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Upcoming Grant Deadlines!

November 1, 2017, 11:59 p.m., is the East Central Regional Arts Council (ECRAC) grant deadline for:

- **Art in Our Schools Grants:** School districts may apply for arts-related funding up to \$3,000.
- **Small/Art Project Assistance Grants:** Nonprofit organizations, art groups, school districts, and local units of government may apply for arts-related funding ranging from \$500-\$5,000.
- **Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants for Organizations:** Nonprofit organizations, art groups, school districts, and local units of government may apply for arts-related funding ranging from \$5,000-\$15,000.
- **Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants for Individuals:** Individual artists may apply for arts-related funding up to \$2,500. Eligible applicants must be permanent residents of Region 7E.
- **ECRAC Individual Artist Grants:** Individual artists may apply for arts-related funding up to \$1,000. Eligible applicants must be permanent residents of Region 7E.

For the grant application materials, information on past grants, and the link to the online grant portal go to:

www.ecrac.org/grants

Upcoming Grant Info Sessions

Looking for more information on where and when to get help with applying for an ECRAC grant?

East Central Regional Arts Council (ECRAC) has scheduled its upcoming grant information sessions for all artists, arts organizations, schools, community organizations, and non-profit organizations in the Region 7E area. These sessions will include basic information about all ECRAC art grant programs, as well as recent changes to the grant application process. Individual appointments with staff are available immediately after the group sessions.

If you have already attended a grant information session in the past, a "refresher" is always a good idea to keep you up-to-date with any new grant requirements and recent changes to the application processes.

- Saturday, October 14, 2017; 9:00-10:00 a.m.

30 minute individual meetings are available after the above sessions at 10:30, 11:00, and 11:30 upon request.

- Thursday, November 16, 2017; 10:00-11:00 p.m.

30 minute individual meetings are available after the above sessions at 10:30, 11:00, and 11:30 upon request.

These sessions will be held at the East Central Regional Arts Council office located at 112 Main Avenue South in Braham, MN.

Advance registration is required. To register, please call the East Central Regional Arts Council office at (320) 396-2337 x 1, or email info@ecrac.org.

Grant Reviewers Needed

ECRAC will be using more grant review panels this year. If you are interested in assisting in the grant review process please contact us to volunteer! The time commitment is usually less than 10 hours and the learning opportunity is priceless.

Grantee Art Show



Art Deco Calla Lily by Gail Gates

The "People's Choice Award" for the 2017 Grantee Art Show, which opened on Braham Pie Day, went to Gail Gates for *Art Deco Calla Lily*.

Congratulations to Gail! She had received a grant award in FY 2016 to take lessons from a photography mentor. Their lessons focused on how to capture an iPad image and manipulate them with digital applications.

Thank you to all 500 of you who attended or contributed to make the 2017 Grantee Art Show a success! ECRAC will have a Grantee Art Show opening on Braham Pie Day again next year so put it on your calendar now.

ECRAC Awarded \$300,000 in Art Grants!

in Region 7E in FY 2017!

Please note that many of these activities have already taken place.

ECRAC Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund Legacy Grants for Organizations

Ecumen Parmlly Lifepoints
Promoting Access to Art: Investing in Lifelong Learning for Adults

\$7,944

During this project the applicant will offer painting and tap dance classes at the Vitalize! Wellness Centre, a program of Parmly Life Pointes. These classes will be offered at a reduced rate to promote engagement in the arts for older adults within the Chisago Lakes area.

Princeton School District 477

Band Blast & Copper Street Brass - Beyond Ordinary

\$8,820

During the all school "Band Blast" the Princeton School District will bring in a musical group, "Copper Street Brass," for seven instructional sessions as well as include them in the yearly "Band Blast" event to enhance the artistic learning/exposure for the school and community. The school band students will have the opportunity to work with, and perform with, "Copper Street Brass" during this project.

