

# GRANTS FUNDED - FY 2019

## Grants funded by the East Central Regional Arts Council (ECRAC) during FY 2019 (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019)

Region 7E – the east central Minnesota counties of Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, and Pine.

### ECRAC Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund Organization Grant Program

\$5,000 to \$15,000 grants are available to organizations (501c3 nonprofits, units of government, schools, or groups that use a fiscal agent). Proceeds from the fund may be spent on arts and arts access, arts education, and arts and cultural heritage, and may be used in creating, producing, or presenting high quality arts projects.

**Deadlines were November 1, February 1, and April 1.**

Unexpected Company Chorale of Lindstrom, MN received a grant in the amount of \$12,556 for a project entitled *Made in Minnesota*. This project celebrates music composed, arranged, or made popular by Minnesota artists. The music will highlight different ethnic and cultural communities represented within the state. This concert series will begin with twelve weeks of rehearsals and instruction, culminating in two performances within Region 7E. This project included the purchase of portable risers and a trailer to transport them to performances. For more information visit: [www.uchorale.org](http://www.uchorale.org)

Cambridge Medical Center Foundation of Cambridge, MN received a grant in the amount of \$13,600 for a project entitled *Art and Healing*. This project will expand access to quality art in a non-traditional space by working with local artist Bethanne Palmer who will create three original pieces of art, one oil painting and two sculptures, to be displayed in public spaces at the medical center. The planned artwork will reflect local images and elements of nature. An open reception will be hosted on April 9, 2020, for the public to view the new commissioned artwork. For more information visit: [www.allinahealth.org/cambridge-medical-center/foundation](http://www.allinahealth.org/cambridge-medical-center/foundation)

Chisago Lakes Community Education, Lindstrom, MN received a grant in the amount of \$8,600 for a project entitled *Young Artists in Training*. This project offers after school and evening art classes to youth, grades K-8, starting the end of January and ending in May with a public art show on May 16, 2019, at the School. Classes will include pottery, dance, music, woodworking and theatre. Class instructors will include local professional artists who have experience teaching youth and are interested in passing on their artistic experience. For more information visit: [www.isd2144.org/communityed](http://www.isd2144.org/communityed)

Franconia Sculpture Park of Shafer, MN received a grant in the amount of \$15,000 for a project entitled *2019 Music at Franconia Concert Series and Guided Tours*. Franconia will be hosting a concert series to include three performance dates with opening and headlining musical guests. These free and open to the public performances will take place on June 22, 2019 featuring opening act *Encore!* with headliner *Prairie Fire Lady Choir*; July 27, 2019 featuring opening act *Barbaro* with headliner *Scottie Miller Band*; and on August 31, 2019 featuring opening act *School of Rock* with headliner *Ipso Facto*. In addition to the music concerts Franconia will also provide guided tours during these concerts to members of the community. For more information visit: [www.franconia.org](http://www.franconia.org)

In His Step Ballet & Performing Arts, Inc of Cambridge, MN received a grant in the amount of \$12,710 for a project entitled *Luminous Splendor: The Inner Beauty*. During this project In His Steps Director and students will create, produce, and perform an original ballet, dance, and musical production. The performance will be open to

the public on June 21 and 22, 2019. This performance will feature local ballet and dance students performing alongside live musicians from MN. These students will play a part in creating the story behind the production and choreographing the dances. For more information visit: [www.inhistepsballet.com](http://www.inhistepsballet.com)

The City of Mora received a grant in the amount of \$7,421 for *Mora's Music in the Park*. Marking the seventh consecutive year, this concert series will be held in Mora's downtown Library Park on Thursday evenings during the months of June, July, and August with one additional event to be held on Saturday, September 28 in conjunction with a new community event coordinated by the City Park Board. These twelve musical performances will represent a variety of musical genres, and are open to the public free of charge. For more information visit: [www.ci.mora.mn.us](http://www.ci.mora.mn.us)

The Paradise Community Theatre of Mora, MN received a grant in the amount of \$15,000 for a project entitled *Life in Paradise – a Paradise/Mora Community Inspired Mural*. In this project, Minnesota artist Adam Swanson will complete a mural project on the north exterior wall of the Paradise Theatre in Mora, MN. to be completed by the end of June 2020. For more information visit: [www.moratheater.com](http://www.moratheater.com)

Wyoming Area Creative Arts Community of Wyoming, MN received a grant in the amount of \$7,950 for a project entitled *In. Art Show 2019*. During this project WACAC will host the fourth annual juried and judged In. Art Show at the Hallberg Center for the Arts in Wyoming, MN. The show will be held August 22<sup>nd</sup> through September 14, 2019 with an opening reception and awards ceremony on August 22, 2019, from 4:00 – 8:00 pm. Promotion and call for entry will begin June 1<sup>st</sup> with an August 6<sup>th</sup> deadline for submissions. Included with this project is construction of a movable gallery wall system, allowing for an updated gallery space and use of the Walker Display System to showcase the artwork better throughout the gallery. For more information visit: [www.wyomingcreativearts.org](http://www.wyomingcreativearts.org)

