



**Minnesota Humanities Center Awards  
\$2,835,000 in Legacy Grants for Festivals**

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**May 7, 2026—ST. PAUL, MN**— The Minnesota Humanities Center (MHC) announces 40 Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment awards to support Festivals across Minnesota. The following organizations or local governments were selected to receive an award:

1. 825 Arts - \$122,700
2. Arts Us - \$49,380
3. BIPOC Foodways Alliance - \$62,160
4. Bloomington Pride - \$10,000
5. City of Delano - \$110,000
6. Dance Projects by ME - \$50,000
7. Department of Public Transformation - \$76,000
8. Don't Call Me Josephine - \$97,740
9. Freedom Day Festival - \$20,000
10. Friends of Global Market, Inc. - \$25,000
11. Full Circle Theatre Company - \$51,250
12. Hiddo Soor International Organization - \$55,000
13. India Association of Minnesota - \$20,000
14. Indigenous Roots - \$40,000
15. International Festival of Minnesota - \$194,250
16. Marine Mills Folk School - \$45,000
17. Mid-West Music Fest - \$7,000
18. Minnesota People of Color LGBT Pride - \$20,000
19. Mizna - \$55,000
20. MN Vietnamese Language School - \$16,500
21. Monarch Joint Venture - \$37,840
22. MSP Film - \$100,000
23. Music Mission - \$14,545
24. New Native Theatre - \$114,500
25. Northeast Mpls Art Association - \$38,067
26. Northfield Arts Guild - \$30,820
27. Oromo Diaspora Media - \$37,972
28. Pan Asian Arts Alliance - \$49,800
29. PCYC - \$50,035
30. Rebound, Inc. - \$24,825
31. Red Wing Arts - \$45,000
32. Rondo Avenue Inc - \$80,000
33. SEAD Project - \$82,800
34. Selby Avenue Jazz Festival - \$100,000

35. Somali Museum - \$56,366
36. Tehor Tibetan Organization of MN - \$24,000
37. The United Hmong - \$220,000
38. Twin Cities Jazz Festival - \$150,000
39. Umunne Cultural Association, Igbofest MN - \$60,000
40. Walker West Music Academy - \$100,000
41. West Boardway Business and Area Coalition - \$24,000
42. Westside Boosters Youth Athletic Club - \$220,000
43. Zeitgeist Center for Arts and Community - \$47,450

This is the second year the Minnesota Legislature provided funding for festivals. The Minnesota Legislature appropriated \$3,000,000, less administrative fees to MHC to support Festivals throughout Minnesota.

MHC received 141 total applications and \$14,149,967 in requests for proposed projects. Thirty-five percent of applicants were outside of the 7-county metro area, with an average grant request of \$101,475.

“I am thankful for the hard work of our review panels in reviewing the applications submitted,” stated MHC’s CEO, Kevin Lindsey. “Funding will support the many unique, diverse, and wonderful festivals in Minnesota that build our community and make our state an amazing place to live.”

#### **About the Minnesota Humanities Center (MHC)**

MHC, an affiliate to the National Endowment for the Humanities, was founded as an independent non-profit organization in 1971. MHC strengthens our society by promoting the humanities and increasing shared understanding of our collective pasts. MHC creates a wide variety of humanities programming in collaboration with individuals, creators, scholars, and organizations to build a more curious, inclusive, and connected society. MHC has a long history as a grantmaking organization and operates a full-service event center in a historic building in St. Paul. More information is available at [mnhum.org](http://mnhum.org).

#### **About Clean Water Land & Legacy Amendment**

The Minnesota Legislature passed the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment (Legacy Amendment) in 2008 to ensure clean water, preserve opportunities for Minnesotans to enjoy nature, parks, and trails, and to appreciate arts and culture that exists within the State. The Legacy Amendment increases the state sales tax by three-eighths of one percent to fund four distinct funds to achieve the goals of the Legacy Amendment. – 19.75% of the funding raised under the Legacy Amendment is dedicated to the Legacy arts and cultural heritage fund.



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