Mora Public Schools

THEATERical Science Integration

\$6,030

The Mora Public Schools will use Theater Arts to teach core science knowledge with first and sixth graders. They will hire COMPAS Arts from St. Paul for a one week residency integrating the science standards along with Theater Arts. The activities will include acting, voice projection, props, timing, blocking, scenery, costuming, performance, character development, setting development, plot development, conflict development, advertising, and playwriting skills. There will be two open to the public performances, one for each grade.

Chisago Lakes Community Education

Future Chisago Lakes Artists

\$15,000

The Chisago Lakes Community Education will offer a series of after school art classes to be taught by local artists who will inspire the area youth to become artists and encourage them to become a part of a community of artists. The project will culminate in an art show open to the public and all artists from the area will be encouraged to join. The art classes will include drawing, painting, photography, pottery, dance, theater, music and more.

Franconia Sculpture Park

2017 Music @ Franconia Concerts Series and Guided Tours

\$15,000

The 2017 Music @ Franconia Concert Series and Guided Tours Program will provide diverse and engaging musical performances. The concert series will include three new musical genres for the 2017 music series.

Onamia Public Schools Community Education

Lake Wobegon Brass Band in Onamia

\$5,000

The Lake Wobegon Brass Band in Onamia project will infuse arts into the Mille Lacs area by presenting an opportunity for local youth instrumentalists to attend a clinic with the Lake Wobegon Brass Band players. The clinic will provide tips on becoming better musicians, including discussion on practicing, breathing, and other subjects that apply to all instruments. The project will also include a free, open to the public, event following the clinic. The clinic participants will have an opportunity to practice alongside the Lake Wobegon Brass Band and attend an evening public performance.

Pine County Agricultural Society

Pine County Fair Performances

\$15,000

During this project, Pine County Agricultural Society will offer 16 free events at the Pine County Fair from August 2, 2017 to August 6, 2017 at both the Band Stand and the Band Shell locations within the fairgrounds in Pine City. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday the Band Stand will have musical groups playing dance music.

City of Hinckley

Sweet Summer Sounds

\$12,900

During this project, the City of Hinckley will offer a free to the public music event series in the downtown Hinckley Westside Park area. The music series will take place on Thursday evenings and will be a total of seven performances.

City of Cambridge

Arts in the Park Summer Series

\$15,000

During this project, the City of Cambridge will feature both music and films. They will host a Concert in City Park series every Thursday evening for the month of June, as well as two separate days in the mornings where they will offer a children's music program. During the month of August the City will showcase films in four different parks throughout the City on Friday evenings at dusk.

City of Mora
Mora's Music in the Park
\$7,520

During this project, the City of Mora will host twelve musical performances at Mora's downtown Library Park on Thursday evenings during June, July and August. The twelve musical performances will represent a variety of genres and will represent the fifth consecutive year of Mora's Music in the Park.

Chisago Lakes Community Education
Take Time To Create
\$15,000

During this project, Chisago Lakes Community Education will offer arts classes to the adult residents of southern Chisago County during the fall, winter, and spring of 2017 and 2018. Local artists will share their artistic passion and skill with adult students so that they are given a chance to experience art making skills. The goal of Take Time to Create is to give adults a convenient yet high level art experience.

Vasaloppet, Inc.
Many Faces of Vasaloppet
\$15,000

During this project, Vasaloppet, Inc. will begin phase 1 of a planned 3, commemorating the 50th Anniversary as a cross country ski race in year 2022 through sculpture. During phase 1 Vasaloppet, Inc. will work with artists in the creation of a movable, standalone sculpture of the Vasaloppet founders, and past board presidents.

Mora Public Schools
THEATERical Literacy Neighborhood Bridges Project
\$13,284

During this project, the Mora Public Schools will integrate the Theater Arts with Literacy for over 480 students in the Mora School District. The artist residency will be with the Children's Theater Company for all students in grades 2, 3, 4, & 5; for a total of 4 weeks. They will prepare a theatrical performance for an audience to view on the final day of the residency. The Mora community will be invited to see these free, open to the public, performances.

