



ARTS & CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND 2025-2027 MHC GRANTEES

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2025-2027 DIRECT APPROPRIATIONS			
Awardee	Award Amount	Location (City)	Project Overview
(Neo) Muralismos de Mexico	\$100,000.00	St. Paul	(Neo) Muralismos de Mexico will lay the groundwork for Minnesota’s first Latino-focused museum and its large-scale exhibit, "MuralMania," celebrating the Mexican Muralist Movement and Latino arts, scheduled for 2027–2028.
Lundstrum Center for the Performing Arts	\$100,000.00	Minneapolis	Lundstrum Center for the Performing Arts will provide high-quality musical theater classes and performances with professional instruction, customized scores, and full technical production, made accessible through the Lundstrum Scholarship Fund. The program fosters artistic growth, life skills, and confidence in students to prepare them for future stage opportunities while nurturing individuality and self-expression.
United Hmong Family	\$150,000.00	St. Paul	United Hmong Family will provide a large-scale Hmong cultural event, with dance performances, competitions, exhibitions, and programming that will showcase traditional and contemporary dances, cultural artifacts, and community talent.

2025-2027 EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANTS			
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Friends of Frog Tree Farm	\$47,100.00	Verndale	The project will deploy culturally competent crisis teams, integrate arts-based healing in schools, support student-led cultural honoring art projects.
Dakota Wicohan	\$40,000.00	Morton	Dakota Omani – Journey to MakaTo is a four-year sacred horseback, running, and walking journey retracing the path from Birch Coulee to Mankato to honor the 38 Dakota men executed in 1862 and to support collective remembrance.



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Living Naturally Abundant	\$30,000.00	St. Paul	Living Naturally Abundant project will include: 1) community events, 2) virtual circles, 3) youth engagement, 4) culturally grounded wellness practices, and 5) a collaborative mural honoring Elder Melvin Giles, a community leader in St. Paul.
Lotus Arts Center	\$27,825.00	Minneapolis	Lotus Arts Center will provide culturally grounded spaces for stabilization, healing, and connection, through 1) community gatherings, 2) hands-on cultural arts workshops, and 3) a digital memorial.
Reviving Sisterhood (RISE)	\$21,570.00	Minneapolis	Reviving Sisterhood (RISE) will create culturally programming for Muslim women and families in South Minneapolis.

2025-2027 CHILDREN'S MUSEUMS GRANTS

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Children's Museum of Southern MN cmsouthernmn.org	\$83,000.00	Mankato	Legacy funding will support three new exhibits: 1) Block Building, 2) Rethink Your Drink, and Infant/Toddler Play Porch exhibits. Funding will also support enhancements to the new outdoor water play experience.
Children's Discovery Center	\$170,000.00	Grand Rapids	Children's Discovery Center will design and fabricate the Nature Play Gallery exhibit, that will combine the adventure of physical play with opportunities to grow confidence, resilience, and creativity, for youth. This floor to ceiling treehouse exhibit was inspired by the Dakota, and will include motor sensory elements such as rope bridges, steps, ladders, slides, treehouses, and a natural playscape for youth - with navigation, communication, exploration, and discovery education.
Duluth Children's Museum duluthchildrensmuseum.org	\$190,000.00	Duluth	Duluth Children's Museum will create and expand interactive arts and cultural exhibits that will strengthen learning opportunities for children and families across Northern Minnesota and includes: 1) Air Tube Scarf Launcher exhibit, 2) Icon Climber & Outdoor Play exhibit, 3) enhancements to the Manoomin and Snowland exhibits, 4) Learning Lab Art Wall, and 5) Fossil Fun Displays and programming.



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Great River Children's Museum greatrivercm.org	\$103,200.00	St. Cloud	Great River Children's Museum will create exhibits highlighting prominent cultures, coupled with outreach and videos.
Children's Discovery Museum cdmkids.org	\$200,000.00	Grand Rapids	Children's Discovery Museum will design, fabricate, and install a "Wizard of Oz" themed 18-hole, outdoor miniature golf course.
Mini Sota Agricultural Children's Museum minisotamuseum.org	\$53,750.00	Benson	Mini Sota will develop and implement inclusive, hands-on educational programming for youth. Students will explore agriculture, environmental stewardship, food systems, and sustainability through interactive exhibits and curriculum-based lessons. Programming will integrate STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) and storytelling to connect learners.
Otter Cove Children's Museum ottercoveff.org	\$148,490.50	Fergus Falls	Otter Cove will expand arts and cultural programming to inspire creativity, celebrate community heritage, and bring learning opportunities to families throughout Minnesota, by 1) developing two new arts-themed On the Go lessons, 2) hosting art classes with community partners, 3) launching a artist-in-residency program, 4) enhancing The Makers Shop, 5) creating two new Change It Up exhibits, 6) hosting summer mini camps, 7) developing new cultural education lessons, 8) enhancing the Farm and Field exhibit, and 9) providing outreach to underserved communities through Community Play Days.
Minnesota Children's Museum mcm.org	\$945,000.00	St. Paul	Minnesota's Children's Museum will enhance learning experiences by creating and updating exhibits, flexible galleries, and facilitated programming that support social-emotional development, early STEM learning, creativity, and imaginative play.
SPARK sparkrochesterminn.org	\$102,000.00	Rochester	Legacy funding will support the Airwall Exhibit and Gather and Grow program. The Airwall Exhibit combines youth hands-on learning and exploration through air currents and provides cause and effect education, build and strengthen fine motor control and coordination. Integrated art elements will guide movement inspired by Indigenous storytelling.
The Works Museum theworks.org	\$99,957.00	Bloomington	Legacy funding will support the I BELONG HERE exhibits and artwork, which will help children feel welcomed and that their experiences and viewpoints



