



Past Grantees (2019-2025)

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2023-2025 Biennium MHC Grants

175 Awardees; \$15,400,000 Awarded

ARTS & MUSIC EDUCATION GRANTEES

Alive & Kickin

Award Amount: \$12,400.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This one-year pilot program expands the Seniors Rock Academy to offer inclusive music and performing arts education for seniors, focusing on low-income, diverse, and disabled adults. Funding will support six to nine workshops, during which music educators will guide participants in a range of activities including songwriting, vocal technique, and performance confidence. Classes will be held at accessible community locations. Participants will also have the opportunity to perform for intergenerational audiences and join the Senior Rock Ensemble for ongoing creative engagement.

Community Action Center

Award Amount: \$33,000.00

Location (City): Northfield

Project Overview: This project will provide arts and music education scholarships and transportation assistance to low income and other underserved youth and adults in Rice County.

Duluth Art Institute

Award Amount: \$54,650.00

Location (City): Duluth

Project Overview: This project will help the Duluth Art Institute (DAI) offer culturally specific classes in traditional craft and folk art. Workshops will be focused primarily on Anishinaabe and Sami (Indigenous people from Norway) traditions.

Fahan Organization

Award Amount: \$23,540.00

Location (City): Saint Cloud

Project Overview: This project offers free, inclusive art education for elementary-aged children with special needs in the St. Cloud Area School District. It consists of two sixweek workshops focused on creative expression through multisensory visual arts such as painting, collage, marbling, and sensory storybook creation. Children receive developmentally appropriate instruction designed to support communication, motor skills, emotional regulation, and joyful exploration.



Healthy Community Initiative

Award Amount: \$72,980.00

Location (City): Northfield

Project Overview: This project will support youth living in rural Rice County towards no cost art and music exploration. The project will increase access to arts and music education, including music skills, visual arts, and performing arts avenues that are otherwise unavailable due to prohibitive factors like cost and transportation.

Lotus Art Center

Award Amount: \$24,900.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Lotus Arts Center will expand access to arts education by offering transportation support, interpretation assistance, and scholarships for arts and music classes and studio access.

New Arab American Theater Works

Award Amount: \$75,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: New Arab American Theater Works will provide opportunities for SWANA (Southwest Asian/North African), BIPOC, and Muslim individuals in Minnesota to join two intensive arts classes in Middle Eastern Percussion, and Performance Techniques for the Stage. These classes will culminate in showcases for the community at large.

The Park Place

Award Amount: \$50,461.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: The Park Place will expand culturally rooted arts and music enrichment for youth in South Minneapolis. The project will integrate a twice-weekly, no-cost arts program into our existing after-school elementary programming, reaching 45–60 youth ages 5–13. Four six-week sessions will be taught by professional Latine teaching artists, focusing on theater, music, printmaking/book arts, and jewelrymaking. This project offers youth high-quality, culturally relevant arts education in a familiar setting, removing barriers related to cost, transportation, and language.

Planting People Growing Justice

Award Amount: \$17,424.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Planting People Growing Justice Leadership Institute seeks support to provide 60 scholarships for BIPOC and low-income youth (up to age 25) in the Twin Cities to participate in



creative writing workshops focused on diverse, culturally relevant children's books. These three-part workshops will teach the basics of writing fiction, non-fiction, and children's literature, led by experienced Black literary artists and writing coaches. The program aims to address the lack of diversity and representation in publishing by empowering young people to tell their own stories. Through storytelling, the project promotes healing, creativity, and cultural pride while building pathways for a more inclusive literary future in Minnesota.

StoryArk

Award Amount: \$80,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: StoryArk will bring an in-school creative writing program to South Washington County Schools— offering high-quality, identity-affirming arts education at no cost to the district or students. StoryArk will partner with the district to deliver the program directly within AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) high school classrooms, leveraging the district's strong AVID infrastructure to serve students from historically marginalized communities.

Theater Mu

Award Amount: \$30,040.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Theater Mu will expand Mu Stories, a theater residency program for Asian American and underserved youth, to reach new school partners across the Twin Cities. This program will teach students basics on theater, self-expression, and stage performance with a goal of empowerment. Mu Stories introduces students to theater fundamentals, storytelling, and performance as tools for empowerment and self-expression.

The Works Museum

Award Amount: \$321,964.00

Location (City): Bloomington

Project Overview: The Works Museum will design, fabricate, and install a new exhibit with partners from Minnesota's East African, Hmong, and Latinx communities that forwards elementary education goals and celebrates Minnesota's rich cultural diversity.

Zeitgeist Center for Arts & Community

Award Amount: \$48,950.00

Location (City): Duluth

Project Overview: This project includes launching nine new communitybased filmmaking, theater, and improvisation classes throughout Northeast Minnesota (NE MN) and responds directly to the needs of rural communities, Indigenous community members, communities of color, and low-income families for



accessible arts education opportunities that build life-long skills, amplify local stories, and nurture creative expression.

CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTEES

African Economic Development Solutions (AEDS)

Award Amount: \$67,000.00

Location: Saint Paul

Project Overview: African Economic Development Solutions will sustain and expand fund development team skills by providing overall support, including staff training and coaching. The project has the following key objectives: 1) hire expertise to train staff on fund development planning; 2) grant writing training and support; 3) grant research; 4) grants management and reporting; 5) sponsorship fundraising; 6) grant application writing for humanities programs.

ASAL Charities

Award Amount: \$18,334.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: ASAL will enhance operations in three areas: 1) nonprofit management; 2) grant writing and reporting; 3) fundraising strategy development. This project has the following key objectives: 1) train and assist staff on grant writing and reporting for non-profit management; 2) hire experts to conduct strategic planning, fiscal management, and community outreach training; 3) hire consultation to identify, monitor, and communicate fundraising campaign opportunities, grant writing, tracking progress, and project management.

Asian American Business Resilience Network (AABRN)

Award Amount: \$67,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: The Asian American Business Resilience Network will enhance capacity building grant writing skills tailored for federal grants to effectively raise funding. This project has these key objectives: 1) train and assist staff on grant writing and reporting with emphasis on federal grant writing; 2) hire experts to conduct federal compliance training; 3) obtain consultation to develop, monitor, and communicate fundraising campaign including fundraising strategies and planning; 4) seek partnerships with organizations experienced in securing federal funding; 5) technology integration.

Asian Media Access, Inc.

Award Amount: \$24,990.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Asian Media Access (AMA) will embark on a capacitybuilding project aimed at cultivating individual donors from Asian American and Pacific Islanders (APIs) and the public, and



encompasses a multifaceted approach to enhance grant writing, reporting, nonprofit management, and fundraising capabilities. Key activities include: 1) train and assist board/staff on grant writing and reporting; 2) build internal expertise in grant writing and reporting by obtaining consultation and training from experts in donor solicitation.

Brownbody

Award Amount: \$52,500.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Brownbody will 1) expand fundraising through grant seeking and increasing revenue streams; 2) streamline operational practices; 3) build a strong foundation for deeper, more frequent, and consistent communication and engagement with MN communities.

Cow Tipping Press

Award Amount: \$15,845.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Cow Tipping Press will 1) hire a consultant with STAR Services to undergo the process of becoming a Department of Human Services (DHS) billable activity; 2) consult with the Mobius Group to bring accounting and HR practices onto more automated platforms; 3) consult with Corvus North on best practices for growing donations from major gifts and family foundations.

Dakota Wicohan

Award Amount: \$34,126.00

Location (City): Morton

Project Overview: Dakota Wicohan will hire a consultant to 1) sustain success and growth; 2) train and empower staff; 3) foster leadership from within the community; 4) prepare for future challenges and opportunities.

Department of Public Transformation

Award Amount: \$36,795.00

Location (City): Granite Falls

Project Overview: The Department of Public Transformation will hire a Development Consultant to lead the Board and staff toward more sustainable and intentional fundraising strategies. Specifically, to teach skills in building annual giving programs, creating audit systems and policies, coach staff and board on effective fundraising strategies, and implement processes that can evolve as the organization continues to grow.

Duluth Art Institute Association (DAI)

Award Amount: \$52,493.00



Location (City): Duluth

Project Overview: DAI will hire consultation and training from a nonprofit expert in capacity building to 1) shape and execute a robust capacity building development strategy; 2) create a comprehensive approach to building sustainable support networks; 3) conduct stakeholder outreach; 4) develop and implement campaign strategies; 5) train staff and board members to write and report on grants.

Interact Center for the Visual & Performing Arts

Award Amount: \$52,500.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Interact Center for the Visual & Performing Arts will 1) hire an Outreach & Communications consultant to work with staff to identify partners and opportunities for Interact artists with disabilities to present performances, arts exhibitions, and hands-creativity workshops throughout Minnesota; 2) create targeted outreach list; 3) create fresh messaging; 4) develop implementation plan; 5) facilitate training.

Life House, Inc.

Award Amount: \$10,308.00

Location (City): Duluth

Project Overview: Life House will develop an in-depth strategic planning process lead by Northspan Consulting to 1) develop a three-year strategic plan; 2) analyze contradictions; 3) create an action plan.

(Neo)Muralismos de Mexico (NMM)

Award Amount: \$47,317.00

Location: Saint Paul

Project Overview: (Neo)Muralismos de Mexico will develop internal capacity as they develop a "Mexican & Latino Museum of Minnesota". Key objectives include: 1) hire a consultant to support strategic planning; 2) hire an HR consultant; 3) hire a legal consultant; 4) website development.

QUEERSPACE collective

Award Amount: \$28,280.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: QUEERSPACE will hire a grant writing expert consultant to 1) support grant prospect research to help identify potential funders; 2) train and assist the Development and Communications Director to review and update current grant materials and language to develop robust and effective grant proposals.

Somali Artifact and Cultural Museum

Award Amount: \$67,500.00



Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: The Somali Artifact and Cultural Museum will elevate board governance and staff development to ensure the museum's long-term sustainability, enriching the cultural landscape and fostering community engagement. This project has three key objectives: 1) stabilize operating revenue & financial systems; 2) develop a five-year strategic plan; 3) increase board governance and staff development.

StoryArk

Award Amount: \$31,108.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: StoryArk will hire nonprofit management experts who have a history of working with BIPOC led cultural organizations to develop new systems and processes and train Executive Director, Board, and staff, in 1) grant seeking, writing, and reporting; 2) creating strong evaluation measures; 3) building capacity and fundraising ability.

The Cedar Cultural Center

Award Amount: \$35,654.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: The Cedar Cultural Center will 1) hire an expert on auditing overall fundraising strategies and systems; 2) work with staff to create an annual fundraising plan; 3) coach staff to build a culture of philanthropy; 4) coach the board on funding responsibilities; 5) create a job description for a Donor Relations Officer to implement recommendations; 6) carry out database migration.

Urban Roots MN

Award Amount: \$67,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Urban Roots will 1) hire a consultant to build the fundraising knowledge and capabilities of Urban Root's staff and leadership; 2) strategize for individual and major donor cultivation; 3) build capacity for increasing revenue stream, compile research on donors to guide skill-building and engagement.

CHILDREN'S MUSEUMS GRANTEES

Asian American Business Resilience Network (AABRN)

Award Amount: \$50,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This project supports two exhibit developments: 1) Highway 94 displacement of the Rondo neighborhood; 2) a 3D Asian Goddess Folktale exhibit.



Children's Museum of Southern MN

Award Amount: \$220,000.00

Location (City): Mankato

Project Overview: This project includes new exhibit components and enhancements to help educate youth through the power of play, and provide art programs for children of all ages and abilities using adaptive art tools and sensory items.

Children's Discovery Center

Award Amount: \$180,000.00

Location (City): Grand Rapids

Project Overview: This project will support new exhibit components, including an agriculture heritage exhibit, that will showcase the farming way of life and the importance of family farms for the country's food source. It includes workshops and hands-on learning in roles such as gardener, farmer, processor, seed agronomist, farmers market vendor, and consumer.

Duluth Children's Museum

Award Amount: \$215,000.00

Location (City): Duluth

Project Overview: This project includes several exhibit creations and enhancements; multilingual signage in English, Ojibwe, Spanish, and Braille, and support to the Children's Museum Educator program.

Great River Children's Museum

Award Amount: \$280,000.00

Location (City): Saint Cloud

Project Overview: This project will produce content for the Headwaters exhibit including: 1) creation and content development of Meet Your Neighbor stations; 2) creation of two murals and a sculpture celebrating diversity; 3) new exhibit design in partnership with Stearns County History Museum; 4) design an art fence for the Outdoor Adventures exhibit.

Judy Garland Children's Museum

Award Amount: \$127,581.00

Location (City): Grand Rapids

Project Overview: This project will support new exhibit components and enhancements, provide admissions and transportation to underserved and diverse communities, and teacherled programs for children that are sensory sensitive, in relationship with Autism Society of Minnesota.



Mini Sota Agricultural Children's Museum

Award Amount: \$25,000.00

Location (City): Benson

Project Overview: This project includes a new exhibit component that includes a variety of farm production machinery, diverse agriculture commodities, and livestock, and provides an interactive learning experience about agricultural production and the art of manufacturing food for every culture.

Minnesota Children's Museum

Award Amount: \$472,500.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: This project includes new exhibit components and enhancements to help educate youth and expand outreach.

(Neo) Muralismos de Mexico (NMM)

Award Amount: \$80,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: (Neo)Muralismos de Mexico will develop and launch new youth programming in partnership through Mankato Youth Camp (MN State University Mankato), Austin Area Children (Austin folk artist Flor Soto, City of Austin, Austin Area Arts, and Riverland Community College), Saint Paul's West Side (Wellstone Center, St. Paul Parks and Recreation, and local schools), and South Minneapolis (Lake Street businesses and organizations). Including a two-week camp, workshops, hands-on art activities, painting, papier-mâché, and public art.

SPARK

Award Amount: \$150,000.00

Location (City): Rochester

Project Overview: This project supports programming that celebrates the rich and diverse community of Olmsted County through field trips, community access events, museum-to-go, and free family passes.

WonderTrek Children's Museum

Award Amount: \$280,000.00

Location (City): Brainerd

Project Overview: This project will support a co-creative engagement program with Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe children, families, and educators, highlighting the art, culture, and heritage of North Central Minnesota.



The Works Museum

Award Amount: \$321,964.00

Location (City): Bloomington

Project Overview: The Works Museum will design, fabricate, and install a new exhibit with partners from Minnesota's East African, Hmong, and Latinx communities that forwards elementary education goals and celebrates Minnesota's rich cultural diversity.

CIVICS GRANTEES

ASAL Charities

Award Amount: \$21,500.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: ASAL Charities will enhance civic engagement within the East African community in the Twin Cities, honoring and celebrating its unique culture. "Empowering Voices" will integrate cultural nuances into civic education throughout twelve sessions focusing on the significance of voting, civic involvement, and active participation in civic life.

Legal Rights Center, Inc.

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Legal Rights Center, Inc. will provide a critical missing component to civics education for youth in our communities, ensuring they have the information and practical skills necessary to fully utilize their constitutionally protected rights. This project builds upon a foundation of existing "Know Your Rights" curricula to 1) develop curriculum around new topics; 2) develop zines, 1-page explainers, videos, and other new assets to be accessed digitally as well as circulated throughout schools and community spaces; 3) host a "Know Your Rights camp" and convening for Twin Cities youth.

Minnesota Legislative Society

Award Amount: \$190,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Minnesota Legislative Society will expand the Model Legislature program to Central Minnesota through St. Cloud State University by bringing in local elected officials to participate. It will incorporate caucus meetings and involve students as lobbyists. The Model Legislature event engages students directly by: working in committees that mirror standing committees of the Minnesota legislature; debating, amending, and voting on bills in committee; debating and sending to the governor for the program.



Move for America

Award Amount: \$101,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Move for America will engage youth ages 14-18 in interactive groups to increase participants' relationships across differences; interest in and understanding of civic engagement; media fluency and source evaluation. Through this project, youth will build the skills, knowledge, and relationships they need to be active, connected, and informed citizens.

Young Men's Christian Association of The North (YMCA)

Award Amount: \$40,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: The YMCA Center for Youth Voice helps preserve Minnesota's strong civic cultural heritage by teaching civic knowledge (law, democracy, government), skills, and traditions to the next generation. This project brings in diverse new participants and content for two experiential civics learning programs – Youth in Government (YIG) and Students Voting – by increasing access for youth who identify as Black, Indigenous, or people of color (BIPOC), including those in Greater Minnesota and in rural areas. YIG allows students in grades 8-12 to prepare for and run a four-day model government. Students Voting allows K-12 students to vote in a realistic statewide mock election.

Youthprise

Award Amount: \$81,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Youthprise is partnering with Believe In What's Possible to launch Turn Up to Turn Out, a youth-led project to increase youth participation in Minnesota politics through youth-led civic education and events.

CULTURAL & ETHNIC STUDIES GRANTEES

Black Bears and Blueberries Publishing

Award Amount: \$49,679.00

Location (City): Duluth

Project Overview: This project will create interactive materials supporting K-12 Native students and increase the depth/breadth of ALL K-12 students' knowledge in Burnsville Public Schools (ISD191) by connecting them to innovative formats of Native arts, culture and heritage. This project will provide accessible cultural and ethnic studies materials in Native cultural trunks for schools and is designed to immerse students in Native art, culture, and heritage. The trunks will include an interactive website and components such as hands-on activities, storytelling tools, and visual/media resources that bring Native traditions to life, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of indigenous cultures.



Diis, Abdirizak

Award Amount: \$76,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This project supports a Somali ethnic studies curriculum for grades 9-12, with potential adaptations for middle school. Students will examine current issues facing Somali Americans, emphasizing their multifaceted identities. They will engage with community-based organizations and with Somali American leaders. The goal of this course is to preserve and celebrate Somali heritage, building from the contributions of Somali Americans in Minnesota.

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College

Award Amount: \$32,000.00

Location (City): Cloquet

Project Overview: The goal of this project is to create an innovative OER (Open Education Resource) beginner level Ojibwe language textbook for use in K-12 education. The Ojibwe language is primarily an oral language and therefore lacking in written materials such as textbooks. Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College (FDLTCC) faculty members will collaborate with K-12 educators to develop and pilot this textbook. The online format of this textbook will make it free and easily accessible to educators, students, or community members interested in learning Ojibwe language.

Green Card Voices

Award Amount: \$190,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: The majority of this funding will support NMM's largest public art exhibit ever — "Alebrijes: Creatures of a Dream World" — and promoting the associated artists and community art classes.

Minors

Award Amount: \$43,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: This project includes a 60-page Hmong to English language book for 6th grade social studies students that includes a comprehensive photographic and narrative account of the refugee life experienced by tens of thousands of Minnesotans. These books will be made ready for publication (including 100 printed copies) and distributed to schools and organizations serving Minnesota Hmong communities.