Franconia Sculpture Park
2017 Community Collaboration Hot Metal Pour Program
\$15,000

During this project, Franconia Sculpture Park will host the 2017 Community Collaboration Hot Metal Pour program, providing seven art-making workshops on July 22 - 23, July 29 - 30, August 2 - 3, and August 5; and, a full-day live metal pour demonstration event on Saturday, August 5th, 2017. This program will provide a one-of-a-kind opportunity to create three-dimensional artwork, to hand-carve a sand mold that will permanently be cast in iron. This is a rare opportunity to participate in the multi-step process of iron sculpture-making.

Mille Lacs County Fair
Bringing the Arts to the Mille Lacs County Fair
\$8,350

During this project, the Mille Lacs County Fair will bring the creative work of artists to this year's county fair from August 10 - 13, 2017. They will bring in two types of artwork to involve the public to art creation. The Mille Lacs County Fair is bringing in "Arts Garden" to provide creative hands-on art projects for all ages, as well as the carving talents of Joe Semler, a wood carver.

Chisago Lakes Community Education
Real Artists Teaching Young Artists
\$15,000

During this project, Chisago Lakes Community Education will connect the children of southern Chisago County to high quality local artists in order to inspire them to become the artists of tomorrow. These artists will teach the students artistic skills, during after school and evening art classes. These professional artists will teach, inspire, and mentor the students and the result will be the production of their own artwork. The program will end with an open to the public art show that will feature the art of the students alongside the artwork created by the artists teaching them.

ECRAC ACHF Legacy Grant Program for Individual Artists

Keith Raivo Sculptural Bench
\$2,500

During this project the artist will create at least 25 separate castings using a model and mold making, wax casting process resulting in a new piece of sculptural art in the form of a functional bench. The focus of the project will be on model making and mold making, two steps in the lost wax casting process.

Kelli Rae Tubbs The Study of Trap Drummers and Playing Fills in Early Jazz, \$2,500

During this project the artist will work primarily with Daniel Glass, but will have some mentorship with Dr. T. Dennis "Denny" Brown, to continue her studies in early American drumming styles as well as learn how the drummers' role has changed from 1880 to 1925, along with the transition of ragtime to the Swing Era. Also during this private instruction the artist will learn how to perform fills typical for this early variation of the drum set commonly used in dance orchestras, silent movie theater orchestras, Vaudeville shows, and circus bands.

Shirl Chouinard Wool Fiber Art Project
\$2,500

During this project, the artist will work with three mentors who will assist in the artist advancement of learning product, managing and building business skills and developing a cohesive body of work that will engage the public. Her open to the public event will be at the Pine Center for the Arts in Pine City, MN.

Kelli Rae Tubbs A Study in Trap Drummers' Sound Effect Instruments
\$2,401

During this project, the artist will be learning the performance techniques associated with percussion sound effect instruments used during the Silent Film Era as well as the family history behind the sound effects invented and sold by the Ludwig and Ludwig Drum Company in the 1910's and 1920's with mentor William F. Ludwig III. She will learn from him as well as create video vignettes documenting the performance techniques and musical history of the sound effect instruments in his collection.

Zosha Warpeha Hardanger Fiddle Study
\$2,500

During this project, the artist will explore the Hardanger Fiddle's application in traditional Scandinavian music and its potential in contemporary improvised and written music. The artist will purchase a Hardanger fiddle and pursue an independent course of study, culminating in the composition, recording, and performance of new music. She will produce five new compositions for the Hardanger fiddle and three audio or video recordings to be published online and shared through social media, as well as host a public performance at the Princeton Library in Princeton, MN.

ECRAC Small/Arts Project Grant Program

East Central MN Pride Pride in the Park 2017
\$4,820

During this project, East Central MN Pride will provide live music/performances at the annual Pride in the Park 2017 summer festival. The event, free and open to all, gives LGBTQ people, their friends and allies an opportunity to create community and engage and educate the broader community within a cultural context.

