

Archaeologists also carried out a small-scale excavation on a site where a previous survey revealed a large number of sherds from a Brainerd Net-impressed pottery vessel within a charcoal-rich burn feature. This excavation obtained datable samples of charcoal in direct association with the pottery sherds, which will help to refine the chronology of this particular ceramic type.

Radiocarbon Project

Previous work done by Legacy projects suggested that there are problems with radiocarbon dates from archaeological sites in Minnesota. The study involved radiocarbon dating on both modern samples and archaeological samples. The study suggests that the uptake of dissolved carbon by plants and animals from aquatic environments in Minnesota's natural landscape can skew radiocarbon dates, making them appear older than they really are.

Reports for completed projects are posted on the Office of the State Archaeologist's website at
mn.gov/admin/archaeologist/

FY20 Minnesota Digital Library



1950s concert posters from the Lakeside Ballroom in Glenwood, contributed to the Minnesota Digital Library by the Pope County Historical Society.

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:

- 187 organizations through Minnesota Reflections, a premier searchable, online collection of primary source materials of more than 52,000 photos, maps, journals, letters, works of art, and more
- In FY20, 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

FY20-21 Appropriations Language—Minnesota Digital Library: \$375,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$375,000 in fiscal year 2021 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.

Additional Projects



The Grandy Union Church was built in the 1880s. It is located just north of Cambridge and is managed by the Isanti County Historical Society.

In 2019, the Minnesota Legislature appropriated Legacy funding for these additional projects in the FY2020-2021 biennium. The appropriation language reads:

\$200,000 the first year is for a grant to the **Minnesota Military Museum** to create and conduct a statewide story-sharing program to honor the distinct service of post-9/11 veterans in anticipation of the 2021 anniversary.

\$115,000 the first year is for a grant to the **Minnesota Military Museum** to care for, catalog, and display the recently acquired collection of the personal and professional effects belonging to General John W. Vessey, Minnesota's most decorated veteran.

\$40,000 the first year is for a grant to the **Isanti County Historical Society** to relocate, update, and preserve the Moody School and the Grandy Union Church.

\$150,000 the first year is for a grant to the **commissioner of natural resources** to maintain the history of the Grindstone River Dam at Hinckley.



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