Regents of the University of Minnesota

Award Amount: \$82,000.00



Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This project is centered on the University of Minnesota's RIDGS Ethnic Studies Database. The Ethnic Studies Database aims to provide lesson plans tailored to K-12 teachers' needs. The database is tied to the Minnesota Social Studies benchmarks and will be tied to the forthcoming framework. The plans all contain community-produced knowledge by centering oral histories, primary source photographs and testimonies, and local and indigenous mapping projects, and all are Minnesota-specific.

CULTURAL HERITAGE GRANTEES

826 MSP

Award Amount: \$85,969.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: 826 MSP will expand school partnerships in two keyways: 1) add a new in-school workshop program to facilitate antiracist creative writing units in elementary and middle-school classrooms; 2) expand community engagement work through the addition of Whole-Family Workshops, in partnership with local schools and community organizations.

APIA MN Film Collective

Award Amount: \$150,000.00

Location (City): Savage

Project Overview: APIA MN Film Collective will create a new program, the New Works! Lab, a season of new films created, produced, directed, and starring Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIA) filmmaking artists from Minnesota. We will showcase these films for our community to watch in the Twin Cities, Duluth, Rochester, and Fergus Falls to include: 1) the production of 8 new film works by Asian Minnesotan filmmaking artists; 2) five screenings throughout the Metro and greater Minnesota; 3) hosting workshops led by filmmaking artists on writing screenplays, how to generate film ideas, and more.

ASAL Charities

Award Amount: \$21,600.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: ASAL Charities will empower elders and the wider community to preserve, celebrate, and honor our identity and culture. This proposal would fund both 1) an intergenerational culturebearing training program and, 2) add a new cultural celebration component to the annual Ireechaa Festival.

Asian Economic Development Association (AEDA)

Award Amount: \$190,000.00



Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: This project, SEA Us Write & Design Fellowship, is an arts and cultural education program aimed at helping lower-income Minnesota Southeast Asian youth aged 16-18 develop as writers and artists. The program will provide creative writing classes and internships during summer breaks and after school, offering inclusive spaces and culturally relevant activities. Participants will have the opportunity to express themselves, develop leadership skills, and foster relationships with peers and positive adult mentors.

Asian Media Access, Inc.

Award Amount: \$23,742.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Asian Media Access will create a new cultural destination at the former St. Paul Sears parking lot, with a weekly Multicultural Night Market in Summer 2024.

Bemidji State University

Award Amount: \$14,800.00

Location (City): Lake Elmo

Project Overview: This project will help to expand the inaugural Diverse Texts Conference for educators. This conference was designed to promote literature representing diverse people and perspectives and provide workshops and sessions on guidance for integrating such texts in K-College classrooms. The expansion project preserves and honors Native American heritage by showcasing cultural events for area educators.

Bliatia, Ka Ly

Award Amount: \$24,900.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: This project is a workshop series project aimed to preserve cultural heritage by transferring knowledge on Hmong batik and indigo textile art, a traditional practice lost to Hmong Minnesotans. Workshops will be led by Artist Ka Oskar Ly, and include Hmong elders, youth, families, educators, and broader community members, who will immerse in the Hmong batik practice. These sessions will provide valuable insights into shared oral history, symbolism, and techniques, emphasizing comprehension of the entire process and its cultural significance.

Central Minnesota Community Empowerment Organization

Award Amount: \$70,000.00

Location (City): Saint Cloud

Project Overview: Central MN Community Empowerment Organization will revitalize the use of cultural and artistic expressions for the Somali youth of Minnesota to preserve and display their cultural



heritage. CMCEO plans to promote patriotism and citizenship through cultural heritage where artists are trained to compose Somali creative arts and music. This will enable youth to learn their cultural heritage and creativity in an engaging environment. The project focuses on 1) training 100 young artists to compose and create Somali cultural and creative music and arts; 2) developing the skills of 20 female artists in the composition of Buranbur, a traditional Somali poetry form; 3) providing a platform for youth to express their cultural identity and engage in social dialogue; 4) preserving and honoring the rich cultural heritage of the Somali community in Minnesota.

Coalition of Asian American Leaders

Award Amount: \$200,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: This project is a documentary and includes working in partnership with East Side Freedom Library (ESFL) and Vietnamese Social Services (VSS) and Cambodian American Partnership (CAP) with the collaborative aim to provide a platform for Southeast Asian women to share their experiences – preserving history, honoring more inclusively the lives impacted, and building awareness of these stories in Minnesota, of particular relevance for our state where Cambodian, Hmong, Laotian, and Vietnamese American communities established post-Vietnam War and continue to grow.

College of St. Benedict

Award Amount: \$157,514.00

Location (City): Winona

Project Overview: The Tastes of Winona project brings area residents together to connect through the preparation and sharing of traditional cultural foods. This series of eight community events will feature cooking instructors, leading participants in preparing dishes while sharing cultural presentations. Each event includes cooking, a shared meal, and information about the featured culture and cuisine. Held at the accessible Eagles Club with interpreters, childcare, and transportation available, the project fosters relationships and cross-cultural connections while ensuring inclusivity for all participants. Pre-registration is encouraged to accommodate attendees.

COMPAS

Award Amount: \$46,500.00

Location (City): Anoka

Project Overview: Minnesota Teaching Artists from African, Indigenous, Latinx, and/or Asian heritages, will develop & deliver community-inspired arts programs that teach an art form with roots in their cultural heritage. Artists will select the Minnesota community where their residency will be delivered, focusing on increasing access to the art form. Over the course of multiple sessions, participants will learn the art form's cultural context, artists from that culture who have influenced it, and create the art form. The art and cultural learnings will be shared between participants from the



various programs during gatherings and cultural exchanges for participants. They'll also be shared during exhibits or performances for the hosting communities.

Cow Tipping Press

Award Amount: \$67,500.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Cow Tipping Press works to change narratives on intellectual/developmental disability (I/DD)—in practice and in print. This project includes three long-desired initiatives aimed at increasing intersectional access and will provide: 1) one online class open to any Minnesotan with I/DD; 2) one in-person class in the Twin Cities that prioritizes BIPOC students; 3) one online or inperson class serving students in Greater Minnesota. For a total of nine new, responsive classes serving 90 adults from diverse populations in Minnesota's disability communities.

Dakhóta lápi Okhódakičhiye (DIO)

Award Amount: \$249,234.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This project includes expansion of the Dakota dictionary database to include previously undocumented words and example sentences. The goal is to create a total of 5,000 expansion sentences. This project also includes new audio recordings of fluent speakers pronouncing words and reading example sentences. The project integrates a learning platform into the existing dictionary app, which will allow users to study example sentences developed as part of objective one, as well as vocabulary available in the dictionary. The project is an integral part of the Dakota language speakers and learners.

Dakota Wicohan

Award Amount: \$50,300.00

Location (City): Morton

Project Overview: Dakota Wicohan will provide a transformative 16week program aimed at empowering local Dakota youth by guiding them through the intricate process of crafting their own dance regalia outfits and provide dance lessons, tailored for 10-13 students (boys and girls), from the Lower Sioux Community. Upon completion of their regalia, the participants will be empowered to share their newfound knowledge and skills with the broader community. This sharing will be prominently featured at two local events - the Lower Sioux Powwow and the Redwood County Fair.

East Phillips Neighborhood Institute

Award Amount: \$192,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis



Project Overview: This project will share, celebrate, and preserve cultural heritage in the East Phillips neighborhood, paying mind to the high percentages of Indigenous, East African, African American, and Latinx communities. The project includes collaboration with elders and education institutions to develop a demonstration site plan that will provide workshops about cultural food, ceremonial medicines, and seed saving. The funding will provide venue and facilitation space, bring leaders and experts together to collaborate, assist with strategic planning, and compile data for future engagement.

ESHARA

Award Amount: \$64,800.00

Location (City): Moorhead

Project Overview: ESHARA will promote cross-cultural learning and dispel misconceptions by creating spaces for cross-cultural arts expression and community building: 1) plan and host Iftar Celebration in partnership with all ESHARA Partners, Moorhead Mosque, Inclusive Moorhead partners, elected officials, and community leaders; 2) plan and host four community gatherings that incorporate and celebrate cross-cultural heritage, arts (primary dancing and singing), traditions, and food; 3) support community education on cross-cultural heritage.

Face to Face

Award Amount: \$35,195.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Face to Face is a pilot project of a podcast program at day shelters for youth experiencing homelessness, SafeZone. The podcast programming will equip youth at Face to Face with the knowledge and skills to create, record, and edit professional-quality podcasts. Youth will select podcast topics and will act as their own storytellers. The resulting creation will be shared on public platforms, allowing for an equitable distribution of youth voice.

Film Society of Minneapolis/St. Paul

Award Amount: \$154,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This project is for a new film initiative, "Images of Africa," that will regularly feature films from African regions, particularly those with the most significant representation in Minnesota. Images of Africa will put a spotlight on the African experience, storytelling, and contributions of a range of artists, most especially filmmakers, from African communities. This series will be showcased at The Main Cinema in Minneapolis, MSP Film's home venue, as well as other Twin Cities locations, including the Capri Theater in North Minneapolis.

Folk Will Save Us

Award Amount: \$72,034.00

Location (City): Crystal



Project Overview: This project will support the inaugural season of the Culture Workers Collaborative (CWC), a cohort program for Minnesota culture bearers seeking to lead their communities in amplifying cultural heritage, building identity, and increasing cultural self-determination. Over the course of the program, culture bearers will 1) participate in 15 monthly professional development sessions; 2) carry out a series of 31 culturally diverse humanities activities that empower their communities in building identity and culture.

Friendship Academy of the Arts

Award Amount: \$25,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Friendship Academy of the Arts will teach K - 8th grade students, their families, and the community, about the rich indigenous cultural history of Minnesota (past and present). Specific activities include: 1) cultural heritage workshops; 2) creating educational curriculum development modules focused on the history and contributions of diverse communities; 3) community cultural festivals; 4) a humanities programming series of events including art exhibitions, literary discussions, and musical performances, reflecting Minnesota's cultural diversity, in collaboration with local humanities scholars and artists.

Funny Asian Women Kollektive (FAWK)

Award Amount: \$375,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Youthprise is partnering with Believe In What's Possible to launch Turn Up to Turn Out, a youth-led project to increase youth participation in Minnesota politics through youth-led civic education and events.

The Givens Foundation for African American Literature

Award Amount: \$50,000.00

Location (City): Saint Louis Park

Project Overview: The Givens Foundation will host a African American Literary Conference, slated for April 2025, to explore emerging themes, trends, and issues in Black American literature. Our collaboration with the Archie Givens Sr. Collection of African American Literature will elevate the discourse, fostering critical engagement. 1) Public Forum: Engaging the general public, as well as emerging and established writers, scholars, critics, agents, publishers, booksellers, educators, and students. 2) Workshops and Panels: Featuring presentations and discussions to expand public knowledge and appreciation of Black Literature, with a focus on the impact of banned books and the evolving landscape of Black literary expression. 3) Collaboration: Leveraging the Givens Foundation's strategic partnerships with public schools and organizations to enhance cross-generational critical reading and writing habits.



Giving Voice Initiative

Award Amount: \$50,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Giving Voice Initiative will establish a new, permanent chorus designed to meet the specific needs of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias (AD) and their care partners in the Hispanic/Latine community. We will grow our Minneapolis pilot and expand it, launching a new Spanish-language chorus with Indigenous Roots in St. Paul, creating greater access, awareness and connections in the East Metro Area.

Great Lakes Lifeways Institute

Award Amount: \$25,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Great Lakes Lifeways Institute will expand and deepen their work, launching a series of seasonal, traditional harvest camps that are designed to initiate a long-term elder/youth apprenticeship program. The project includes five harvest camps each year, over two years, with the support of community partners, as well as smaller cultural gatherings around specific knowledge and traditional ways.

The Great Northern

Award Amount: \$74,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: The Great Northern will commission Mother Tongue, a new multimedia work from interdisciplinary Minnesota artist Mary Prescott. In fall 2024, The Great Northern and Prescott will invite six local matriarchs from cultural communities represented in the Twin Cities to a potluck meal. Each guest will bring a dish to share with the group that represents their heritage, telling the story of why it holds meaning for them personally. Through this project, The Great Northern will explore how cooking and family recipes can recover the lost legacies of women.

Green Card Voices

Award Amount: \$239,405.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This project, Ukrainian Voices of Minnesota, will uplift Ukrainian voices through story sharing (oral history recordings of 20 Ukrainian newcomer Minnesotans), exhibit production and touring of the first-person narratives, creation of an illustrated, bilingual graphic memoir by one of the Ukrainian storytellers, illustrated by a Ukrainian artist.



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Hang, May

Award Amount: \$39,259.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: This project integrates traditional Hmong healing practices into modern lifestyles and empowers younger Hmong to embrace the wisdom of their ancestors for overall health and well-being. The main objectives are: 1) identify and describe Hmong healing practices for common ailments through a series of oral history interviews of Hmong elder practitioners; 2) preserve and pass down traditional Hmong healing practices with free community workshops engaging together in learning and practicing traditional Hmong healing rituals and producing a series of three, 2–3minute, videos demonstrating each healing practice and its techniques; 3) connect with ancestral wisdom at the workshop through health lessons that compare and apply Hmong healing practices with that of similar western self-care modalities for common ailments; 4) empower Hmong families to live a well-balanced life including the daily use of traditional healing practices.

Hassan, Marian

Award Amount: \$121,394.00

Location (City): Woodbury

Project Overview: This project, entitled Sing Again, aims to preserve Somali lullabies, originally passed generation to generation through oral tradition, by transcribing them in children's lullaby book and creating website for resource-sharing and archival so that future generations of children can use them. Along with the audio and video recordings of these lullabies traditionally sung and shared on the project website, we will document our own journey as community researchers and artists, providing a template for future cultural communities interested in broader artistic collaborations and cultural preservation.

Healthy Community Initiative

Award Amount: \$108,774.00

Location (City): Northfield

Project Overview: This project is a new initiative that will celebrate and teach art, culture, and heritage. It will be operated by PRIMETIME, a network that provides after school and summer activities at no cost for more than 2,500 youth each year. Implementation of CULTUREtime will greatly expand arts & music impact while also launching a brand-new series of cultural activities that lift up the heritage of the communities of Rice County. This new avenue for cultural engagement and appreciation of the diverse backgrounds of Rice County families will be in the form of cooking classes, art & music activities, public events, and affinity groups.

Heritage Organization of Romanian Americans in Minnesota (HORA)

Award Amount: \$11,0200.00

Location (City): Saint Paul



Project Overview: The Romanian Film Festival will provide an opportunity for Minnesota communities to gather in-person and experience art that speaks to the identity of Romanian and Eastern European communities.

Hispanic Outreach Program of Goodhue County

Award Amount: \$58,295.00

Location (City): Red Wing

Project Overview: This project includes artist workshops for the Hispanic Community Outreach program. Workshops include: 1) puppet making; 2) paper mâché classes; 3) Guatemalan weaving classes; 4) mural and painting classes, Mexican muralist/painter/sculptor/mosaic artist/ceramicist/art educator; 5) an Alebrijes workshop. Each workshop is expected to have 20-30 participants from local Hispanic and the wider community.

Holliday, Jena

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Dayton

Project Overview: This project will create additional arts programming to extend a pilot project with some new adjustments. Funding will 1) create additional workshop programming for in-person art class workshops; 2) help to expand into offering a set of new virtual workshops with accompanying art tool kits for students; 3) host a community style art activity table during local events and market.

In Progress

Award Amount: \$71,250.00

Location (City): Golden Valley

Project Overview: This project is a digital storytelling project dedicated to bonding communities and cultures through the telling of elders' stories. The project is embedded in the idea that our elders are waterers - carrying history and knowledge that strengthens a community's identity, and that through the sharing of their stories, we can understand and strengthen communities across generations and geographic location. The project will involve 30 persons from Indigenous, Hmong, Latinx and Somali cultures located across the state. Each community will produce artwork that will be exhibited collectively and toured within each participating community reaching an estimated live audience of 3,000, and online audience of 10,000.

Kairos Alive!

Award Amount: \$60,932.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This project collaborates with 1) Minneapolis Hawthorne Neighborhood Council (multicultural/intergenerational); 2) Minnesota Independence College and Community (MICC), Richfield



(neuro-divergent young adults); 3) an established network of 20+ senior centers and organizations serving people with developmental disabilities statewide (multi-cultural and intergenerational), such as Centro Tyrone Guzman (Latinx), Ecumen Prairie Lodge, Brooklyn Park, Wabasha County Developmental Achievement Center, Wabasha, and Adult Day Services, Bemidji; 4) community collaborations in Bemidji and New Ulm serving LGBTQ2S+ youth and their families. It includes a series of sixteen two-way interactive webcasts of music, song, dance and story participation with people and their associated intergenerational family/community members.

Katha Dance Theatre

Award Amount: \$88,936.41

Location (City): Crystal

Project Overview: Katha Dance Theatre (KDT) will produce a mainstage program of three world premiere dance concerts to share the art, culture, and history of India through the art of Kathak dance – the 2,000-year-old classical dance style of North India. These productions will include the world premiere of GANGA – The Myth and Reality, the world premiere of PANCHATANTRA, and the world premiere of PRAKRITIR PRATISODH – Nature’s Revenge. The first will premiere in St. Paul, the second in Minneapolis, and the third will play in another Twin Cities venue. We will also tour GANGA to audiences in Greater Minnesota during the project period.

Lanesboro Arts

Award Amount: \$45,000.00

Location (City): Lanesboro

Project Overview: Lanesboro Arts will launch the Equitable Systems Change project for the Lanesboro Arts Gallery as a commitment to a thorough review and change of current systems and processes, based on detailed recommendations to align practices with equity values and more deeply serve BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ artists. This project was prompted by requests from BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ artists and includes the creation of 1) the Lanesboro Arts BIPOC Artist Advisory Committee; 2) creation of the Equity Exhibition Selection Committee; 3) help to launch an education program with the Lanesboro Public Schools, to provide four in classroom educational opportunities.

Li, Ying

Award Amount: \$24,900.00

Location (City): Eagan

Project Overview: This project is designed to introduce the rich heritage of Chinese dance and music to communities in the Twin Cities and Rochester, fostering cultural appreciation and understanding. Through a series of classes and collaboration with other artists and community organizations, the project aims to engage diverse dancers, musicians, and audiences, and leave a lasting impact on both participants and the broader community through: 1) Dance Classes for All Ages; 2) Artistic



Collaboration by performance through joint efforts with fellow artists and school organizations; 3) Performance Showcases at the O'Shaughnessy at St. Catherine University in May 2025.