Pine City Arts Council 40th Anniversary
\$5,000

During this project, Pine City Arts Council's Art in the Park celebrates its 40th Anniversary Pine City Arts Council and three of its ten Friday night concert series will be funded with this grant. All performances will be held in the covered gazebo at Robinson Park, centrally located in downtown Pine City.

In His Steps Ballet & Performing Arts Company Our Volitant Province
\$5,000

During this project, Our Volitant Province is a collaborative and interdisciplinary project through which the students of In His Steps Ballet & Performing Arts Company will create an original dance and musical production. With the assistance of professional artists, the students will use their creative writing, dance, and musical training to create original art. The students will showcase their creativity and perform Our Volitant Province on two occasions at the Richard Hardy Performing Arts Center in Cambridge.

Franconia Sculpture Park 2017 Guided Exhibition Tours
\$5,000

This project will support Franconia Sculpture Park's 2017 Guided Exhibition Tour Program, which will be conducted from May thru October 2017. This program will provide the public with guided tours and hands-on arts activities lead by professional artists and staff that promote educational advancement as well as hands-on interaction and exploration of over 120 sculptures on exhibition at Franconia Sculpture Park.

Pine Center for the Arts Summer Arts 2017
\$2,100

During this project, Pine Center for the Arts will host the Summer Arts Program for children in the Pine City and surrounding area. The classes will be offered to children in grades K-6th on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and Monday classes for High School Students. The program will run for six weeks, is free of charge and will offer arts

learning activities including sculpture, painting, music, movement and theater.

Wyoming Area Creative Arts Community In. Art Show
\$5,000

During this project, the Wyoming Area Creative Arts Community will host their 2nd annual juried "In. Art Show" at the Hallberg Center for the Arts in Wyoming, MN. The show will be held August 24th to October 15th with an opening ceremony on August 24th. The show is open to visual artists in Region 7E and the surrounding areas.

City of Cambridge Painting in the Park
\$2,535

During this project, the City of Cambridge will provide the citizens of Cambridge the opportunity to paint and create their own masterpiece. Every Thursday from July 13th - July 27th there will be painting classes in Cambridge City Park. Two classes a day, one for youth. Katherine Salverda will be the artist teaching these classes.

Franconia Sculpture Park Kids Make Sculpture
\$5,000

During this project, Franconia Sculpture Park will host their arts learning and arts-making program for youth ages 4 - 18. These workshops will be offered once a month starting in May and ending in September. During the workshop participants will build larger-than-life sculpture under the direct supervision and guidance of Franconia artists.

Pine City Arts Council Art on the Road 2017-2018
\$2,500

During this project, Pine City Arts Council will host Art on the Road, a program that brings people on field trips to experience art. This project will host three trips, the Chanhassen Dinner Theater, the Plymouth Playhouse, and lastly a combined trip to tour the artwork of the Minnesota State Capitol and also tour the fine artwork at U.S. Bank Stadium.

Wyoming Area Creative Arts Community Kids Can Be Artists, Too!
\$4,100

During this project, the Wyoming Area Creative Arts Community will host the 5th year of "Kids Can Be Artists, Too!" event during the Wyoming, MN Stagecoach Days September 15th-17th in Downtown Wyoming.

Franconia Sculpture Park 2017 Art and Artists Celebration
\$5,000

During this project, Franconia Sculpture Park will host the 2017 Art and Artists Celebration, a full-day family arts program held on Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 11am-6pm. This program invites the regional community to experience art and music through a multi-faceted program. Franconia artists and artist alumni will lead art-making stations, conduct guided exhibition tours focusing on the 40+ newly created and installed sculptures. Music will also be provided.