The City of Hinckley received a grant in the amount of \$11,100 for a project entitled *Sweet Summer Sounds 2019*. This free, mid-summer concert series, will take place at the West Side Park band shelter and during the annual Corn & Clover Carnival in downtown Hinckley. This concert series will include a variety of artists and musical offerings to the local community throughout the summer. For more information visit: <https://hinckley.govoffice2.com/>

Tusen Tack of Braham, MN received a grant in the amount of \$10,150 for a project entitled *Braham 2019 Summer Concert*, a concert by artist Matt Vee and his band. This concert is free to the public and will be held at the Braham Event Center on August 3, 2019. In addition to the Neil Diamond tribute, the band will also perform a few of their songs with selected local community members who have a musical background. For more information visit: [www.brahamcenter.org/upcoming-events/list](http://www.brahamcenter.org/upcoming-events/list)

The City of North Branch received a grant in the amount of \$5,694 for a project entitled *North Branch Summer Music and Movies in the Park*. The City will host a movies and music event series in the downtown Central Park. This event will kick off during the Night to Unite on August 6, 2019, <sup>th</sup> with an outdoor viewing of the movie Trolls. August 13<sup>th</sup> the city will host Monroe Crossing, a local bluegrass band, and on August 27<sup>th</sup> the series will end with a combination of music by artist Pierre Jacques Pleau, and an outdoor viewing of the movie Sing. All events are free and open to all. For more information, visit: <http://www.ci.north-branch.mn.us>

One Heartland Camp of Willow River, MN received a grant in the amount of \$15,000 for a project entitled *Expression Therapy*. This project includes art and music therapy activities with working artist who are also licensed therapists. Camp One Heartland hosts over 450 youth, ages 7-17, which are living with or affected by HIV/AIDS, experiencing homelessness, in the LGBTQ+ community, or working towards a healthier lifestyle. Art Expression therapy will help address the difficult emotions, anxiety, and depression that many of the campers experience as a result of their circumstances. The artwork from Expression Therapy will be on display the month of December, 2019, at the Sandstone Public Library. For more information visit: [www.oneheartland.org](http://www.oneheartland.org).

Pine County Ag Society of Pine City received a grant in the amount of \$9,650 for a project entitled *Pine County Fair Performances*. Pine County Ag Society will host a musical concert series during the 2019 Pine County Fair from July 31 – August 4, 2019. A variety of local and regional musicians will perform at two locations within the fairgrounds. At the Bandshell fair attendees can see performances by Neighborz Band, Sonny Winberg, Kenny Krona, Ed Pangerl, Darren Hendershot, Kevin Ludtke and Dr. Kielbasa. Performances at the Event Center will include artists Fish Tone Rockers, the Rose Family, Willy Freitag, Dirt Road Dixie, Kenny Krona, and the Jolly Zuks. All performances are free and open to the public. For more information visit: [www.pinecountyfair.com/live-entertainment](http://www.pinecountyfair.com/live-entertainment)

Franconia Sculpture Park of Shafer, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$15,000 for a project entitled *2019 Community Collaboration Hot Metal Pour Program*. This event includes seven art-making workshops on July 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, July 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, and August 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 Franconia will then host a full-day live metal pour demonstration on Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup>, open and free to the public. For more information visit [www.franconia.org](http://www.franconia.org)

Vasaloppet, Inc. of Mora, MN, received a grant of \$15,000 for a project entitled *Many Faces of Vasaloppet – Phase III*. During the project commemorating volunteers, hundreds of volunteer faces and hands will be cast into metal sculpture. Artist Keith Raivo will create sculpture art of faces and hands using the lost wax casting process and metal engraving. These sculptures will honor the many volunteers of the Vasaloppet during a free public event where visitors can view the newly created sculptures and video of the life casting process and the lost wax and engraving techniques on May 15, 2020. For more information visit: [www.vasaloppet.us](http://www.vasaloppet.us)

The Wyoming Area Creative Arts Community (WACAC) received a grant in the amount of \$9,450 for a project entitled *Kids Can Be Artists Too!* This event is to take place during the 86th annual Stagecoach Days Festival held September 13th and 14th, 2019. During this event the WACAC will host an artistic experience for kids of all ages 0-100. Volunteer artists will be on hand to assist as needed. Also included with this project is the purchase of an enclosed trailer to transport and store supplies, as well as an additional tent for shelter during the event. For more information visit: [www.wyomingcreativearts.org](http://www.wyomingcreativearts.org)