The Link

Award Amount: \$160,769.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: The Link will provide culturally specific programming to 12-15 youth that will participate a pilot expansion of the We Will Breathe program (incorporating a new Black History month initiative). We Will Breathe is a youth-led Racial Justice and Healing Initiative, where youth come together as a collective to develop a deeper understanding of themselves, their cultures, and their identities. Cohorts will meet twice a month over four months, totaling ten 3-hour sessions, and alternate between discussions at Circle of Discipline, spend time in the community, and engage in activities often inaccessible for young people of color and/or youth from low-income backgrounds. This grant will help support the Black History Month event by intentionally integrating the leadership and involvement of youth through the We Will Breathe program.

Lower Sioux Indian Community

Award Amount: \$137,550.00

Location (City): Morton

Project Overview: This project will create enhanced and expanded capacity for Cultural Heritage expertise within the Cansayapi Cultural Department. This project will help to enhance the collection and protection of cultural artifacts and help to hire an archaeology firm to identify key areas for survey and investigation within the ancestral territories of the Mdewakanton Dakota (MN). The project includes hosting a series of tribal community events targeted for retired elders (knowledge keepers), college students (qualified skilled personnel) and other interested candidates. And 4-6 events over a 12-month period (like career day events) for applicants seeking a place within the Cultural Department.

Manolov, Andrea

Award Amount: \$24,930.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This project will preserve and facilitate public access to the Northland Poster Collective (NPC). NPC was a print shop in Minneapolis which operated from 1979-2009. This project includes the following activities: 1) digitize 300 posters created by NPC artists; 2) preserve the digital collection and make it publicly accessible through the Center for the Study of Political Graphics (CSPG) online archive; 3) conduct oral history interviews with former members of NPC; 4) transcribe, process, review; 5) preserve each interview at the Minnesota Historical Society public archive in St. Paul; 6) create a project website that orients audiences on using the poster and oral history interview collections; 7) host a one-day community gathering event.



Many Faces of the White Bear Lake Area

Award Amount: \$36,600.00

Location (City): White Bear Lake

Project Overview: Many Faces of the White Bear Lake Area will provide opportunities to listen, learn, reflect, and engage in conversations and actions that promote equity, diversity, and inclusion. The theme, Many Faces: Many Expressions, will bring awareness to the heritage and traditions of our American Indian neighbors through a Wacipi; continues by highlighting stories newer community members through innovative artwork; and culminates by celebrating and building community through a multi-cultural festival.

Memorialize the Movement

Award Amount: \$184,780.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Memorialize the Movement (MTM) will embark on an archiving and conservation project of the 1,000+ plywood panels in our stewardship from the Minneapolis Uprising of 2020 and beyond. Since the murder of George Floyd, MTM has collected and preserved the protest plywood murals created by community members, artists, and protesters that displayed their anger, pain, grief, and hope. These murals were used to board up storefronts and businesses all across the Twin Cities. After years of storing, exhibiting, and protecting these murals, we now hope to set out on a large-scale archiving project that entails photographing, cataloging, and doing in-depth research on every mural in our collection.

Midtown Greenway Coalition

Award Amount: \$100,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Midtown Greenway Cultural Communities Murals Project will create a nearly six-mile-long outdoor art gallery of aerosol paintings along the historic Midtown Greenway in Minneapolis. The images will reflect and celebrate the beauty and diversity of the cultural communities who live, work, and play alongside the Greenway. Simultaneously, the project will uplift aerosol artists by giving voice to their experience, honoring their craft, and celebrating their culture.

Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board

Award Amount: \$41,135.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This project will provide access to theater programs in schools, recreation centers, and other youth serving organizations. The theater arts program will be for BIPOC youth ages 12-17 years old. The program will run for six weeks each season throughout the year plus (spring 2024, summer 2024, fall 2024, winter 2024, and spring 2025) for two hours per day, three days per week.



Minneapolis Public Schools

Award Amount: \$60,300.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This project will support the newly developed Somali Heritage Language Program. Somali has rich oral traditions as foundational elements of language usage and development. As a less commonly taught language, Somali often lacks accessible curricula within mainstream publishing companies. It will specifically support the development or continuation of projects at four school sites: Sullivan Steam Magnet, Lyndale Community School, Heritage Academy and South High.

Minnesota China Friendship Garden Society

Award Amount: \$107,195.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Minnesota China Friendship Garden Society will create and promote a public garden as a multicultural learning experience to preserve and honor cultural heritage for all Minnesotans. The new pilot project will have two educational elements: 1) Partner with two public middle schools to develop curriculum materials, host field trips and design preparatory materials to help foster all of the state middle school student's collective understanding of the diverse art, culture and heritage demonstrated in the garden. 2) Create an interactive ArcGIS Map of the garden containing the curriculum level information and also explaining Hmong, Chinese and Dakota cultural symbols, structures and knowledge, with access for everyone.

Minnesota Museum of American Art (The M)

Award Amount: \$105,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: This project supports Native artist residencies resulting in newly commissioned artworks by Dakota and Ojibwe artists for Here, Now: American Hi/stories of Land and Stars, a permanent collection show opening in September 2024, that is grounded in the lens of interconnectivity and deeply informed by Indigenous systems of knowledge. The new commissions will fill representation gaps in the collection and offer embodied land acknowledgments in the form of artworks.

Minnesota Prison Writing Workshop (MPWW)

Award Amount: \$113,120.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This project will create a new, ongoing program: a "micro press", that would publish the work of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated writers. The books published by the micro-press would allow audiences to see these writers first not as criminals but as innovative, gifted artists with a valuable perspective to add to the discourse.



Mong United Equality Association

Award Amount: \$128,440.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This project will create and publish a Hmong Leng children's alphabet book and host a book release community event featuring traditional music and clothes. The Hmong Leng dialect, also known as Moob Leeg, is an important branch of the Hmong language spoken by Hmong in the United States, Laos, Thailand, and China.

More Than A Single Story, Inc.

Award Amount: \$78,300.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This project will provide a writer's cohort that will advance the work of twelve Black writers working in multiple genres. The goals are to 1) deepen individual vision and artistic development; 2) create a cohesive community of writers to support and encourage each other's work; 3) enrich communities of writers and readers with access to personal and cultural perspectives that will foster artistic growth, empathy, and collaboration.

Moseley, Donna

Award Amount: \$49,872.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This project will produce an Afrofuturist short film and allow collaboration with BIPOC creatives in Minnesota. The project aims to create a thought-provoking short film and expand the skill sets of BIPOC artists from various creative realms, including writing, directing, cinematography, editing, and post-production. The project includes: 1) educational outreach to filmmaking communities in Minnesota; 2) workshops; 3) exhibitions; 4) screenings.

Move for America

Award Amount: \$85,500.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Move for America is a new initiative designed to preserve and celebrate the diverse cultural heritage of Minnesota by fostering intercultural exchange and education. It will consist of a direct exchange program involving students from community and technical colleges in Minneapolis and Saint Paul (urban centers) and two rural counties: Otter Tail County and Lyon County. This project includes two exchanges over two weekends. Culturally diverse groups from urban schools will spend one weekend hosting their peer group from a rural school, and vice versa, and 1) learn about local cultures; 2) participate in skill-building workshops to foster cultural understanding; 3) build strong relationships across cultural divides.



Nascimento, Claudia

Award Amount: \$99,086.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This project is a documentary film about the intercultural experiences of people living in Minnesota. It features footage of live performances at the Southern Theater, followed by talkbacks with cultural leaders and scholars; and the voices of audience and community members, recorded in post-performance conversations and interviews.

North American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems (NATIFS)

Award Amount: \$206,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This project is supporting programming expansion in the Indigenous Food Lab, located in Minneapolis, which includes a professional Indigenous kitchen. In June the organization will open a demonstration and training studio, Spirit Kitchen, offering fresh food. It will also offer Indigenous market curated retail products from Indigenous producers. This program will design one meal kit per month (15 months), to distribute at two schools (30 families each), to families of Indigenous students, with an accompanying live demonstration and video on how families can prepare meals together. Educational materials will be provided on Indigenous language, traditional uses and nutritional benefits of key ingredients, coloring pages, and other activities for families to do and learn together. The lab will welcome student groups to learn about Indigenous food, food as medicine, and do hands-on projects, including designing their own herbal tea blends featuring Indigenous plants and herbs, while learning about traditional names and medicinal properties of each.

North House Folk Schools

Award Amount: \$19,299.00

Location (City): Grand Marais

Project Overview: This project will support Cook County's border communities. The project will build upon the existing partnership between the Grand Portage Tribal Council, Grand Portage National Monument, and North House Folk School, to strengthen relationships and collaboration between the Band, Tribal residents, and broader Cook County by creating opportunities for community members to grow in their understanding of wild rice (manoomin), the crafting of traditional harvesting tools, and manoomin's cultural significance in an effort to deepen the cross-cultural understanding around the importance of water quality and the efforts and advocacy of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa to preserve this treaty reserved resource. This project recognizes the joint advocacy for clean water tribes have led in the treaty ceded territories of what is now called Minnesota (1858); their efforts advance clean water for every Minnesotan.

(Neo)Muralismos de México (NMM)

Award Amount: \$120,00.00



Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: This project includes: 1) the start of 10,000 ALEBRIJES -- the largest outdoor public art exhibit of "Alebrijes" in the world outside of Mexico. The exhibit will include 25-50 giant papier-mâché sculptures of "alebrijes" (colorful and fantastic creatures that represent the spirit world in Mexican culture); 2) a pop-up mobile museum with art exhibits, installations, and cultural activities; 3) Public Art at Harriet Island with popup exhibits and temporary outdoor installations; 4) community presentations of cultural traditions around the state; 5) apprentice opportunities; 6) professional development opportunities with Minnesota-based artists.

Oromia II

Award Amount: \$212,751.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This project will create three videos (produced in Oromo with English subtitles and voice over), to document the challenges and triumphs of first-generation Minnesotans, preserve heritage, affirm cultural identity, and introduce people to the our community.

Pan Asian Arts Alliance

Award Amount: \$24,990.00

Location (City): Cottage Grove

Project Overview: This project involves the collaboration between Pan Asian Arts Alliance, Elluminance Era, Chinese American Chamber of Commerce-MN, Asian Media Access, Unity Dance Group, and other Pan Asian Arts groups. It is a first-ever collaboration between Asian-American performing and visual arts organizations. The project, "Asia Extravaganza," is a one-night festivity event to showcase Asian American youthful culture through dance, music and storytelling. It is set to illuminate Minnesota with the vibrant tapestry of Asian-American cultures through a grand concert event featuring local artists alongside an integrated experience by incorporating local vendors, ensuring the economic impact extends to cultural/creative businesses. This event will be a cultural celebration open to the public.

Planting People Growing Justice Leadership Institute

Award Amount: \$135,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: The Writing for Justice and Cultural Preservation project creates space for African communities, and African Americans to create, re-imagine, and build a more just and inclusive world through the transformative power of storytelling and book publishing.

Privia Group, LLC.

Award Amount: \$88,936.41



Location (City): Eden Prairie

Project Overview: The "Sabaidee Cultural Festival" addresses the marginalization of Laotian American communities by providing a platform for cultural expression, education, and community engagement. The festival will feature cultural activities, performances, and educational events. Key components include traditional dance, art exhibitions, cooking demonstrations, and language workshops. A "cultural village" will allow attendees to explore and experience Laotian culture firsthand, creating an immersive cultural experience.

Public Art St. Paul

Award Amount: \$126,300.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Public Art Saint Paul will propel new work forward on the 2nd Wakpa Triennial. The first Wakpa Triennial, 3 years in the making, presented in summer 2023 more than 110 artists in new work across artistic and humanities disciplines including sculpture, installation, video, poetry, music, painting, murals, paper-making, textiles, conversations, and other discussion and participatory programs.

The Qalanjo Project

Award Amount: \$22,050.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This project, is a comprehensive cultural project by The Qalanjo Project aimed at preserving and promoting the rich cultural heritage of the Somali community through various artistic expressions in Minnesota. It will initiate visual arts programs, including: 1) traditional Somali painting, and contemporary art forms; 2) create a short-form film and media content geared at capturing the authentic Somali experience in Minnesota; 3) cultivate spaces for the community to engage with artistic practices; 4) host workshops and exhibitions that will provide a space for community members to explore and showcase their artistic expressions of Somali visual culture.

Queer Voices

Award Amount: \$196,693.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Queer Voices helps to expand opportunities for LGBTQIA+ writers of Minnesota and enhance community-belonging through 1) apprenticeships (resume building, skill-setting, expanding networks, and capacity building); 2) two emerging and mid-career writers' retreats (16-18 participants); 3) hosting space at the Queer holiday market (community exposure for artists allowing the public to purchase from queer artists); 4) three panel discussions; 5) documentation of eight events the events listed. These resources will be distributed online, and archives will be shared with Tretter Collection and the Minnesota Historical Society Press.



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Regents of the University of Minnesota

Award Amount: \$172,004.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This project supports the Center for Race, Indigeneity, Disability, Gender, and Sexuality (RIDGS) Studies' Ethnic Studies Initiative, which is a multi-pronged, intrinsically collaborative project, aimed at building the infrastructure for K-12 schools and communities in Minnesota, to receive high-quality, culturally responsive Ethnic Studies instruction. This project includes the following activities: 1) developing an extensive database of curricular materials; 2) hosting professional development workshops for K-12 educators; 3) hosting events and externships to bring K-12 educators, staff, and community organizations together, to exchange ideas about how community knowledge can be brought into the classroom; 4) creating spaces to empower students to gather data and design ideas for ethnic studies coursework; 5) support licensure workshops made up of faculty, K-12 educators, and community members, to serve in an advisory capacity to the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB); 6) organize and host a regional conference in the spring of 2025 to bring together Ethnic Studies practitioners from throughout the Midwest; 7) conduct an evaluation of the Saint Paul Public Schools' Critical Ethnic Studies course, in collaboration with the University of Minnesota's Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement (CAREI), to gather data on the impacts of the course on students throughout their academic careers.

Rondo Community Land Trust

Award Amount: \$315,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Rondo Community Land Trust will formally weave the arts into cultural preservation. This project includes: 1) Populate a community archive by hosting scanning days for photos & objects. 2) Locate where historic murals were, who painted them, what stories they told & recreate aspects of them. 3) Map historical markers across historic Rondo, prioritizing Selby & engage artists to develop creative alternatives to standard plaques. From here, incorporate narration from community elders telling stories for a self-guided walking tour of Rondo. 4) Curate 2-3 rotating art exhibits at Golden Thyme focused on Rondo past and present. 5) Complete 3 murals depicting historic Rondo's cultural heritage. 6) Host 3 community events that showcase different arts forms (film, poetry, music, etc.).

Seeds4Hope

Award Amount: \$43,650.00

Location (City): Little Canada

Project Overview: This project is a transformative initiative deeply rooted in values like curiosity, connection, and compassion. Storytelling Workshops will teach the art of storytelling emphasizing its role in cultural preservation and self-expression. Curriculum Development aims to create a comprehensive storytelling curriculum and integrate it into academic programs. Storytelling Events will



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provide a platform for participants to share narratives, fostering reflection and dialogue. A Digital Storytelling Repository will archive stories, essays, and narratives, making them accessible to a wider audience and contributing to research in the humanities.

Serpentina Arts

Award Amount: \$71,179.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: This project includes: 1) Storytelling through Identity Exploration and Narratives within a public sphere uses traditional methods of puppeteering and textile techniques to address contemporary issues; 2) Public Art On-Point On-Site is about transforming a public space to reflect community values; 3) The Power of Print uses innovative versatile contemporary print methods for making multiple statements; and 4) How to Navigate the Artworld even when you are in the Midwest. Each ENCUEENTROS theme will have a series of three events. Each of the themes will have workshops for artists of all levels Many of the ENCUEENTROS activities will include food or refreshments as it is an important cultural component for community building and helps to increase attendance.

Sieber, Karen

Award Amount: \$25,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: This project will help support the creation of a digital exhibit, lesson plan, and public event, that explores the role of the infamous Black abolitionist, minister, and community leader, Moses Dickson, in leading formerly enslaved people to freedom, via Underground Railroad locations in Minnesota.

Speaking Out Collective

Award Amount: \$200,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This project will expand the Truth Telling Series that collected, preserved, and shared suppressed Dakota and Anishinaabe histories through community oral narratives. The project will document untold and silenced narratives from Black Minnesotans in urban and rural communities to develop new and easily accessible curriculum for grades Pre-K-6, in partnership with numerous BIPOC scholars, elders, and community partners. The project includes a collaborative story collection.

St. Catherine University

Award Amount: \$24,250.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: This project is a fall 2024 exhibition of art created by self-identifying Latina women and non-binary, Latinx Minnesota-based artists with ancestral roots in Latin America. This exhibition will



be presented by the Catherine G. Murphy Gallery (CGM Gallery) at St. Catherine University (St. Kate's).

St. Paul Civic Symphony

Award Amount: \$23,750.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: St. Paul Civic Symphony will help to develop a multidisciplinary arts project for its free 2025 Children's Concert inspired by a recent publication, *The Rhythm of Somalia: A Collection of Songs, Stories, and Traditions*. The goals of the project are: 1) expand the artistry of Somali youth at Gideon Pond Elementary, grades 4-5, through artist residencies in art, drumming and poetry that bring to life an original music composition by Minnesota composer Jan Gilbert based on a Somali folktale and performed by the SPCS; 2) increase understanding of Somali culture through an original composition for symphony orchestra.

StoryArk

Award Amount: \$25,590.00

Location (City): Red Wing

Project Overview: This project will fund a Youth Executive Board (YEB) to create an anthology of youth stories and experiences that describe their identities, stories, and experiences. This anthology will include a variety of interdisciplinary art such as personal essays, poems, visual art, etc., and be a reflective and engaging multimedia project that highlights, preserves, and celebrates the cultural heritage and identities of YEB members and empowers communities to build and preserve their identities. This anthology will include stories from program alumni, family members, and individuals involved in schools. Youth will be able to share about their own identities and culture while receiving professional development opportunities from community storytellers and editors to increase their skills and knowledge in storytelling.

Telling Queer History

Award Amount: \$100,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Telling Queer History will support the collection and preservation of personal oral histories from LGBTQIA+ communities in rural Minnesota; historical research for our archives and LGBTQ+ history walking tours; and community outreach in greater Minnesota. This grant will also support the early development of a series of supplemental curriculum products detailing Minnesota LGBTQ+ history, creating a potential new earned revenue stream for TQH. These grant activities will allow TQH to impact audiences through storytelling, to educate and connect people across race, gender, sexuality, and socioeconomic class who may otherwise share a more limited LGBTQ+ demographic.