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			are seen and valued, by: 1) working with a local muralist to create a large-scale art installation that reflects the community's voices on the exterior of the building, 2) building a multi-purpose outdoor gathering place for workshops and camps to teach about wind, soil and water, to support youth education and art experiences.
WonderTrek Children's Museum wondertrekmuseum.org	\$200,000.00	Brainerd	WonderTrek will fabricate and install the following exhibits: 1) Water on the Move, 2) Mud!, 3) Wonder Workshop, and 4) Minnesota's Longest Picnic Table. Funding will also support the production of exhibit labels in Ojibwe language text and headers.

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African Economic Development Solutions (AEDS)	\$300,000.00	St. Paul	African Economic Development Solutions (AEDS) will support artist residencies and exhibits, deliver interpretive programming, and train youth in digital heritage preservation. This project includes 1) exhibitions, 2) public dialogues, 3) storytelling, and 4) digital archiving and will preserve African cultural heritage in Minnesota.
Green Card Voices	\$222,347.00	Minneapolis	Green Card Voices will display 100 unique immigrant and refugee voices through multimedia exhibits and storytelling programs to foster cross-community understanding, throughout Minnesota.
Hmong Museum	\$140,000.00	St. Paul	Hmong Museum will support Hmong culture bearers, experts, and community partners, in creating a 3,000-square-foot immersive exhibit, "The Hmong Story: A Place to Call Our Own", at the Pan Asian Center in Maplewood Mall. The exhibit will explore Hmong history from the American Secret War to their contributions in Minnesota through artifacts, elder oral histories, interactive digital experiences, and hands-on cultural activities such as traditional clothing and hemp weaving.



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East Side Freedom Library	\$163,243.00	St. Paul	East Side Freedom Library will support the development and implementation of curriculum and programming that brings the Community Digital Repository’s archival collections of under-represented histories into use. This includes “Art ‘n Archives” workshops for public school students resulting in public exhibits, community archiving workshops with partners including the Rondo Community Land Trust.
Minnesota Prison Writing Workshop	\$89,000.00	St. Paul	Minnesota Prison Writing Workshop will support, The Walls Remember: Stories from Stillwater Prison, a collaborative humanities exhibition developed by the Minnesota Prison Writing Workshop (MPWW). The project explores the human and cultural legacy of the Minnesota Correctional Facility–Stillwater, one of the state’s oldest and most symbolically charged institutions, through newly created oral histories, writings, and visual works, by incarcerated and formerly incarcerated Minnesotans.
Hennepin History Museum	\$37,211.00	Minneapolis	Hennepin History Museum will create an exhibit centered on a multi-generational Dakota family that explores water, land, and storytelling from the past to



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			the present. The Dakota Family History exhibit takes the concept of Mni Sota Makoce and makes it tangible and accessible to people through the power of authentic story grounded in shared humanity. In the exhibit, family members will share their perspectives as a family that never left Mni Sota Makoce after the U.S.-Dakota War enhanced by loaned objects and commissioned art works for both the exhibit and museum collection.
Native Skywatchers Inc.	\$127,106.00	Maple Grove	Native Skywatchers Inc. will create an Indigenous-led, sound-based moving-image art installation, “Turtle Island Soundscapes – the Exhibit Experience,” that will inspire visitors to experience the sounds of Minnesota waters, land, and sky through the perspective of non-human inhabitants, such as turtles, birds, bats, and frogs. The exhibit will open at the Silverwood Art Center in St. Anthony, Minnesota. Additional activities include opening and closing events, a Youth Workshop, an Educator Resource Guide, and presentations at the Three Rivers Turtle Fest, French Regional Park
Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES)	\$230,000.00	St. Paul	CLUES will support RAICES E IDENTIDAD (English translation: Roots of Identity): Past, Present, Future, a series of three Latino cultural exhibits in the Galeria de Arte Latina and one traveling exhibit that celebrates Latino heritage through mixed media, film, and photography across multiple cities.
Ely Folk School	\$20,051.00	Ely	Ely Folk School will support the creation of an online collection of eight educational videos exploring the food and culture of the Iron Range through oral histories and cooking demonstrations. The project will preserve these stories digitally, highlight diverse community experiences, and serve as a learning resource for both longtime and new residents.
Dakota Wicohan	\$88,542.00	Morton	Dakota Wicohan will invest in high-quality storage and displays (safeguarding fragile cultural items) and expand exhibit capacity.