Chisago Lakes Community Education Community Theater: A Box Theater
\$5,000

During this project, Chisago Lakes Community Education will offer an adult, Black Box Theater experience for the adults living in the Chisago Lakes area. The project will be led by artist Rachel Lexvold who has an extensive resume of acting and directing. The one performance of the show will take place on March 8 and will be free and open to the public. This one performance will be filmed and then televised on the local cable channel.

ECRAC McKnight Individual Artist Grant Program

Steve Weihsmann Journey to Excellence
\$1,000

During this project, the artist will "Journey to Excellence" during a 12 month study with a mentor. Meeting for about an hour each session, the focus of the mentorship will be on adding detail to paintings, light and shadow, color mixing and brushing techniques.

Chad Filley Mentorship with Kevin Kling
\$1,000

During this project, the artist will mentor with world-renowned storyteller Kevin Kling who has agreed to mentor the artist through a variety of methods including reading and editing his works, face to face meetings to further develop material, and offering storytelling coaching.

Michael Anderson Return to Glass Work
\$1,000

During this project, the artist will purchase the equipment necessary to etch glass with a sandblasting technique. The equipment purchase will allow handling of light weight equipment that doesn't take the precision of hand movements that etching with a hand held carver requires. The artist is emerging and will develop this artistic interest.

Jake Callahan Getting to the Next Level
\$1,000

During this project, the artist will further his artistic development in photography by attending a workshop on the North Shore of Lake Superior with Cold Snap Photography.

Jessica Miller Kiln for Ceramic Lighting Collection
\$1,000

During this project, the artist will bring unique clay ideas to life in her own studio by purchasing an electric kiln. As a teacher she has not had the opportunity to focus on her own art and is ready to expand her personal artistic skills and portfolio. Her first project will be a collection of eight lamp shades, using different clay bodies and glazes, and exploring how carving and texture allow for light penetration.

Sarah Howes Source Song Festival
\$1,000

During this project, the artist will attend the Source Song Festival for the continuation of her solo career. The Source Song Festival is a five day singers institute with masterclasses and recitals by international artists. The festival brings master vocal coaches, pianists and composers alongside singers and pianists for the purpose of coaching them on the art of performing song recital repertoire.

Art in Our Schools Grant Program

Braham Area High School The Composition Experience
\$830

During this project, students in the Braham Area High School Band will work directly with the Composer Darryl Johnson II on April 11, 2017. He will talk with the students about the composition process and give tips about how his music is intended to be performed. He will also teach the High School math students about the connection between music and math. Following the residency the students will perform the works of Darryl Johnson II at the May 1, 2017 Spring Concert which is open to all.

Princeton Public Schools One Community /One Read
\$3,000

During this project, The Princeton School District will be hosting its first ever One Community/One Read event. Every student in the district, pre-K through 12, will receive a free book that explores the theme of "belonging." Community members will have the option of reading any, or all, of books along with all the students in the district. Reading a common book together will spark a community-wide conversation and will begin to establish culture of literacy in every home.

Cambridge-Isanti Comm. Education Artist in Residence
\$3,000

During this project, Cambridge-Isanti High School, Cambridge Middle School, and Isanti Middle School bands will spend a week working with Nick Videen, a jazz musician based out of New York. Nick is a former Cambridge-Isanti Schools graduate who will share his experience with the Cambridge-Isanti bands culminating in a community performance.

Braham School District Youth Musical Theater Camp
\$420

During this project, the Braham School Dist. will expose youth in grades 3-7 to a two week musical theater program where they will learn some basic singing, dancing and acting skills. The hope is this program will create interest in theater as they advance to the high school.

About ECRAC

The East Central Regional Arts Council (ECRAC) is a Minnesota Regional Arts Council serves Region 7E the Counties of Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, and Pine.

The mission of ECRAC is to support the arts and bring the life enhancing values they afford to Region 7E residents. This is done primarily through the funding of grants to artists and to organizations sponsoring arts events and activities. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and by appointment.

ECRAC's programs are made possible with funds provided by The McKnight Foundation, and by the voters of Minnesota thanks to legislative appropriations from the general fund and the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.



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