Theater Mu

Award Amount: \$11,070.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: This project will work with Ananya Chatterjea, Ananya Dance Theatre artists, Asian American puppeteers, and actors in a series of workshops to collaboratively devise a shared movement vocabulary and choreography rooted in non-Western movement traditions for the world premiere of FIFTY BOXES OF EARTH by Ankita Raturi in Theater Mu's 2024-25 season.

Theatre Novi Most

Award Amount: \$18,307.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This project is a direct artistic response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. In fall of 2024, Theatre Novi Most will work with a playwright, a dramaturg, a director and three community advisors to create a new play based on stories we have gathered in Story Circles across Minnesota. After the play is written the project will produce professional public readings of it at three sites in Minneapolis with supertitles in Ukrainian.

Tiwahe Foundation

Award Amount: \$105,023.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This project develops and implements an interactive facilitated curriculum for Indigenous leadership-in-action designed to empower Native peoples in Minnesota with traditional knowledge and concepts of leadership that were disrupted by the boarding school era and many other systemic efforts of cultural erasure. Through interaction with the course material and facilitated dialogue in online and in-person convenings, participants build culturally centered belonging and relatedness, develop skills for adaptation to change and personal growth, become active participants in independent and reciprocal relationships, and learn skills for identifying and sustaining opportunities for healing in themselves and others.

Twin Cities Film Fest

Award Amount: \$89,500.00

Location (City): Saint Louis Park

Project Overview: This project is a new initiative propelled from current programming. Twin Cities Film Fest will launch MNmicro Cultural Film Festivals. Instead of just celebrating national diverse voices with some Minnesota (40%) connected films during the 10day festival, the new program will put a spotlight on diverse voices and cultures specifically through Minnesota exclusive films during their respective nationally recognized cultural heritage celebration months. A microfilm festival celebrating



each culture and its legacy in our state will be presented through a selection of curated Minnesota films, with post film discussions with filmmakers and audiences and networking events.

Twin Cities Iranian Culture Collective

Award Amount: \$32,680.00

Location (City): New Brighton

Project Overview: This project includes a monthly series of “Persian Pop-up” events highlighting the cultural heritage of the Iranian culture in the diaspora today. Activities include: 1) a tour of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts Persian collection; 2) poetry night; 3) movie night of the best Iranian short films; 4) A Taste of Iran dinner featuring a sampling of Iranian cuisine; 5) board games and storytelling evenings; 6) introduction to Persian dance classes; 7) a cooking class; 8) a visit to an internationally recognized artist studio; 9) and more, including cultural celebrations sharing Iranian traditions and activities.

Twin Cities RISE

Award Amount: \$163,418.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This dynamic initiative aims to honor the rich cultural heritage of Minnesota, drawing inspiration from the African American-led labor struggles that have shaped the state and linking history to the stories of today’s fight for economic empowerment. The project comprises two main components: 1) Legacy Gallery – The creation of the physical and online Legacy Gallery (composed of videos, photography, oral history recordings, paintings, and other media) will enable us to artistically capture and share the legacy of African American labor struggles and the stories of success of TCR alumni. 2) Story Circles – We will facilitate Story Circle events with key community partners to extend the project’s reach and showcase the results of the gallery. TCR alumni will share the stories collected during the research phase (the stories that build the Legacy Gallery), moderate lively discussions, and incorporate the audience’s feedback into the project.

Twin Cities West Metro Asian Fair

Award Amount: \$24,900.00

Location (City): Anoka

Project Overview: This project helps support the “Connecting the Community to Arts and Cultural Heritage at the 2024 Twin Cities West Metro Asian Fair” and will present new arts and cultural heritage programs. These new arts and culture heritage programs have two primary objectives: 1) to preserve and honor the cultural heritage of Minnesota; 2) to provide education and student outreach on cultural diversity through five new programs: Ethnic Attire Experience, Community Artist Demonstrations, Dance Showcase, Traditional Music Exhibitions, and Cross-cultural Tea Display.



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United Way of Central Minnesota

Award Amount: \$256,058.00

Location (City): Saint Cloud

Project Overview: This project involves collaboration with various organizations to enhance cultural connections, strengthen positive identity development, and provide enriching experiences for Black youth and families in Central Minnesota. Specific activities include 1) cultural heritage learning sessions and field trips; 2) a film festival honoring Black filmmakers and performers; 3) a Afrofuturist comic book workshop; 4) Boys & Girls Club art initiatives; 5) a Hip-Hop culture lab; 6) a Hip-Hop dance show; 7) educational support to cultural athletics and sports; 8) theatre production. The project is supported by United Way of Central Minnesota and is designed to provide a Black Cultural Heritage series of events, activities, and opportunities.

The University of Minnesota

Award Amount: \$129,182.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This project will be an exhibition that will present the work and perspectives of 20 Black and Indigenous women and femme artists through the lens of sovereignty and liberation at the Goldstein Museum of Design (GMD). Resist and Reclaim aims to amplify, expand, and add nuance to Minnesota's cultural heritage by exploring the contemporary and historical impacts of the built and visual environments. Each artist will use varying forms of artistry such as screen printing, hand acrylic painting, fabrication, dye, crochet, cutting, shredding, beadwork, embellishments, and other 3D media on one of 20 second-hand denim jackets sustainably provided by b. Resale, a Black woman-owned thrift store. Denim jackets are used as a means to call back to liberation movements that used denim to highlight the issues of poverty of the Black working class and balance gender divides.

The Urban Village

Award Amount: \$24,592.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: "New Beginnings: Honoring Diversity, Connection, and Cultural Identity" is a community-focused series celebrating the Lunar, Purepecha, and Khmer New Year traditions. Through music, dance, storytelling, traditional foods, cultural arts, and interactive exhibitions, the project highlights the richness of each tradition while fostering cross-cultural learning and unity. By partnering with cultural groups and culture bearers, it empowers communities, reinforces cultural identity, and supports the preservation of Indigenous traditions through immersive and educational experiences.

Walker West Music Academy

Award Amount: \$105,166.00

Location (City): Saint Paul



Project Overview: This project is comprised of a series of interrelated jazz activities, classes, and workshops, including: 1) Women in Jazz Ensemble (postsecondary students, ages 16-25); 2) introduction to jazz workshops; 3) Jazz jam sessions and rehearsals; 4) school residencies; 5) antioppression training/consultation for professional development and to educate, stimulate discussion, and increase awareness of oppressive gender systems; 6) panel discussions; 7) scholarship opportunities.

Washington, Maya

Award Amount: \$24,500.00

Location (City): Plymouth

Project Overview: This project will support a solo exhibition of new work at the American Indian Community Housing Organization's AICHO Galleries in Duluth, MN tentatively scheduled to run from June 7- August 30, 2024. The presentation will include community engagement activities in the form of an artist reception, and public facing cultural workshops, discussions, and related programming. The work presented is a meditation on the artist's creative practice before, during, and after the Global pandemic, and Global uprising of 2020. Through photography, mixed media, video and poetry, the exhibition will chronicle the time period as witness but also grapple with changing perspectives in the aftermath of personal and universal upheaval.

White Earth Land Recovery Project

Award Amount: \$45,371.00

Location (City): \$45,371.00

Project Overview: This project will preserve and celebrate the Anishinaabe Art & Culture through a series of meaningful workshops. Each workshop (12 total), is designed to engage 10-12 participants, providing them with valuable cultural experiences and knowledge. The workshops include: 1) Anishinaabe Hand Drum Making with Young Men; 2) Anishinaabe Natural Medicines; 3) Anishinaabe Medicine Bags; 4) Moccasin Making; 5) Bandolier Bag Making; 6) Dreamcatcher Workshop; 7) Ribbon Skirt Making and Ribbon Shirt Making; 8) Women's Bear Bundle Workshop; 9) Beading a Daisy Chain with Youth; 10) Powwow Belt Making; 11) Men's & Boys Roach Making; 12) Jingle Dress Making.

Winona County Historical Society (WCHS)

Award Amount: \$64,850.00

Location (City): Winona

Project Overview: The Winona County Historical Society (WCHS) will partner with Engage Winona and The Joy Labs to create and launch a leadership circle from historically and currently marginalized communities, who will guide new exhibit development in collaboration with museum staff and exhibit professionals. Members of the leadership circle will co-design the leadership circle process, which will involve framing discussion questions, engagement plans, and exhibit content.



Wonderlust Productions

Award Amount: Wonderlust Productions

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Wonderlust Productions will use stories gathered from people who live and work behind the scenes in downtown Saint Paul to create short, placebased, audio plays, peeling back the curtain on who and what really makes our city tick. Audiences will be invited to take a listening tour of the city by following an online map and QR codes displayed around town. Stories will be captured from small business entrepreneurs and parking lot attendants; eccentric lifelong residents and skyway walkers; late-night cleaning crews and utility personnel; police officers, sidewalk buskers and people asking for a few dollars to help get through the day; new communities and historically overlooked communities that have had a major impact on the city. The result will be a series of short, high-quality, professionally produced, multilingual audio plays that employ and highlight local artists while providing audiences with an experience that augments their conventional view of reality. The plays will be non-sequential, each one standing on its own.

Youth Leadership Initiative

Award Amount: Youth Leadership Initiative

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This project is an experiential-based program aimed at cultivating critical consciousness and social justice awareness in high school youth. Activities and experiences include: 1) A weekly program that is youth-led equips participants with frameworks, language, skills, and tools to comprehend their roles in the social change ecosystem, develop community asset maps, and practice components of Youth Participatory Action Research; 2) Action Teams empower youth to research, design, and implement action projects to tackle social justice issues they are passionate about; 3) Cultural Sessions provide a space for youth to explore, reflect, and share their cultural identities, as well as practice solidarity and empathy by learning from each other; 4) Alongside skills development, youth will also participate in presentations and workshops hosted by trusted community leaders, such as healing through the arts or sharing dialogue with elders; 5) Monthly field trips across Minnesota that will offer immersive experiences; 7) Year-end showcase where youth share their projects and learnings with their families, friends and the broader community.

Zeitgeist Center for Arts and Community

Award Amount: \$98,641.00

Location (City): Duluth

Project Overview: This series is designed to build cross-cultural connections and understanding, and connections to the values of creativity and inclusivity. The specific arts and cultural activities included in this proposal include: 1) Underrepresented Visual Artist Series; 2) Theater production of POTUS 2) Theater production of Invisible Fences; 3) Minnesota Media Arts School (MMAS) Partnership with



Underrepresented Communities; 4) Underrepresented Filmmaker Focus at the Minnesota Film Festival; 5) LGBTQIIA+ / BIPOC / Elder / Disabled Feature Storytelling Series.

DIRECT APPROPRIATIONS

Art From the Inside

Award Amount: \$141,750.00

Location (City): Maplewood

Project Overview: The Arts and Justice Pathways Initiative promotes healing and growth for justice-impacted communities in Minnesota through arts, wellness, and empowerment programs. It features art exhibitions by incarcerated artists, evaluation of prison arts programs, and support for returning neighbors through the Creative Pathways program. The initiative concludes with a Justice and Healing Arts Summit, bringing together advocates, artists, and impacted individuals to explore criminal justice reform, reentry support, and sustainable resource networks.

Mini Sota Agricultural Children's Museum

Award Amount: \$47,250.00

Location (City): Benson

Project Overview: Mini Sota Agricultural Children's Museum will be using funds to ensure all are equally able to join in and play. They will be using this funding for building improvements, including infrastructure for ADA accessibility.

MonkeyBears Harmolodic Workshop

Award Amount: \$94,500.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Monkeybear's Harmolodic Workshop (Est. 2016) supports Native, Black, IPOC in developing creative and technical skills in contemporary puppetry. Their projects include puppetry workshops, new theater pieces, stop motion puppetry, open studio work and sessions.

(Neo)Muralismos de Mexico (NMM)

Award Amount: \$94,500.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: The majority of this funding will support NMM's largest public art exhibit ever — "Alebrijes: Creatures of a Dream World" — and promoting the associated artists and community art classes.

Rondo Community Land Trust

Award Amount: \$94,500.00



Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: TBD

Saint Paul Neighborhood Network (SPNN)

Award Amount: \$94,500.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: SPNN's Media Education team will share resources with the community so they can tell their own stories through youth and adult programs. These programs focus on photography, audio and visual storytelling, and advanced cinematography skills.

Siv Yig Culture Center

Award Amount: \$37,800.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Through workshops, storytelling sessions, and community gatherings, the Siv Yig Culture Center will offer support for the elderly, Hmong language preservation classes, English classes, mentorship and leadership development, and cultural festivals and community events.

Urban Debate League (Augsburg)

Award Amount: \$170,100.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: AICS is hosting "Hees iyo Fanka," a one-night event celebrating Somali music and culture through karaoke and live performances. The event aims to bring together the community and broader Minneapolis public to foster pride in Somali heritage and promote cultural exchange. It will feature Somali karaoke and live performances by local artists and poets, showcasing the richness of Somali musical traditions. The event will encourage language preservation and provide an opportunity for community members to connect through the joy of music.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANTEES

Asian Economic Development Association

Award Amount: \$14,500.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: On December 11, 2023 a dedicated Hmong-American activist and leader, Tou Ger Xiong, was kidnapped and killed in Colombia. Tou Ger Xiong has dedicated his life to building bridges across cultures, speaking out against injustices to marginalized communities, advocating for active civic engagement among communities of color, and bringing people together through laughter. This grant aims to provide a space for the community to come together to collectively mourn the loss of Tou Ger



Xiong. The community vigil will be a place where Tou Ger's life and legacy can be remembered and celebrated with stories, music, videos, backdrops, artifacts to help the different community heal.

Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization (CANDO)

Award Amount: \$18,350.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: The crisis is the consistent loss of life experienced in the Twin Cities due to gun violence, addiction and systemic oppression of marginalized people. Within the last few weeks, we've seen a Black police officer gunned down on the job and a non-verbal child found dead. The impact on the Black community is that we're hurting and normalizing the trauma because we see it so often. Many have become desensitized or seek substances to numb their pain. This project will use music, journaling and community engagement to provide an outlet for folks to process their grief in a creative way to cultivate real healing.

East Phillips Improvement Coalition (EPIC)

Award Amount: \$17,650.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: In May of 2023, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducted a surprise visit to Smith Foundry, located in the East Phillips neighborhood. The EPA found nine violations of the federal Clean Air Act, including emissions of PM 2.5 and lead at levels two times higher than the state allowed limits. Since the results of this report were uncovered, EPIC has been organizing with community members and a coalition of partners to galvanize the local vitriol in a productive way. The report confirmed the community's longstanding suspicions that the Foundry was polluting, harming, and even killing, East Phillips residents. After over a hundred years of environmental racism and social disregard, the Foundry is closing. Planned celebratory activities include: an opening ceremony with a Mexican-Indigenous dance troupe; a healthcare workshop which will provide 250 East Phillips households with free HEPA grade air filters; a community re-visioning activity in which community residents can work together to envision a greener, healthier neighborhood; and a land stewardship presentation led by experts in mycoremediation.

Juxtaposition Arts

Award Amount: \$30,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: North Minneapolis has been dealing with a surge in gun violence and the devastating effects of the opioid epidemic, post pandemic. Three months ago, a tragic incident occurred when a community member was murdered on the Emerson sidewalk, right in front of Juxtaposition Arts' (JXTA) campus. This was the first murder on our campus in 20 years, marking a significant and distressing moment for our community. This crisis is compounded by existing social and economic disparities, which include high levels of poverty, limited access to quality healthcare, food desert and



education, and systemic inequities. As a vital community institution, JXTA recognizes the urgent need for initiatives that provide safe, healing spaces where individuals can grieve, heal, and come together as a community. In response to these crises, Juxtaposition Arts is committed to creating a dedicated healing space that addresses both immediate emotional needs and fosters long-term community resilience and recovery. JXTA's Environmental Design Lab looks to create a healing pavilion on our campus, in the heart of North Minneapolis to make space for public healing and reflection.

Lyricality

Award Amount: \$14,000.00

Location (City): Sauk Rapids

Project Overview: Saint Cloud is deeply divided by race and radicalized violence. The Saint Cloud library is perceived as the only true “commons” space where all people can feel welcomed and safe. This incident has brought up trauma amongst staff and the community. This project includes partnering with the Rainbow Wellness Collective, to offer five, 2-hour art making sessions, focused on creative writing, painting, collage-making, lyrical dancing, and drumming circles, at the library. The sessions would be facilitated by trauma artist facilitators, supported by social workers and therapists, to share community resources for those who need support, and create a sense of safety and belonging at the library.

FESTIVALS GRANTEES

Advance Thief River

Award Amount: \$35,575.00

Location (City): Thief River Falls

Project Overview: The Join Us Thief River Project promotes unity, cultural exchange, and community pride in Thief River Falls, a town with Scandinavian roots now welcoming Hispanic newcomers. Through storytelling, video, and art, the project highlights personal narratives, traditions, and shared values, fostering empathy and mutual understanding. Videos and art installations showcase residents' diverse experiences, while local students and their families engage in educational activities that build cultural awareness and strengthen community ties across generations. This initiative deepens connections, encouraging inclusivity and pride in the town's evolving identity.

Afoutayi Haitian Dance, Music & Arts

Award Amount: \$24,000.00

Location (City): Golden Valley

Project Overview: The three-day Afoutayi Haitian Dance, Music, and Arts Festival, set for April 2025, will immerse attendees in Haitian culture through ceremonies, workshops, performances, and community gatherings. Celebrating Haiti's heritage, it offers Minnesota's Haitian community and Afro-Caribbean cultural groups a space to connect, learn, and share. Timed to honor Papa Zaka, the Vodou spirit of agriculture and community, the festival highlights Haitian traditions of unity and resilience. Events include a blessing ceremony, interactive workshops, live performances, language classes, and



storytelling sessions. With adequate funding, this inaugural event aims to become an annual celebration of cultural connections in Minnesota.

Asian Economic Development Association

Award Amount: \$27,500.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: The 2025 Little Mekong Night Market (LMNM) will be a landmark summer celebration marking the 50th anniversary of Southeast Asian communities in Minnesota. This milestone event, held outdoors on Western Avenue at University Avenue and within the XIA Gallery at 422 University Avenue, Suite 14, St. Paul, MN 55103, will highlight the cultural heritage, arts, and culinary traditions that SE Asian Minnesotans have contributed to the state. Set in the vibrant Little Mekong Business and Cultural District, the free festival will transform the area into a lively hub for cultural exchange, artistic expression, and economic opportunity.

Film Society of Minneapolis St. Paul

Award Amount: \$28,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: The MSP Film Society or MSP Film will launch Cultural Heritage Days, a new series of dedicated events within the Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival 2025 (MSPIFF) April 2-13, 2025. In partnership with community members, we propose to host four distinct Cultural Heritage Days at MSPIFF built around culturally specific films that focus on one particular population. Events will include speakers and panels, music, dance, art, poetry, performance and food. The project is intended to 1) enhance and deepen the audience experience around MSPIFF film programs, especially those reflecting Minnesota's rich cultural heritage and 2) draw in new audiences.

Great Lakes Lifeways Institute

Award Amount: \$30,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Revitalizing Snow Snake: A Community Celebration of Identity and Winter Traditions is a two-day festival honoring Anishinaabe cultural heritage, highlighted by the 2nd Annual Intertribal Snow Snake Tournament. The event features workshops, storytelling, art, and community activities to celebrate the traditional winter game of Snow Snake and build connections across Minnesota. Funding supports educator and community workshops, mentoring in Snow Snake crafting and track-building, storytelling, a tournament, a cultural feast, and entertainment. This initiative fosters intergenerational learning, cross-cultural understanding, and greater access to outdoor education and Anishinaabe traditions for underserved communities.

Hennepin History Museum

Award Amount: \$43,700.00



Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Hennepin History Museum (HHM) presents Hennepin Fest, a free music and cultural festival on May 31, 2025, at Minneapolis Washburn Fair Oaks Park. Celebrating community diversity, the festival features performances by women and gender-expansive artists who share personal and cultural histories through music, spoken word, and dance. A vendor village will showcase arts, crafts, jewelry, and food from local artisans, highlighting the region's rich cultural heritage. This event fosters community engagement and celebrates the vibrant traditions and identities of Hennepin County.

Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: The Hmong Cultural Center (HCC) will implement the annual Minnesota Qeej and Hmong Arts Festival at Union Depot in May 2025, involving a Sunday of comprehensive programming to educate Hmong and non-Hmong about the Qeej instrument while also providing a forum for master performers & Qeej troupes from Minnesota & beyond to be recognized for their skills. This is the fourth year this festival has been organized. The festival includes performances of other Hmong folk instruments including the twostring violin, flute and the ncas (mouthharp), performances of Hmong dance troupes (both traditional and modern hip hop styles) as well as cultural activities for children & Hmong food vendors offering food items for festival attendees to purchase.

Indigenous Roots

Award Amount: \$24,592.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: "New Beginnings: Honoring Diversity, Connection, and Cultural Identity" is a community-focused series celebrating the Lunar, Purepecha, and Khmer New Year traditions. Through music, dance, storytelling, traditional foods, cultural arts, and interactive exhibitions, the project highlights the richness of each tradition while fostering cross-cultural learning and unity. By partnering with cultural groups and culture bearers, it empowers communities, reinforces cultural identity, and supports the preservation of Indigenous traditions through immersive and educational experiences.

Kelton, Karina

Award Amount: \$24,000.00

Location (City): Lake Elmo

Project Overview: Generaciones de Corazón: Generations of Hearts creates a supportive space for Latino families from low-income communities in the Twin Cities metro area facing racism and isolation. Running weekly from February to May, this project gathers elders, parents, and children to bond through sewing. Funding supports materials and instructor facilitation.



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Lee, Yoo Min (Lina)

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Duluth

Project Overview: The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging (DEIB) Festival, debuting in Spring 2025, is a Minnesota-based event celebrating diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. This pilot festival highlights underrepresented communities through workshops, performances, art, and discussions. Featuring community leaders, artists, and educators, it fosters cultural exchange and unity. Key events include: February 2025: Who's That? Expanding the classical canon with works by Black and Haitian composers. February/March 2025: When Music Speaks and Moves, an interdisciplinary showcase of underrepresented artists. April 2025: Inclusive vocal techniques workshop for trans and non-binary voices. May 2025: Recording Tropical Fantasie by Haitian composer Justin Elie with the Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra.

Memorialize the Movement

Award Amount: \$30,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Justice for George (JFG) is a pivotal community event by Memorialize the Movement (MTM) marking the fifth anniversary of George Floyd's death. Returning to Phelps Park, the 2025 JFG event reflects on the past while driving future advocacy for Black and brown communities. Spanning May 20-25, programming includes film screenings, a live play reading, mural tours, and activist panels. The main weekend showcases 2020 protest murals, live art, performances, food vendors, and interactive workshops, creating a space for collective grieving, resilience, and advocacy through art and community.

New Roots Midwest

Award Amount: \$22,500.00

Location (City): Moorhead

Project Overview: This project celebrates the cultural heritage of African Americans and African diaspora, by fostering connections through art, music, and storytelling. The festival highlights shared histories and traditions, featuring performances of traditional alongside African drumming, poetry, and spoken word by local artists. Workshops on weaving, fabric dyeing, and beadwork, led by community artists, promote interactive learning. Storytelling sessions explore migration experiences and cultural preservation, while a culinary experience combines Eastern African dishes with African American soul food, complemented by exhibitions and a talent showcase.

Oromo Diaspora Media

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis



Project Overview: In collaboration with several community partners, Oromo Diaspora Media (ODM) proposes to coordinate the production of a Spring 2025 Little Oromia Music and Dance Celebration. This dynamic event will be a collaborative effort, uniting diverse voices and talents to celebrate Oromo culture. ODM will work closely with the University of Minnesota Oromo Student Union and the Metro State University Oromo Youth Association to empower and actively engage young adults in the planning and execution of the festival. By involving youth organizations in key leadership roles, the festival aims to inspire the next generation leaders, fostering a strong sense of cultural pride and ownership. This collaborative approach will ensure that the festival is vibrant, inclusive, and reflective of the energy and creativity of the youth community.

Project FINE Inc

Award Amount: \$29,233.00

Location (City): Winona

Project Overview: The Tastes of Winona project brings area residents together to connect through the preparation and sharing of traditional cultural foods. This series of eight community events will feature cooking instructors, leading participants in preparing dishes while sharing cultural presentations. Each event includes cooking, a shared meal, and information about the featured culture and cuisine. Held at the accessible Eagles Club with interpreters, childcare, and transportation available, the project fosters relationships and cross-cultural connections while ensuring inclusivity for all participants. Pre-registration is encouraged to accommodate attendees.

Vietnamese Community of Minnesota

Award Amount: \$41,150.00

Location (City): New Brighton

Project Overview: This festival will be filled with stunning cultural elements to tell that story, vibrant decorations featuring red and yellow graphics, symbolizing Tết. Images of spring flowers, firecrackers, and festive food will create a captivating atmosphere. Entertainment includes live music from talented local Minnesota artists, and performances, including traditional dances, songs, theater, and poetry, presented by Vietnamese organizations and our Southeast Asian partners. Funds provided by the MHC will support decorations, performances, cultural space, and security measures to ensure a successful event.

Zeitgeist Center for Arts

Award Amount: \$10,000.00

Location (City): Duluth

Project Overview: Zeitgeist's Minnesota Film Festival (MFF) is a showcase of over 100 films, 40+ filmmakers, pitch competitions, networking events, panel discussions, cultural performances, and educational opportunities. It's also one of the premier creative and cross-cultural events in NE MN each year. The 2025 festival is headquartered at the Zeitgeist Arts Building in Duluth, MN from March 19th -



23rd. Activities include festival management, housing and travel, events and ceremonies, educational panels, and a closing ceremony.

2021-2023 Biennium MHC Grants

115 Awardees; \$5,700,000 Awarded

CULTURAL HERITAGE GRANTEES (YEAR ONE)

30,000 Feet

Award Amount: \$20,00.00

Location (City): Roseville

Project Overview: Develop and offer 12 artist residency workshops, connecting Black youth in East Saint Paul to Black artists. Through projects and experiential learning rooted in African American culture and history, students will use art to discuss social justice and other areas that spark passion.

African Economic Development Solutions (AEDS)

Award Amount: \$90,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: AEDS will harness African heritage art and culture to support and bolster community engagement, leadership development, and networking activities that culminate in launching the Minnesota African Action Coalition (MAAC).

Afro American Development Association

Award Amount: \$19,903.00

Location (City): Moorhead

Project Overview: Afro American Development Association (AADA) will partner with renowned Somali musician Nimcaan Hilaac to bring Somali musical education to Somali American youth in Minnesota.

Ahmed, Sadiq

Award Amount: \$15,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Building Home and Community in Minnesota is a film project that will focus on capturing untold stories and experiences by Somali community members and balancing to build a life while being an immigrant, black and Muslim.



Black Table Arts

Award Amount: \$105,000.00

Location (City): Morton

Project Overview: Summer Youth Cooperative Lab will expand access to high school students as we excavate the tradition of arts organizing through Black literature and protest writing.

Corrie, Bruce

Award Amount: \$8,700.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: America is polarized around cultural and racial identity. AmercaTV.me will offer a vision where people can discover common roots across diverse cultural identities. Two videos and virtual tours will be produced - "Rhythms" and "Flavors."

Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES)

Award Amount: \$150,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: To honor and preserve the cultural heritage of Minnesota's Latino community, CLUES will lay the groundwork for an innovative arts and cultural space on Minneapolis' Lake Street Cultural Corridor.

Dungey, Shanaya

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Brooklyn Park

Project Overview: Shanaya Dungey aka The Foolish Know It All will facilitate an artistic and cultural heritage preservation pilot project with five to ten Minnesota-based descendants of enslaved African American ancestry to discover, collect, and document their family genealogy in a manner that is culturally relevant, preserves their family history, & honors their stories.

Friends of the Mississippi River

Award Amount: \$8,500.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: The Cultural River Stewards project will gather narratives and practices from different cultural communities' stewardship of the Mississippi River.

Green Card Voices

Award Amount: \$8,500.00

Location (City): Minneapolis



Project Overview: This project will publish bilingual, single-story graphic novels based on the positive reception of their best-selling Kirkus-star reviewed anthology, *Our Stories Carried Us Here*.

Hispanic Advocacy and Community Empowerment through Research

Award Amount: \$14,005.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Creando Nuestro Futuro will be a series of murals created by Latinx children of Aurora Charter School to help them tell the story of pain that has resulted from being at the epicenter of racial injustice in our world and health inequities, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, but also to help them heal from the wounds and discover a better day.

In Progress

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: The Harvest is a documentary video that will provide a look into the lives of families that come together each year to harvest sugar beets.

India Association of Minnesota (IAM)

Award Amount: \$60,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: IAM Cultural Identity Program will empower the Asian-Indian community in Minnesota to build intercultural identity, amplify Asian Indian arts, culture, and heritage for benefit of all Minnesotans.

Iraqi and American Reconciliation Project

Award Amount: \$19,750.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: The Iraqi and American Reconciliation Project, members of the Iraqi Minnesotan community, and two partner institutions will work together to present two days of cultural activities and performances, honoring and celebrating Iraqi culture and each partner institution's respective culture.

Ka Joog

Award Amount: \$140,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: The project will offer songwriting and composition to Somali American youth enrolled in FANKA, our arts education program.



MacRostie Art Center

Award Amount: \$19,440.00

Location (City): Grand Rapids

Project Overview: The Giinawind Creative Space is a new project by MacRostie Art Center. It is an expansion of MAC's role as a cultural center of the community and into an adjoining storefront.

Lee-Yang, May

Award Amount: \$10,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: The project will produce two 30-minute episodes of Hmong Organization, a comedy web series about a Hmong nonprofit and the people who work there.

Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Tribal Community (MMDTC)

Award Amount: \$19,700.00

Location (City): Mendota

Project Overview: MMDTC's "Spark of Creativity" Dakota Humanities Revitalization Project will host five new distinct workshops focusing on traditional Dakota arts and culture.

Minnesota Prison Writing Workshop

Award Amount: \$8,500.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Advisory Councils (ACs) of experienced incarcerated writers at three state prisons - Lino Lakes, Faribault, and Stillwater - will determine what learning needs exist in their specific communities and design course offerings. Six 1015-week courses will be taught, the first inperson classes since the onset of the pandemic.

Minors

Award Amount: \$67,000.00

Location (City): Saint Cloud

Project Overview: The project will create a series of Hmong language booklets, photographically illustrated, comprehensively exploring the refugee experience, with narratives written by elementary school language students, based on their interviews with family elders and impressions of the photos, and edited by their teachers and dual language coaches.

MN Zej Zog

Award Amount: \$70,000.00

Location (City): New Hope



Project Overview: Making the Brooklyns Our Home is a project that will help Hmong people feel at home through Hmong arts, culture, and heritage in partnership with the City of Brooklyn Center and Brooklyn Park.

Native American Community Development Institute

Award Amount: \$80,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Storytelling is central to contemporary Native American life-ways. By amplifying Native authors, all Minnesotans will have access to literary works that connect the public to the vital and thriving Native American culture that Minnesota is rooted in. AMRA's Native Authors Program will create opportunity and placemaking for Native authors who are not given access to other workshops at more established writing programs.

New Arab American Theater Works

Award Amount: \$19,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: The project will share the tradition of Arabic drumming with community members and present this music to the Twin Cities in a series of outdoor concerts open to all and include audience talkbacks by local SWANA humanities scholars.

Oyate Hotanin

Award Amount: \$80,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Nine art stones for the China Friendship Garden will amplify Chinese, Hmong & Native voices with form and calligraphy that sing out identity, honor icons, and display messages of cultural curators.

Pan Asian Arts Alliance

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Project Resonance will orchestrate new creations of music and dances to serve as a communication bridge across cultural/racial lines, to mitigate racial tensions between African and Asian communities, to illustrate the crosscultural experience, and eventually promote Intercultural Harmony.

Penumbra Theatre

Award Amount: \$25,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul



Project Overview: The project will implement racial healing methods led by artists in a performing arts, retreat, and learning space to develop new work and sustainability for social change.

Planting People Growing Justice Leadership Institute

Award Amount: \$95,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Writing for Social Change project will equip African Americans to write their own stories as a manifestation of cultural resilience resulting in a lasting impact on Minnesota's literary arts and multicultural education communities.

Ragamala Dance Company

Award Amount: \$25,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Mythology Makes Us: The Kannagi Festival will be a celebration of Tamil (Southeastern Indian) culture—an aspect of Indian culture not often featured in the U.S. Through dance, dialogue, film, and food, we connect past and present, and explore how immigrants can draw on our cultural archetypes to inform a better, more just, and more inclusive future.

Reviving the Islamic Sisterhood for Empowerment (RISE)

Award Amount: \$150,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: RISE has been reclaiming the Muslim woman's narrative through Muslim Heroines of Minnesota, this project will feature 35 stories shared as a book.

Rice County Neighbors United

Award Amount: \$50,000.00

Location (City): Northfield

Project Overview: This project will showcase the immigrant and refugee stories: lives, talents, culture and history beyond survival. This multimedia project will feature mural making, written stories, portraits, video and pictures.

The SEAD Project

Award Amount: \$90,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This project will document first-person stories from elders in Hmong, Viet, Khmer, and Lao communities on topics related to immigration, childhood, homelands, and tradition, which will be illustrated by emerging community artists for publication and distribution.



SGU Veterans and Families of USA, Inc.

Award Amount: \$75,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: The Secret War Preservation project will preserve, document, and record the last surviving stories of Hmong veterans and their widows from the CIA-backed clandestine operation in Laos from 1961-1975. The project will gather, preserve, and share the legacies of individuals; enriching the historical record and Hmong identity.

Somali Community Resettlement Services

Award Amount: \$90,000.00

Location (City): Faribault

Project Overview: The Somali Language and Culture Classes project will honor and preserve Somali culture by first, connecting Somali youth to their rich cultural heritage through arts and language classes and second, by providing a class for others in the mainstream Minnesota community to learn about Somali language and culture.

Speaking Out

Award Amount: \$150,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Through the work of Dr. Mato Nunpa, a team of Indigenous scholars & community interviews, Speaking Out Collective will examine how mass murder, wholesale land theft, enslavement and extermination were justified and taught in schools.

Spirited Films LLC (Joua Lee Grande)

Award Amount: \$15,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Filmmaker Joua Lee Grande and her team will complete the documentary “Spirited”, host feedback sessions and develop an Impact Campaign that focuses on the film's topic of Hmong shamanism, how it is changing in modern-day Minnesota, and how it exists alongside current issues.

Sprout MN

Award Amount: \$8,500.00

Location (City): Little Falls

Project Overview: Sprout's Growers & Makers Marketplaces project will enable economic opportunities for farmers, artists and creatives, provides access to cultural activities, and increases arts access to the general public.



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Strive Publishing

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Robbinsdale

Project Overview: Strive Community Publishing: Black Joy Literary Clubs will empower voices from the Black community to rise above stereotypes, demographic disparities, and negative media portrayals by sharing authentic stories and power within the voices of everyday Black people.

Teatro del Pueblo

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: To mark our 30th anniversary, Teatro del Pueblo will produce a new LatinX adaptation of Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet, titled Love in the Time of Hate.

Thai Cultural Council of MN

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Saint Louis Park

Project Overview: The Thai Cultural Council will host Songkran, or Thai New Year, at the Minnesota State Capitol. Songkran is an important festival in Thai culture as it symbolizes moving into the new year with community, family, and elders.

Unite Cloud

Award Amount: \$63,000.00

Location (City): Saint Cloud

Project Overview: Unite Cloud will join with Farhiya Iman to host 12 Intro to Somali Language and Culture sessions and nine Advanced classes.

United Family Practice Health Center dba United Family Medicine

Award Amount: \$70,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: United Family Medicine, a Federally Qualified Health Center, will hire local community artists to create culturally-relevant artwork for our diverse clinic population.

United Senior Lao-American Association (USLAA)

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Elk River



Project Overview: The Cultural Patrimony project will promote and capture values to create pride in Lao culture and identity, as well as create awareness of morality to the community through a series of events and festivals.

Urban Farm & Garden Alliance

Award Amount: \$30,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: A year-long series of gatherings in Rondo's community garden provides space to share cultural memory, empowering Rondo residents to imagine new futures through place-based revitalization in line with Rondo's racial and community histories.

Walker West Music Academy

Award Amount: \$145,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Walker West Music Academy's Amazing Grace Chorus for Elders project, a unique receptacle of Black cultural heritage and a wealth of lived MN Black experience, will capture and share rich experiences and memories of those aging keepers of an important part of Black culture.

The Witness Project

Award Amount: \$9,950.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: We Are is a collaborative arts project that will capture in literary reflections and visual art the Northside community's experiences of recent socially-impacting events.

CULTURAL HERITAGE GRANTEES (YEAR TWO)

(Neo)Muralismos de México (NMM)

Award Amount: \$60,913.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: NMM will lead and coordinate five communityengaged muralism and public art projects that will uplift cultural heritage around the state, including projects in the Twin Cities, Duluth, Red Wing, and Austin, MN.

826 MSP

Award Amount: \$21,200.00

Location (City): Minneapolis



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Project Overview: 826 MSP will offer “Identity Exploration through Poetry Field Trips” for primarily-BIPOC Twin Cities youth in grades 1-2. Students will work with mentor texts from BIPOC poets, write their own pieces, and leave as published poets.

APIA MN Film Collective

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Savage

Project Overview: The Asian American Short Film Project will be a series of workshops on how to create a five-minute narrative or documentary short film culminating in a public event showcasing works in-progress.

Arcata Press dba Saint Paul Almanac

Award Amount: \$35,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Page to Publishing project will grow former Community Editors program from 12 sessions of compressed writing and editing skill building, to a comprehensive 20-session literary arts pathway for BIPOC artists.

Art from the Inside MN (AFTI)

Award Amount: \$74,400.00

Location (City): Maplewood

Project Overview: AFTI will expand its reach and impact into more state correctional facilities and incorporate culturally-sustaining arts programming both inside and outside the walls of confinement.

Artistry. Honesty. Healing. Action (AHHA!)

Award Amount: \$19,260.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: AHHA! - Healing the Breach will engage artists through a planning process that will empower them to present their creative visions of racial justice as a pedagogy that enriches secondary school curriculum.

Bois Forte Tribal Government

Award Amount: \$17,201.00

Location (City): Nett Lake

Project Overview: The Minnesota Urban Debate League will expand two of their programs designed to specifically address the needs of immigrant communities in Minnesota: The Spanish Debate League and the East African Debate Initiative.



BrittFit50 Indigenous Health, Wellness and Cultural Arts

Award Amount: \$17,800.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This project will plan and design Health Wellness & Cultural Arts activities in Black Indigenous Communities through curated Cultural Community Festivals with an emphasis on Health Education and Cultural Workshops.

Worra, Bryan Thao

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Laomerica 50 project will build capacity for poets to actively document and correct historical gaps in the Lao Minnesotan journey as we approach 50 years in the US.

Cano, Alondra

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Musica Mexicana project is a collective of young people - comprised of the young Latinx leaders of the Dos Coronas, Elegancia LR, and Alto Designo bands (traditional Norteño, Ranchera, Tejano, and Banda music) – who will design and develop a Mexican music education program to engage Latinx elementary and high school students in learning, practicing, and reimagining Mexican traditional music.

Capiusa

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Brooklyn Center

Project Overview: This project will expand Twin Cities World Refugee Day (TCWRD) activities that bring local refugee artists to present unique creative elements of their cultures, specifically the Afghan and Ukrainian refugee communities that now call the Twin Cities their home.

Castillo, Lupe

Award Amount: \$16,015.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: HeartSpeaks: Voices of Cultura Writing Circles project founder and Cultural Worker/Poet/Artist will facilitate the gatherings with writing guidance, at the mural site creating a multi-dimensional experience for participants, artists, and the work of art.



Center for Leadership and Neighborhood Engagement

Award Amount: \$75,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Center for Leadership and Neighborhood Engagement - Cultural Heritage Education and Youth Organizing project will celebrate and honor creative cultural communication with youth through counter-storytelling, educating joint learning communities, and training cultural heritage organizers to educate and rejuvenate cultural identity in the community.

COMPAS, Inc.

Award Amount: \$47,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Minnesota Teaching Artists from African, Indigenous, and/or Asian Heritages project will develop and deliver arts residencies that teach an art form with roots in their cultural heritage. Residencies will include learning the art form's cultural context, artists from that culture who have influenced it, and creating the art form alongside the Teaching Artist.

Cow Tipping Press

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Creative Writing by People of Color with Developmental Disabilities project will offer creative writing classes for six organizations serving people of color with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities in 2022-2023.

East Side Freedom Library

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: From Race to Relatives (FR2R), will design and host indoor house parties, outdoor block parties, performance, and art maker spaces on the Greater East Side and elsewhere in the city that feature room to groove, get creative, and learn about how to support community still feeling the social and economic effects of pandemic.

Funny Asian Women Kollektive LLC (FAWK)

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Storytelling is central to contemporary Native American life-ways. By amplifying Native authors, all Minnesotans will have access to literary works that connect the public to the vital and thriving Native American culture that Minnesota is rooted in. AMRA's Native Authors Program will



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create opportunity and placemaking for Native authors who are not given access to other workshops at more established writing programs.

Galloway, Iyana

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Brooklyn Park

Project Overview: Grandma's Hands project will be to emulate the African American documentary "High On The Hog" off of Netflix, however, this project will be led by youth. They will be learning their African American heritage through the historical backgrounds of Cuisine and Culture.

Hmong 18 Council

Award Amount: \$18,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: The project will share the tradition of Arabic drumming with community members and present this music to the Twin Cities in a series of outdoor concerts open to all and include audience talkbacks by local SWANA humanities scholars.

Hmong Archives

Award Amount: \$12,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Colors of the North: Preserving Hmong Minnesota Heritage and Paj Ntaub in a Holiday Coloring Book project will provide education for student outreach on cultural diversity and celebration that empower the younger generation in building identity and culture within this ever changing and assimilating world.

Hmong Cultural Center (HCC)

Award Amount: \$75,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: The New HCC Storefront Museum Implementation project will involve the development of a guided tour app & new curriculum for school groups based on MN's K12 standards.

Holliday, Adrian

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Brooklyn Park

Project Overview: Holliday Outdoor and Fishing Fundamentals Camp is a Black/BIPOC led project that will share outdoor and fishing fundamentals for Black, BIPOC and underserved youth through mini



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camp. Mini camps will teach outdoor education and safety, nature explorations, and provide an intro to learning how to fish for local kids.

The Hmong Museum

Award Amount: \$75,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Hmong Museum will develop and streamline its online educational offerings through a series of online web exhibitions, collections, and enhanced curriculum.

Holliday, Jena

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Brooklyn Park

Project Overview: Created to Be Arts is a Black/BIPOC led creative art program that will offer workshops for youth and families.

In Black Ink

Award Amount: \$67,050.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Humanities Place-Making for a Thriving Community project will support new, community-focused programming that expands current work, and explores community desire for a future gathering space magnetized around the humanities.

Kairos Alive!

Award Amount: \$49,933.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: The Kairos Alive! Cultural Wisdom Immersion and Sharing project collaborates with Centro Tyrone Guzman, Augustana Open Circle, Walker West Music Academy and outstate Developmental Achievement Centers to explore and exchange joyful cultural meaning through music, dance, song and story via two-way Zoom webcast.

Kelton, Karina

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Lake Elmo

Project Overview: A group of 16 Latino youth ages 10-12 will meet bi-weekly to explore a cultural curriculum developed in collaboration with educators, artists, community members, and the youth themselves.



Ko, Naomi

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Savage

Project Overview: “The 20-Year Curse” is a multi-media live performance and documentary film project that explores the stories surrounding Naomi and the Ko Family curse, and the Korean American community in Minnesota.

Lajune Thomas Lange International Leadership Institute

Award Amount: \$70,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: On May 20, 1863 in St. Louis, Missouri the Union Army Special Agent of Contrabands sent 218 African Descendant persons to Ft Snelling on the Steamboat Davenport. The Steamboat Northerner towed a raft to Ft Snelling arriving on May 5, 1863. This project seeks to document the resettlement at Ft Snelling and how this group and Black Civil War Veterans changed the course of history in Minnesota by succeeding in amending the state Constitution to grant citizenship to African American men in 1869.

Lao Culture Dance and Traditional Fashion Show

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul Park

Project Overview: Lao Culture Dance & Traditional Fashion Show will implement training for youth through a new leadership program. The focus is on teaching students by passing on the skills and knowledge of traditional performing art to young generations to continue the tradition.

LatinoLEAD

Award Amount: \$75,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: LatinoLEAD’s new Avanzando Liderazgo Program (ALP) will use a culturally specific interdisciplinary approach to prepare emerging and established Latinx leaders to take on influential positions across sectors so they can advance equity for our community.

Lazy Hmong Woman Productions

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Filmmakers Kazua Melissa Vang, Yeej Moua, and May Lee-Yang will complete a documentary that look at how the pandemic transformed the way the Twin Cities Hmong community say goodbye to the dead.



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Lincoln, Carmen Lucia

Award Amount: \$39,745.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Movement as Language project will explore how dance can become a common language through community workshops and choreographic processes for people from different linguistic and cultural backgrounds, particularly Latinx, LGBTQ+, and disabled community members.

Lower Phalen Creek Project

Award Amount: \$75,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Wakan Tipi Center Exhibit Pre-Production project will support the production of permanent exhibits at Wakan Tipi Center, a Dakota cultural and environmental interpretive center honoring Wakan Tipi cave, a sacred Dakota place.

Many Faces of the White Bear Lake Area

Award Amount: \$19,714.00

Location (City): White Bear Lake

Project Overview: Many Faces of the White Bear Lake Area, a collaboration of 21 organizations, will sponsor a Powwow in spring 2023 to honor American Indian students and provide the larger community the opportunity to participate in this traditional cultural event.

Morgan-Sawyer, Mariana

Award Amount: \$15,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Cultural Harvest in Rondo project is a series of intergenerational events held in the Rondo community allowing folks to come together to share cultural experiences with food, herbs, planting and growing.

Minnesota Museum of American Art

Award Amount: \$75,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Native Arts Partnership Council at the M project will create a Native Arts Partnership Council to guide the expansion of Native Arts Initiatives at The M. Consisting of key Indigenous artists, elders, and educators, the group of 7-10 individuals will represent the diverse tribes and tribal demographics of the region.



Minnesota Prison Writing Workshop (MPWW)

Award Amount: \$75,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: MPWW will undertake a significant programming expansion: a public art project featuring the written work of incarcerated writers, adapted into large-scale window decals installed in prominent public places, accompanying audio/video pieces made in collaboration between those writers and local artists, and a handbook intended to facilitate community discussion about the intersection of art and incarceration.

Minnesota Vietnamese Language School

Award Amount: \$15,150.00

Location (City): Lake Elmo

Project Overview: Vietnamese Heritage and Legacy Connections project will promote and preserve Vietnamese culture through the use of traditional Lunar New Year celebration which includes storytelling, music and dance.

Mizna

Award Amount: \$30,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Mizna, the journal of Arab/Southwest Asian & North African (SWANA) literature and visual art, will produce a special Black Takeover issue. A Black team will take the journal through the full production process, led by guest editor Safia Elhillo, the acclaimed Sudanese American poet.

More Than A Single Story

Award Amount: \$74,300.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: More Than A Single Story responds to multiple requests for support in dealing with personal and cultural trauma with the conference “Black Writers Healing Black Writers” (working title). In times of great stress, artists go to their creativity to heal. This project brings that opportunity to Black writers who are reeling from continuing violence that impacts their communities.

Munro, Ana

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Edina

Project Overview: GCST 1970 Environmental Justice and Nature Immersion project for college and high school students, in partnership with the YMCA and Three Rivers Park District, will offer students



immersive experiences to learn about their cultural heritage and connection to the land by learning in and from nature, each other, and local tribal elders and artists.

Native Skywatchers

Award Amount: \$9,750.00

Location (City): Maple Grove

Project Overview: We Are Stardust, Indigenous Science-ArtCulture Workshop & Club Activities for Special Needs Youth project will plan and implement programming suitable for indigenous and nonindigenous special-needs youth, that allows for an enriching experience that values indigenous culture and affords engaging and creative ways for learning and personal growth.

Nelson, Peng

Award Amount: \$19,173.00

Location (City): Plymouth

Project Overview: Heart Artist-Gaohong Bilingual (English and Mandarin) Picture Book project is an interactive writing process with educators and students in Chinese immersion schools to develop a picture book about the life and experiences of Gahong, a Pipa artist and educator in Minnesota.

New Arab American Theater Works

Award Amount: \$19,750.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Playwright Showcase project will be a public showcase of new work by eight Arab and Muslim playwrights in the Spring of 2023 following a sixmonth intensive collaborative writing series in which the participants have met and workshopped their plays.

Ocho Bajos

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Musical Memories of 27th and E.Lake: Festive Ritual Traditions of Diasporic Migrants project will include multilingual research, oral history collection, print publications, video documentary, and community round tables regarding the history of culturally diverse Latin American immigrant diaspora festive traditions held at 27th Ave. and E. Lake St. in south Minneapolis. These Mexican music venues of El Nuevo Rodeo and Vannandy were a vibrant social context for culturally diverse festive ritual traditions and socialization in a South Side cultural and commercial crossroads.

Omar, Farhia

Award Amount: \$19,900.00

Location (City): Minneapolis



Project Overview: Create a collection of 10 pieces of artwork exploring trauma and offer three workshops for adult audiences and youth 18 years and younger on the role of art in healing and storytelling.

Pangea World Theater

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Pangea World Theater is launching a new institute that brings social practice and community-based artists together to utilize Placemaking/Placekeeping projects that center Indigenous, Black and Immigrant knowledge and cultural approaches to transforming Minneapolis and our shared world.

Philando Castile Peace Garden

Award Amount: \$60,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: A web-based exhibit that expands the current work of the Philando Castile Peace Garden, including contemporary knowledge of racial history, community trauma, and the role of art, peace, grief, and healing in the wake of police violence.

Pillsbury United Communities

Award Amount: \$34,197.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Stories & Narratives of Lake Street is a collective history and youth-lead project focused on Lake Street in South Minneapolis, documenting narratives that currently exist, but are not uplifted, along with the impact of Lake Street on/of BIPOC and underrepresented groups along this notable corridor, involving both Public and Oral History.

Red Wing Arts

Award Amount: \$75,000.00

Location (City): Red Wing

Project Overview: Red Wing Arts will facilitate a collaboration beginning the process of healing the historical trauma that divides the Dakota and Red Wing residents. A mural designed by tribal members will be installed in downtown Red Wing will symbolize his initiative.

Somali American Social Service Association (SASSA)

Award Amount: \$40,000.00

Location (City): Rochester



Project Overview: SASSA Cultural Heritage and Community Identity project will inform and teach fellow neighbors about the Somali culture through speakers, multimedia, tv programming, and print.

Somali Museum of Minnesota

Award Amount: \$75,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: A series of programs for Somali and non-Somali audiences for public viewing and education. All programs will amplify, celebrate, and preserve Somali culture and will include activities such as artist talks, demonstrations, dance performances, exhibitions, and poetry readings.

Somali Youth and Family Development Center

Award Amount: \$60,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: SOMFAM will launch a Somali language YouTube channel and Somali Cooking Classes to educate the Somali diaspora, particularly Somali women living in Minnesota, about culture and critical resources, and to empower them to engage with and share their cultural heritage.

Soomaal House of Art

Award Amount: \$73,400.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Soomaal House of Art (Soomaal) will offer an art residency project focused on supporting four contemporary Somali-American artists to create new work for a culminating exhibition.

TaikoArts Midwest

Award Amount: \$75,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Community Taiko for BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ Youth project of will offer healing, empowering, and community building benefits of taiko drumming to BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, and homeless youth communities in Minneapolis.

Telling Queer History

Award Amount: \$26,300.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Preparing and Sharing Telling Queer History's Audio Archives project will include transcribing, cataloging, and providing public access to a rich collection of stories for a wider audience, including those unable to attend past programs and researchers.



Threads Dance Project

Award Amount: \$11,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Youth Dance project will innovate dance education by welcoming aspiring BIPOC dancers who struggle to find affirming and culturally sustaining spaces to study dance through a preprofessional dance training program for youth ages 12-16.

The Urban Village

Award Amount: \$75,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: The Urban Village will create a collaborative learning program where participants will have an opportunity to connect and explore their identity and heritage. Youth will be empowered to drive the development of the first ever Karen and Karenni history archive.

Xiong, Ka Zoua

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Brooklyn Center

Project Overview: The Step Into Your Light project will work with non-English speaking Hmong women elders to give them an opportunity to explore cultural dances they wouldn't have access to nor find a reason to try something new.

2021 MHC Grants

89 Awardees; \$1,476,259 Awarded

CULTURAL IDENTITY GRANTEEES (ROUND FOUR)

AdopteeBridge

Award Amount: \$12,000.00

Location (City): Roseville

Project Overview: OurHistory Adult Adoptee Retreats are for transracial adult adoptees, ages 21+, to come together in a safe space to share experiences and to learn and grow—both individually and as an adoptee community.

Center for Hmong Arts and Talent (CHAT)

Award Amount: \$50,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul



Project Overview: Inspired by the real story of an amazing Hmong woman from Minneapolis, Crossing Mountains is a collaborative effort by a coalition of Hmong artists to create a Hmong opus using ballet to share the Hmong story of escape from Laos to acclimating in a strange new land.

CLUES

Award Amount: \$15,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: CLUES's exhibit activities include: Arts happenings and popup art gallery on Minneapolis' Lake Street; Arts- and Humanities-informed Exhibit and Community-based Celebration of the 50-year anniversary of the University of Minnesota's Chicano & Latino Studies Department; and Solo exhibits for emerging Latino artists.

Dakhóta lápi Okhódakičhiye

Award Amount: \$40,000.00

Location (City): Osseo

Project Overview: The Dakota Language Distance Learning (DLDL) program offers daily, online Dakota language classes to support distance learning as school districts across Minnesota navigate the impacts of COVID-19.

Dakota Wicohan

Award Amount: \$25,500.00

Location (City): Morton

Project Overview: Dakota Wicohan will offer a 16-week "Beading 101" course, covering 5 to 7 different beading techniques presented by experts in each technique, and the needles, thread and other supplies needed for each style.

Fond du Lac Reservation

Award Amount: \$83,373.37

Location (City): Cloquet

Project Overview: The Ojibwe Aanikeginde-mazina'iganan project will create classroom literacy readers for Grades K-5. These readers will be printed only in Ojibwe with the teacher's editions including English translations to assist teachers so they can help students develop understanding.

Grassroots Indigenous Multimedia

Award Amount: \$15,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis



Project Overview: Project Reclaim will transmit the Ojibwe language and relationship to the land through an augmented reality (AR) experience. For this stage of the project, GIM will hold a Community Analog Prototype Workshop and design Reclaim, an interactive mobile app that will simulate the experience of walking in the woods with Ojibwe Elders, exploring Ojibwe ancestral lands while learning the Ojibwe language.

Green Card Voices

Award Amount: \$14,800.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Green Card Voices will produce their first Children's Book created by immigrant youth for children ages K-4. Content will cover a wide range of topics: reasons for immigration, emotions, and other aspects such as bullying, marginalization, transitions, and loss.

Hmong Archives

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: The Legacy of Hmong Immigrants: Wat Tham Krabok Project will encourage communications and understanding between generations and across cultures, specifically the legacy and experiences of the last wave of Hmong refugees, the Wat Tham Krabok immigrants.

Hmong American Farmers Association

Award Amount: \$27,000.00

Location (City): West Saint Paul

Project Overview: "Preserving Hmong Cultural Farming Traditions" is a project devoted to documenting, through photography, videography, and oral interviews, the unique agricultural practices, traditions, and stories of Hmong farmers.

Honor the Earth

Award Amount: \$24,000.00

Location (City): Callaway

Project Overview: The Oshki-Filmmakers Project is a series of film workshops and opportunities for the White Earth Ojibwe Reservation, focusing on Indigenous youth.

Iraqi and American Reconciliation Project (IARP)

Award Amount: \$14,005.00

Location (City): Minneapolis



Project Overview: IARP will form a traditional Iraqi dance troupe to study and perform traditional dances from different regions across Iraq and to perform for the general public of Minnesota.

Language Attitude

Award Amount: \$10,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: In collaboration with teachers and artists, Language Attitude will develop and implement an educational toolkit focused around culturally relevant learning activities to sustain students' languages, literacies, and cultures.

The Minnesota China Friendship Garden

Award Amount: \$20,300.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Nine art stones for the China Friendship Garden will amplify Chinese, Hmong & Native voices with form and calligraphy that sing out identity, honor icons, and display messages of cultural curators.

Myles, Marlana

Award Amount: \$46,345.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Wiyounkihipi (We Are Capable) Productions will be a resource hub that publishes children's books of the Dakota culture and language and that supports writers and artists through professional profile pages, encouraging educators from around the state to invite them into their schools so that there is authentic Native representation in classrooms.

Native American Community Development Institute (NACDI)

Award Amount: \$37,850.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: The All My Relations Arts (AMRA) Native Authors Program will support a cohort of Native American authors working in different literary genres, with the end goal of creating a path to publishing new literary works.

New Native Theatre

Award Amount: \$30,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul



Project Overview: New Native Theatre is producing a novel play by emerging Native artist June Thiele. As an Indigenous, two-spirit playwright, June furthers indigenous and queer culture by creating modern narratives through theatre, performance arts, and storytelling.

North American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems (NATIFS)

Award Amount: \$34,250.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: The World Ancestral Knowledge Archive of Native Nations (W.A.K.A.N.N.) will be a central resource for accessible Indigenous knowledge around Indigenous foods systems.

Oyate Hotanin (Voice of the People)

Award Amount: \$60,710.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Oyate Hotanin will complete five new activities: presenting “Reunion of the Buffalo Herd”; staging a full production of Tatanka for video recording; establishing an annual RedTalks Symposium; creating a live interview series featuring American Indian elders and traditional healers; and creating an American Indian Artists Hub to promote artists.

Pangea World Theater

Award Amount: \$66,248.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Pangea World Theater’s Lake Street Arts!- Circling utilizes story circles, poetry, community conversations and site specific theater to create a space for histories to be gathered and visions for a more just, sustainable and livable Minneapolis to emerge. Lake Street Arts!- Circling centers the realities and dreams of Dakota, Ojibwe, Latinx, Asian, Immigrant, Black and East African communities along Lake Street.

Ragamala Dance Company

Award Amount: \$25,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Ragamala Dance Company will develop a new, limited-series podcast entitled Subcontinuity: Voices from the South Asian American Diaspora. Subcontinuity will explore the significance of South Asian-Americans within the cultural landscape of Minnesota and the U.S.

Twin Cities Media Alliance

Award Amount: \$23,945.00

Location (City): Minneapolis



Project Overview: Our Space Is Spoken For is a multidisciplinary public art storytelling project. A cohort of BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) artists and St. Paul BIPOC residents will create public art performances inspired by residents' stories, which will be filmed and later screened as part of a public event and discussion.

Wood-Krueger, Odia

Award Amount: \$14,950.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: The Urban Native Plant Guide will be a user-friendly, portable guide to some of the native plants present in the Minneapolis-St. Paul community and will include traditional uses of the plants, along with their names in Anishinaabe, Dakota, and Lakota where available.

HUMANITIES INNOVATION LAB GRANTEES

826 MSP

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: The Young Authors' Book Project will be led by an editorial board of 10 students who will decide the artistic direction of the project through developing the submission guidelines, promoting the project to solicit writing submissions from other Black identifying youth, and supporting book promotion and marketing.

Brooklyn Center High School

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Brooklyn Center

Project Overview: Hlub Lwb Hlwb (Love the Mind) is a summer youth program implemented through Brooklyn Center Secondary. The program aims to serve 20 Hmong high school students by creating a space for the students to explore their Hmong identity, discuss social and ethical issues affecting the community, and practice forms of activism.

First Nations Repatriation Institute

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Shakopee

Project Overview: With the Ramsey County District Court's Equal Justice Committee and TPT, First Nations Repatriation Institute will host a screening of Blood Memory with a panel of speakers and a question-and-answer session to follow.

HACER

Award Amount: \$1,993.63



Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: The Leaders of Tomorrow program in St. Cloud will incorporate an autobiography component to help students identify interests and career goals in the humanities.

Lower Phalen Creek Project

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: A public art project and engagement event located within Swede Hollow Park will forefront neglected histories and narratives of both Indigenous and Latinx communities who have lived in and around Swede Hollow.

Community of Scholars Program

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Tiffany Lachelle Smith will create a 2-day, 2-hour per day workshop on podcasting in the Fall of 2021. Editorial Board members will receive a small stipend for their contributions to SPARK, a digital platform/publication that amplifies the research, experience, and voices of BIPOC Scholars at the University of Minnesota.

Taris, Mary

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Robbinsdale

Project Overview: Nija Lawrence Porter will create a guide for writing in African American English.

Minors

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Minors will pilot a booklet project in cooperation with the teachers and students in the Hmong language classes at Phalen Lake Hmong Studies Magnet Elementary School in St. Paul.

More Than A Single Story

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: “We’ve Been Here Before” will be a six-event series featuring Black Literary Culture Bearers presenting significant milestones in MN Black literary history, and engaging audiences in conversation around the impact of those writers and those movements on our capacity to survive the



storms and keep creating. The series will be presented in collaboration with Black Table Arts, whose Founder/Artistic Director Keno Evol will host each event along with Carolyn Holbrook.

Today's Autistic Moment

Award Amount: \$1,200.00

Location (City): Edina

Project Overview: Today's Autistic Moment is a podcast for autistic adults, owned, produced, and hosted by an autistic adult. Marketing will ensure that the podcast reaches more autistic adults in the right places.

Twin Cities Media Alliance

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: A new public safety cohort will publish 1-2 Daily Planet stories. The cohort will develop and share narratives that both raise questions and play a role in helping to chart a path towards more equitable public safety and criminal justice outcomes for all, particularly the Indigenous/Native Americans, Black and Latinx communities most impacted by the current system.

We Are All Criminals (in collaboration with Korina Barry)

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Korina Barry is collaborating with incarcerated poet and journalist Jeff Young to create a podcast: a deeply raw, poetic, and personal dialogue and dissection of American life – past, present, future – behind and beyond bars, with a focus on Black and Indigenous experiences.

zAmya Theater Project

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: zAmya Theater Project will create a flexible workshop model to offer a variety healthcare centers to increase awareness of harm that happens between health systems and unsheltered populations.

2020 MHC Grants

112 Awardees; \$1,209,721 Awarded



CARES ACT RELIEF FUND AWARDEES

Through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, MHC provided grants to Tribal Nations and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations in Minnesota with a demonstrated commitment to humanities programming and are experiencing financial distress due to COVID-19. These funds will support the general operating and/or humanities programming for these organizations.

826 MSP

Award Amount: \$10,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

African American Registry

Award Amount: \$7,500.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Afro-American Development Association

Award Amount: \$2,500.00

Location (City): Moorhead

Alliance Francaise of the Twin Cities

Award Amount: \$2,500.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

American Indian Community Housing Organization

Award Amount: \$15,000.00

Location (City): Duluth

AMPERS

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Arcata Press

Award Amount: \$10,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

ARTS-Us

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul



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Asian Media Access

Award Amount: \$7,500.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Black Storytellers Alliance

Award Amount: \$7,500.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Center for Hmong Arts and Talent

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES)

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Cow Tipping Press

Award Amount: \$10,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Coffee House Press

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Dakhota Iapi Okhodakichiye

Award Amount: \$10,000.00

Location (City): Osseo

Dakota County Historical Society

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): South Saint Paul

Dakota Wicohan

Award Amount: \$10,000.00

Location (City): Morton

Diversity Council

Award Amount: \$15,000.00



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Location (City): Rochester

East Side Freedom Library

Award Amount: \$10,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Every Third Saturday

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Faribault Diversity Coalition

Award Amount: \$7,500.00

Location (City): Faribault

Giants of The Earth Heritage Center

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Spring Grove

Goodhue County Historical Society

Award Amount: \$1,500.00

Location (City): Red Wing

Grassroots Indigenous Multimedia

Award Amount: \$15,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

GREAT Theatre

Award Amount: \$7,500.00

Location (City): Waite Park

Green Card Voices

Award Amount: \$10,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Hispanic Advocacy and Community Empowerment through Research (HACER)

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul



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Hmong Cultural Center

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Hmong Museum of Minnesota

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Hnub Tshiab Hmong Women Achieving Together

Award Amount: \$2,500.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Hopewell Music Cooperative North

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

In Black Ink

Award Amount: \$10,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Iraqi and American Reconciliation Project

Award Amount: \$2,500.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Japan America Society of Minnesota

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Ka Joog

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Kaddatz Galleries, LTD.

Award Amount: \$2,500.00

Location (City): Fergus Falls

Kamau Kambui Circle for Cultural Learning

Award Amount: \$2,500.00



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Location (City): Saint Paul

Language Attitude

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Lower Phalen Creek Project

Award Amount: \$7,500.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

MidWest Mixed

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Military Historical Society of Minnesota, Inc.

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Little Falls

Minnesota African American Heritage Museum and Gallery

Award Amount: \$7,500.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Minnesota Transportation Museum

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Minors

Award Amount: \$2,500.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Multicultural Resource Center

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Pelican Rapids

The Museum of Russian Art

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis



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Native Governance Center

Award Amount: \$7,500.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

New Arab American Theater Works

Award Amount: \$10,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

North American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems (NATIFS)

Award Amount: \$7,500.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Northfield Historical Society

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Northfield

Oldenburg Arts and Cultural Community

Award Amount: \$2,500.00

Location (City): Carlton

Oyate Hotanin (Voice of the People)

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Philando Castile Peace Garden, a project of The Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Phumulani Minnesota African Women Against Violence

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Planting People Growing Justice Leadership Institute

Award Amount: \$7,500.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

The Prairie Island Indian Community

Award Amount: \$10,000.00



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Location (City): Welch

Ramsey County Historical Society

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Reviving the Islamic Sisterhood for Empowerment (RISE)

Award Amount: \$10,000.00

Location (City): Saint Cloud

Rice County Historical Society

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Faribault

Rice County Neighbors United

Award Amount: \$7,500.00

Location (City): Northfield

Rondo Center of Diverse Expression

Award Amount: \$10,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Sauk Centre History Museum

Award Amount: \$1,000.00

Location (City): Sauk Centre

Semilla Center for Healing and the Arts

Award Amount: \$7,500.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Sinclair Lewis Foundation

Award Amount: \$2,500.00

Location (City): Sauk Centre

Somali American Social Service Association

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Rochester



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The Somali Museum

Award Amount: \$15,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

The Southeast Asian Diaspora Project (SEAD)

Award Amount: \$15,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Speaking Out Collective

Award Amount: \$7,500.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

TaikoArts Midwest

Award Amount: \$2,500.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Teatro del Pueblo

Award Amount: \$2,500.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Telling Queer History

Award Amount: \$7,500.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Thai Cultural Council

Award Amount: \$2,500.00

Location (City): Saint Louis Park

ThinkSelf, Inc.

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Unite Cloud

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Saint Cloud

Vue National Association

Award Amount: \$2,000.00



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Location (City): Minneapolis

Washington County Historical Society

Award Amount: \$2,500.00

Location (City): Stillwater

WDSE.WRPT PBS Public Television

Award Amount: \$10,000.00

Location (City): Duluth

White Bear Lake Area Historical Society

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): White Bear Lake

Winona County Historical Society

Award Amount: \$7,500.00

Location (City): Winona

Zeitgeist Center for Arts & Community

Award Amount: \$2,500.00

Location (City): Duluth

CULTURAL IDENTITY GRANTEES (ROUND THREE)

Center for Community Services, Kangle Singers and Dancers

Award Amount: \$9,000.00

Location (City): Eden Prairie

Project Overview: Chinese seniors will participate in rehearsals, five outreach performances, and a concert entitled "We Are a Family", to be held on Saturday February 6, 2021 at the CCS auditorium.

CLUES

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: CLUES will create "Santuario," a multi-layered public art & creative placemaking project uplifting Latino cultural heritage, traditions, & identity; ultimately creating a cultural sanctuary space for Latino immigrant communities.

Coalition of Asian American Leaders on behalf of the LinkingLeaders Partnership

Award Amount: \$8,000.00



Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: LinkingLeaders Partnership will integrate solidarity practices by creating and integrating resources, tools, and modules for teaching BIPOC histories in our programs.

Dakota Wicohan

Award Amount: \$30,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Dakota Wicohan will develop online and media resources and delivered care packages to stay engaged with our youth, adults and families, focusing specifically on using culturally appropriate means to bolster the mental and spiritual health of our youth, and help them deal with any losses they experienced in their families and community.

Lower Sioux Indian Community

Award Amount: \$50,000.00

Location (City): Morton

Project Overview: The Dakota History Symposium at Lower Sioux Agency will provide opportunity for exiled Dakota to reconnect to their shared history, disrupting dominant power dynamics that restrict Dakota truth-telling.

MIGIZI

Award Amount: \$80,600.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: MIGIZI will transfer 1,000 pieces of reel-to-reel audio to a digital format so that it may be preserved and re-introduced. With KFAI Fresh Air Radio, they will produce 12 new audio stories utilizing the archive as source material.

The Minnesota Urban Debate League

Award Amount: \$30,000.00

Location (City): Park Rapids

Project Overview: The Minnesota Urban Debate League will expand two of their programs designed to specifically address the needs of immigrant communities in Minnesota: The Spanish Debate League and the East African Debate Initiative.

New Arab American Theater Works

Award Amount: \$12,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis



Project Overview: New Arab American Theater Works will explore the impact of immigration from historic Syria (including modern day Lebanon) to the Americas over the last 100 years that will culminate in a three-week production and nine community dialogues.

North American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems (NATIFS)

Award Amount: \$27,600.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: NATIFS is launching the Indigenous Food Lab in Minneapolis, including how-to videos and podcast conversations with Native chefs and other relevant Native health experts, to address serious issues of malnutrition, food-related illness, and economic impoverishment on tribal lands.

Turkish American Association of Minnesota (TAAM)

Award Amount: \$8,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: TAAM will prepare resource kits that meet Minnesota academic standards for elementary students which will introduce the traditional arts and crafts of Turkey, as situated within the broader historical and geographical context.

Vongsay, Saymoukda

Award Amount: \$10,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Curated by Saymoukda Duangphouxay Vongsay, *The Manual for Motherland Orphans* will contain ruminations from 9 Southeast Asian artists exploring themes like refugee identity formations, healing, trauma, (re)imaginings, cultural preservation, manifesting new identities, and decolonization.

HMONG CULTURAL HERITAGE GRANTEES (ROUND THREE)

Center for Hmong Studies

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: The Center for Hmong Studies will acquire the Jason Schoonover Collection, provide stipends for students to digitize and catalog the collection, and organize a Hmong Textile exhibit to show the collection.

The DIAL Group

Award Amount: \$28,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis



Project Overview: The DIAL will collaborate with Hmong artist Tou SaiKo Lee to develop “Ntiajteb Koomtes” (“Unified Worldwide” in English) – a Hmong language program based on Hmong traditional music infused with poetry and hip hop.

Hmong Cultural Center

Award Amount: \$76,955.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: The Hmong Cultural Heritage Initiative will support several outreach initiatives of the Hmong Cultural Center Museum and the first Minnesota Qeej Festival scheduled to be held at Landmark Center in late August 2020.

Hmong Museum

Award Amount: \$76,955.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Hmong Museum will develop a 400 sq feet traveling exhibit around the importance of Hmong’s oral culture. It will be a research phase with collaboration between Hmong Museum and community members.

HUMANITIES INNOVATION LAB GRANTEES

826 MSP

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: During National Poetry Month (April), 826 MSP will publish and share youth poetry and stories on pizza boxes from local pizzerias.

Cow Tipping Press

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Ten animated video illustrations of poetry by neurodiverse authors will be created.

Department of Public Transformation

Award Amount: \$1,000.00

Location (City): Granite Falls

Project Overview: A kickoff gathering for the WE CAN! event series will be held to solicit design and planning input from emerging female artists, artists of color, and artists from underrepresented communities in Southwest Minnesota.



GREAT Theatre

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Waite Park

Project Overview: A post-show conversation with a panel of experts and community members who are a part of or work with the LGBTQ+ community in Central Minnesota will follow performances of "The Laramie Project." Local resources will also be provided.

Hallie Q. Brown Community Center

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Youth of St. Paul Public Schools will learn how to digitally archive materials at Hallie Q. Brown Community Center, and create a short digital film featuring photos and audio from the elders of HQB.

Heikkila, Kim

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Kim will conduct recorded interviews and share stories with boxers with Parkinson's.

Lee, Chonburi

Award Amount: \$1,631.00

Location (City): Maplewood

Project Overview: A video podcast will be developed, featuring intergenerational Hmong stories and voices, including elders sharing their experiences with war (outside of being in the military).

Lower Phalen Creek Project

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Intentional outreach to the American Indian and Hmong communities for both storytelling and youth participation in a youth comic book workshop will be conducted.

Matteson, Shanai

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis



Project Overview: Shanai will collaborate with artist Sara Pajunen to create a sound and poetry performance for the Nashwauk Mine, highlighting the stories of women and the mine.

Park Rapids Independent School District 309

Award Amount: \$1,600.00

Location (City): Park Rapids

Project Overview: Author Kao Kalia Yang will speak and work with students through writing prompts and workshops.

Portico Healthnet

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Healthcare stories of marginalized communities will be shared through written and visual storytelling.

Turner, Brooks

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Brooks will research and scan historical archives to create a history of fascism in MN exhibit in St. Cloud.

University of Minnesota Foundation

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Community listening/feedback sessions of the pilot episode of a new podcast, Transcripts (interviews from the Tretter's Transgender Oral History Project), will be held to incorporate community feedback into the final product.

SOMALI CULTURAL HERITAGE GRANTEES (ROUND THREE)

Ka Joog

Award Amount: \$43,380.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Ka Joog and Afro American Development Association (AADA) will partner to create a platform for Somali American youth to learn traditional Somali artistic mediums and present their learning through public presentations that will ignite community conversations.



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Somali American Social Service Association (SASSA)

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Rochester

Project Overview: SASSA will implement a program to inform and teach their fellow neighbors about the Somali culture. Their platform will be based on speakers, multimedia, TV programming, and print.

Somali Community Resettlement Services (SCRS)

Award Amount: \$40,000.00

Location (City): Faribault

Project Overview: The Somali Youth Cultural Empowerment project will ensure youth learn their native Somali language and culture through classes taught by Somali teachers and will participate in the cultural tradition of Danta Dance.

Somali Museum of Minnesota

Award Amount: \$50,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: The Somali Museum of Minnesota will curate and present two new monthly series of public programs: a gallery-based series that draws from the museum's collection to offer Somali language, cultural and history instruction targeted to Somali families and school age youth; and artist talks and demonstrations, dance performances, exhibitions, and poetry readings designed for a broader audience.

Unite Cloud

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Location (City): Saint Cloud

Project Overview: Through the "Somali Language and Culture" gatherings, Central MN neighbors will learn conversational Somali phrases they can share with their colleagues, customers, clients, patients, and/or friends. These gatherings will also include a time of learning about the Somali culture.

West Bank Athletic Club

Award Amount: \$25,000.00

Location (City): Brainerd

Project Overview: West Bank Athletic Club (WBAC) will expand its popular, ten-year running Somali youth soccer tournament into a comprehensive cultural heritage festival that includes Somalispecific sports, arts, and cultural activities. The 2021 WBAC Summer Festival will include a soccer tournament, live Somali music, interactive workshops, speakers, and a variety of arts and cultural activities led by youth.



2019 MHC Grants

63 Awardees; \$1,557,945 Awarded

ABSENT NARRATIVES IMPLEMENTATION FUND GRANTEES

Bediako, Titilayo

Award Amount: \$1,000.00

School/School District: WE WIN Institute & At Bright Water Montessori

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This project will teach 1st through 3rd grade students about the holiday Kwanzaa and its importance to African Americans.

Benjamin, Natalia

Award Amount: \$935.74

School/School District: Century High School, Rochester Public Schools

Location (City): Rochester

Project Overview: This project will give students an opportunity to both explore the voices of diverse authors, and write about their own identity, personal experiences, and family/friend experiences that tell the story of their identity. These stories will be published in an anthology of the class writing projects and shared with their families and the school community during a family night in May 2020.

Carlson, Thomas

Award Amount: \$1,000.00

School/School District: Perpich Center for Arts Education

Location (City): Golden Valley

Project Overview: This project will support the development of the American literature class called "Centering Voices That Have Been Marginalized" through class sets of culturally responsive books and student engagement with cultural experts.

Edington, Jonathan

Award Amount: \$1,000.00

School/School District: Folwell Performing Arts School, Minneapolis Public Schools

Location (City): Minneapolis



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Project Overview: This project will capture student and family stories as visual art projects which will be permanently displayed at Folwell. This proposal will support four culturally specific projects, representing Latino, African American, Indigenous and Asian/Pacific Islander students and families within the school community.

Hernandez, Jovita

Award Amount: \$300.00

School/School District: Emmet D. Williams Elementary School, Roseville Area Schools

Location (City): Shoreview

Project Overview: As a part of their social studies unit called "History of Place," this project will increase 2nd grade student engagement by learning from Indigenous Minnesotans through traditional storytelling. This unit teaches the history of Roseville through the Native American lens, a narrative that is absent from the curriculum.

Hernandez, Roberta

Award Amount: \$900.00

School/School District: Central Park Elementary, Roseville Area Schools

Location (City): Roseville

Project Overview: Student engagement will increase through books with narratives by and about people that are missing from the curriculum and classroom. This project will add high quality classroom book sets for 25 teachers to use with students.

Hill Aeliot, Lora

Award Amount: \$1,000.00

School/School District: Riverway Learning Community, Charter School

Location (City): Winona

Project Overview: The project will increase student engagement by providing students with a deeper understanding of the Dakota and Objive through the We Move and We Stay exhibit at the Science Museum.

Sommers, Paul

School/School District: Justice Page School, Minneapolis Public Schools

Award Amount: \$1,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This project #BringYourSmellyFoodtoSchool is a yearlong curriculum that helps students embrace different aspects of their individual and communal identities. Using food as a medium



and finding multiple ways to explore the “seemingly” simple question, “Where are you from?” as a tool, students will investigate their understandings of self, their cultural background, and their place in relationship to the rest of the world.

Thome, Mary

Award Amount: \$1,000.00

School/School District: Central Park Elementary, Roseville Area Schools

Location (City): Roseville

Project Overview: This project, "Stories as Roots," will bring guest storytellers into classrooms to share absent narratives stories with students and families during the school day and at two evening events.

White, Heather; Britton, Katie; Maly, Erin; Paquette, Patty

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

School/School District: Lincoln Park Middle School, Duluth Public Schools

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Nigerian-born artist Daniel Oyinloye will create an absent narratives video that will showcase the community’s own diversity by giving a voice to those in the community whose stories are not represented in main-stream media.

Zambrano, Katina

Award Amount: \$1,000.00

School/School District: Garden City Elementary, Osseo Area Schools

Location (City): Brooklyn Center

Project Overview: Students will amplify their voices and deeply connect to the stories, histories, cultures and languages of their school community in this project by discussing books by authors of color and expressing themselves through visual art and poetry. Students will celebrate their authentic and diverse ways of being during an end-of-year multicultural event that illuminates the strengths and beauty of the Garden City community.

CHILDREN’S MUSEUMS GRANTEES

Children's Discovery Museum

Award Amount: \$158,000.00

Location (City): Grand Rapids

Project Overview: Financial support (scholarships) for classroom/community field trips and bussing will be available to allow children of all abilities and ethnicities to have a museum experience. A portion



of the funding will be allocated to new exhibits that will be determined by staff, consultants, & the community Advisory Board based on their findings during Year 1.

Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota

Award Amount: \$256,000.00

Location (City): Mankato

Project Overview: The Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota (CMSM) will establish new exhibits to enhance Arts and Cultural Heritage learning at the Museum, expand existing exhibits with additions designed to enrich Arts and Cultural Heritage learning experiences, and embark upon a community engagement process aimed at forging deeper connections with diverse constituencies.

Duluth Children's Museum

Award Amount: \$69,000.00

Location (City): Duluth

Project Overview: Arts and cultural program access is a major focus of this project. Several rotating exhibits in the Exhibit Hall will be highly interactive, with a focus on art, creativity, and problem solving. This year's selected Artist in Residence program, "Playing with Letters," highlights the work of University of Minnesota Duluth Professor of Graphic Design and typography artist David Short in an interactive experience where visitors will explore the creation, observation, and practice of graphic design.

Great River Children's Museum

Award Amount: \$230,000.00

Location (City): Saint Cloud

Project Overview: The Great River Children's Museum START-UP Project will focus on the critical next steps that GRCM must take as an emerging children's museum with a site and an existing building that needs to be repurposed from a bank to a children's museum. Start-up activities that would be supported by Minnesota Legacy Funds include: The hiring of a Museum Development Director, Community Engagement activities and Exhibit and Program Development.

Otter Cove Children's Museum

Award Amount: \$137,000.00

Location (City): Fergus Falls

Project Overview: The activities and exhibits that will be completed with this funding include the exhibit design, building and installation of a miniature downtown Fergus Falls, the completion of an art and maker space, specific outsourced elements for the farm and field room, scenic byway map, and interactive art installations from emerging and established regional artists.



Region 5 Children's Museum

Award Amount: \$188,455.00

Location (City): Brainerd

Project Overview: Residents and visitors will have opportunities to enjoy and benefit from 60 programming events in at least 20 communities over the 18-month grant cycle. In addition, local engagement specialists will bring programming directly to at least 100 participants experiencing significant participation barriers. Artwork, stories, and other participant-generated content will be collected and recorded to inform and to be integrated into the design and development of future children's museum's exhibits, environments, and programs. The children's museum will engage communities of all ethnicities, abilities, and incomes and will pay special attention to reaching community members experiencing participation barriers.

The Works Museum

Award Amount: \$121,545.00

Location (City): Bloomington

Project Overview: Through the We Are All Engineers project, The <https://theworks.org/> Works Museum will leverage the organization's expertise in elementary engineering education and the cultural knowledge of community partners to cocreate and deliver new elementary education programs that align with the cultural benchmarks in the Minnesota State Science Standards introduced in June 2019. The Works Museum will create opportunities for visitors to interact with engineered objects from the Dakota, Ojibwe, Hmong, Mexican, and Somali cultures. Children will explore these objects through open-ended play: touching, trying, examining, and investigating. They will also experience stories about how these cultures engineer and learn the cultural context behind material choice and function of the objects.

Wheel and Cog Children's Museum of Hutchinson

Award Amount: \$40,000.00

Location (City): Hutchinson

Project Overview: Project, "It takes a Village," involves community outreach development, updates to brochures with current information and class offerings, and improved cohesive signage inside and out of the museum space. Feedback continues from community and guests that improved signage is needed to locate the museum. Through working with the city of Hutchinson, we will plan to create a tasteful sign for guests to locate the museum.

COMMUNITY PARTNER FUND AWARDEES

Minnesota Prison Writing Workshop (MPWW)

Award Amount: \$35,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis



Project Overview: Community Partner Fund awardee MPWW extends Minnesota's vibrant literary community to incarcerated men and women. With this award, MPWW will create community partnerships between the thriving network of incarcerated writers served by the organization and the diverse network of Minnesota publishers, platforms, and artistic venues. At prisons in Faribault, Lino Lakes, Moose Lake, Shakopee, and Stillwater, MPWW will work in close collaboration with Writers Collectives – self-governing groups of experienced incarcerated writers – to identify the partnerships and opportunities that would be most valuable to them. In doing so, MPWW will amplify the voices of incarcerated men and women, connect Minnesotans to the stories of one of the most marginalized communities in our society, challenge stereotypes about the incarcerated community, and promote critical thinking about the criminal justice system.

"The grant from the Minnesota Humanities Center will create new platforms for the incarcerated community, which is very isolated, to participate in the broader artistic discourse and have a voice in shaping our culture. By presenting their stories and voices to broader audiences, this project will also showcase the diversity and humanity of the men and women currently living behind prison walls," said Mike Alberti, Managing Director Minnesota Prison Writing Workshop.

The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS)

Award Amount: \$42,700.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: NABS leads in the pursuit of understanding and addressing the ongoing trauma created by the U.S. Indian Boarding School policy, which forced Indian children to attend schools where their languages and cultural practices were prohibited. For this project, NABS will partner with the Upper Sioux Nation to increase access to student records from the Pipestone Indian Boarding School, unveiling narratives and histories that have been intentionally hidden in order to oppress indigenous communities. This project directly amplifies a community's solution for change as Upper Sioux members have requested that the truth about this history be made accessible to boarding school survivors and their descendants in order to better understand the impact of these experiences and facilitate healing. NABS will scan, digitize, and conduct research using the records of Pipestone Indian Boarding School. Ultimately, these records will become part of the Upper Sioux tribal archive's physical collection and NABS' digital archive as the organization works to digitize and make accessible boarding school records.

CULTURAL IDENTITY MICROGRANT GRANTEES

Artists Collective for Community Collaboration (AC3)

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: AC3 will create two art-building workshops for indigenous youth and their families, focusing on the lives and stories of missing or murdered indigenous women (MMIW) in Minnesota.



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Dakota Wicohan

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Morton

Project Overview: This program will provide a fun, supportive and engaging opportunity for Dakota youth to learn the Dakota language and culture through weekly activity nights and video making.

Lorenz, Maggie/Wakinyan Luta Oyanke Drum and Dance Society

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Guest speakers will provide cultural teachings pertaining to the drum, the songs, the dances, and powwow protocols.

MIGIZI

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: MIGIZI will begin to digitize 40 years of audio archives to enable future usage by American Indians and all Minnesotans.

Nguyen, Anh-Hoa Thi

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Maplewood

Project Overview: The author will write a food memoir book about her complicated relationship with Vietnamese food and how cultivating that relationship over time influenced her desire to learn about her Vietnamese culture and family history.

Oyate Hotanin

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: This project will support 3 short term projects led by artists in their coalition: The January Buffalo Show, RedTalk Symposium, and Live At the Buffalo Show CD Audio Mastering and short run printing.

Penumbra Theatre

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul



Project Overview: Supporting inclusion of pan-African voices and stories, *Weathering*, a new play in-progress written by Harrison David Rivers and directed by Talvin Wilks, explores the histories and health outcomes for mothers of color in America.

Telling Queer History (TQH)/ Inquilinxs Unidxs por Justicia (IX)

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: TQH and IX will host a December storytelling event to support the intersectional identities of immigrant members who are also part of the queer community.

Wagner, Chaz

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Nett Lake

Project Overview: Chaz will develop an Ojibwe Podcast that includes oral interviews with local elders, community experts, activists, and Anishinaabe peoples of Minnesota.

Yang, Bee

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Bee will compose and record traditional Hmong song poetry.

HMONG CULTURAL HERITAGE MICROGRANT GRANTEES

Hmong American Day (HAD)

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: HAD will collaborate with Hmong for Native Speakers courses in the Osseo School District at Park Center Senior High and Osseo Senior High to provide engaging activities that invite students to continue with their learning and sharing of Hmong language and culture.

Hmong Archives

Award Amount: \$4,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Hmong Archives will: photograph all items of the Martha Kaufman-Zimmerman Collection and four archival boxes of objects of Wat Tham Krabok, and post them on their website; publish books in Hmong and English with selected images and texts; and record, transcribe, and translate video interviews with Hmong elders.



Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota

Award Amount: \$3,090.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: The new theater room exhibit will allow visitors to view clips of historical documentaries about the Hmong diaspora and Hmong American Experience.

Hmong Museum

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Hmong Museum will pilot a program around the practice and teaching of Hmong elder's knowledge and skill around a folk art activity, such as bamboo basket weaving.

Hnub Tshiab – Hmong Women Achieving Together

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Hnub Tshiab will create a personal development workbook that will supplement their book titled Staring Down the Tiger: Stories of Hmong American Women, which provides a platform to tell stories of Hmong women.

Pha Association, Inc.

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Brooklyn Park

Project Overview: Elders and youths will engage with each other to strengthen their proficiency in the Hmong language and Hmong alphabet through lessons.

The SEAD Project

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: The SEAD Project will develop free online resources that teach Hmong language and culture to the public.

Tou SaiK Unites

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul



Project Overview: Tou SaiK Unites implements Unified Worldwide, a Hmong language Hip Hop project which includes creating and sharing songs accompanied by a curriculum to relearn Hmong language through writing lyrics.

HUMANITIES INNOVATION LAB GRANTEES

Avery, Eric

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Community workshops around reparations, changing economics, and economic solidarity will be conducted with food, activities, and conversation.

Cornerstone Montessori Elementary School

Award Amount: \$1,500.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Staff will read and discuss "A Good Time for the Truth" and, in consultation with author Sun Yung Shin, examine the school library and approaches towards literacy education, using the lens of equity and restorative justice.

Crystal Creek Citizen Artist Residency

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Houston

Project Overview: This project will support an artists-in-residence program to build relationships and develop creative projects with local, rural communities in Houston County.

Interact Center for the Visual and Performing Arts

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: Artists with disabilities will be supported in developing a new interactive multimedia piece in collaboration with visual artists.

Iraqi and American Reconciliation Project

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Istikan gatherings will be held with Iraqi-Minnesotan storytellers and IARP to come together and create the space to explore, collaborate, experiment, and problem solve together.



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Local Solutions to End Poverty

Award Amount: \$600.00

Location (City): Duluth

Project Overview: Local community members will be supported to speak, lead, facilitate, and ask questions in a community-led, issue-focused candidate forum.

Martin, Chris

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Chris will create an audio walk for Bde Maka Ska, one of a series of conversations around the idea of "Restoration": the lake's name restoration, ecological restoration, and the ongoing project of restoring the Dakota language to fluency before it disappears.

New Arab American Theater Works

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: A dialogue on the topic of Islamophobia and antiimmigrant sentiment centering the Arab community will follow a play at the Guthrie on the same topic.

Pratt, Katie

Award Amount: \$1,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: A hands-on climate mapping workshop where participants create maps of their personal emotional "terrain" of climate change will be developed and hosted.

Virden, Jacob

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: A podcast and video series exploring the Upper Harbor Terminal riverfront redevelopment in North Minneapolis will be created.

Yang, Pang & Cushing, Jenna

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Location (City): Brooklyn Park

Project Overview: Hmong authors will be brought together to inspire future young Hmong authors and to connect classroom Hmong language educators and Hmong focused publishers.



SOMALI CULTURAL HERITAGE MICROGRANT GRANTEES

East Africa Health Project

Award Amount: \$2,500.00

Location (City): Saint Paul

Project Overview: EAHP will host a multicultural event and dinner to show how Somali culture and heritage and dance are important and can be part of prevention of obesity and chronic diseases.

Isuroon

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: Isuroon will pilot a new program to create a space for Somali youth to discuss the realities of being a first- or second-generation immigrant with the compounding factors of their racial, linguistic, ethnic and religious identities through the arts and nature.

Multicultural Resource Center (SCRS)

Award Amount: \$3,120.00

Location (City): Pelican Rapids

Project Overview: SCRS will develop a “Basic Somali Language and Culture Class” curriculum. This course will be a 20 – 30-hour training for people in the general community, and possibly Somali youth.

Somali Community Resettlement Services

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Faribault

Project Overview: Community workshops around reparations, changing economics, and economic solidarity will be conducted with food, activities, and conversation.

Somali Parents Autism Network

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: This project will help families express their feelings through poetry, sharing historical perspectives on disability within the Somali Community.

Soomaal House of Art

Award Amount: \$2,500.00

Location (City): Minneapolis



Project Overview: Three Somali emerging artists will get the opportunity to learn, explore and exhibit a concept from beginning to end product through Spearwave - a monthly intimate exhibition and gathering space for conversations about art and culture.

Speaking Out

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: With Ayeeyo Childcare Center, a Somali-American family's business, Speaking Out will create workshops that use storytelling and acting to center Somali stories, language and culture.

Tusaalo Mentoring – Ubah Medical Academy

Award Amount: \$2,500.00

Location (City): Hopkins

Project Overview: This innovative program connects Somali youth with local Somali professionals through culturally-specific and school-based mentorship.

United Cloud

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Saint Cloud

Project Overview: #unitecloud will partner with a local Somali-owned business, Nori Cafe and Creamery, to host bi-monthly "Somali Language Nights" where a local member of the Central MN Somali community teaches Somali phrases to non-Somali community members.

West Bank Athletic Club

Award Amount: \$5,000.00

Location (City): Minneapolis

Project Overview: West Bank Athletic Club will make their soccer tournament a more holistic community event by incorporating Somali singers and poets into the soccer tournament program.