The Lakes & Pines Community Action Council of Mora, MN received a grant in the amount of \$6,703 entitled *Arts Education for Head Start and Group Respite*. This project entails working with three local artists to teach art at head start and group respite locations, providing arts access to primarily lower-income residents. These classes will include felting with artist Becky Utecht, printmaking with Kelli Maag, and painting with Peg Skalicky. Lakes & Pines will then host an art show featuring artwork created during these sessions at a free community event at the in Mora on November 4th. For more information visit: [www.lakesandpines.org](http://www.lakesandpines.org)

The Mille Lacs County Agricultural Society received a grant of \$11, 475 for a project entitled *Expanding the Arts at the Mille Lacs County Fair*. This project will incorporate the arts into the lineup of activities during the Mille Lacs County Fair from August 8 – 11, 2019 offering a variety of art activities for kids and families every day of the fair. New to the arts events will be Tricia and the Toonies performance and music; The Oz Brothers, Jeff Kortman and Tom Hendricks, performers and musicians; the Slew Foot Family Band, dancers and musicians; and artist DonB, comedic storyteller. All events are free and open to all at the Mille Lacs County Fair. For more information visit: [www.millelacscountyfair.com](http://www.millelacscountyfair.com)

Princeton School District 477 of Princeton, MN was awarded a grant of \$9,975 for a project entitled *Princeton Loves The Big Read*. During this project sixth grade students will read *When Thunders Spoke* by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve, and students in grades 7-12 will read *The Sky Watched: Poems of Ojibwe Lives* by Linda LeGarde Grover. In addition to reading books the project will also include artist Pat Kruse, a birch bark artist who has been creating birch bark art for more than 30 years. The project will end with a free public open mic/ art showcase on March 2, 2020 at the Princeton Performing Arts Center Commons area. For more information visit: [www.isd477.org/](http://www.isd477.org/)

## ECRAC Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund Operating Support Grant Program

\$3,000 to \$5,000 grants are available to arts organizations. This grant program is not intended to fund any specific arts projects and/or events. Its purpose is to provide funding for organizations' existing ongoing arts expenses such as facility expenses, utilities, office or art supplies, equipment, organizational insurance, memberships, etc. There is no match required for this program.

**Annual deadline - March 1.**

The Wyoming Area Creative Arts Community located in Wyoming, MN received an Operating Support grant in the amount of \$5,000. For more information on WACAC visit: [www.wyomingcreativearts.org](http://www.wyomingcreativearts.org)

In His Steps Ballet & Performing Arts Company, located in Cambridge, MN, received an Operating Support grant in the amount of \$5,000. For more information on this organization visit [www.inhisstepsballet.com](http://www.inhisstepsballet.com)

The Pine Center for the Arts located in Pine City, MN was awarded an Operating Support grant in the amount of \$5,000. For more information visit [www.pinecenter.org](http://www.pinecenter.org)

## ECRAC Small/Arts Project Grant Program

Grants from \$500 to \$5,000 will be made to organizations (501(c)3 nonprofits, units of government, schools, or groups that use a fiscal agent). A 1:1 match is required. 10% must be an assured cash match.

**Deadlines were November 1, February 1, and April 1**

East Central MN Pride (Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs and Pine Counties) received a grant in the amount of \$4,500 for a project entitled *East Central MN Pride in the Park 2019*. This event will provide live musical performances from two professional musical groups: Mark Joseph and the American Soul, and Venus de Mars at Robinson Park in Pine City on the first Sunday in June. This event is free and open to all. For more information visit: [www.eastcentralmnpride.org](http://www.eastcentralmnpride.org)

Franconia Sculpture Park of Shafer, MN received a grant of \$5,000 for a project entitled *2019 Kids Make Sculpture*. These workshops are designed for youth ages 4 – 18. Young participants will build larger-than-life sculpture under the direct supervision and guidance of Franconia artists during workshops on May 25<sup>th</sup>, June 8<sup>th</sup>, July 13<sup>th</sup>, August 24<sup>th</sup> and September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019. For more information visit: [www.franconia.org](http://www.franconia.org)

Onamia Public Schools and Community Education, Onamia, MN was awarded a grant in the amount of \$3,000 for a project entitled *She's My Sister/ We are Monsters*. Onamia Public Schools/ Community Education hosted a week long musical theatre day camp from June 10 – 14, 2019. This musical theatre day camp culminated in one free public performance of *She's My Sister/We Are Monsters* at the High School auditorium on Friday June 14, 2019. Local Onamia area youth in grades 2-8 will had the opportunity to attend the camp each day from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Local Milaca based band, *She's My Sister* were the visiting artists for the musical theatre camp. For more information visit: [www.onamia.k12.mn.us](http://www.onamia.k12.mn.us)

Franconia Sculpture Park, in Shafer, MN was awarded a grant in the amount of \$5,000 for a project entitled *2019 Art and Artists Celebration*. Franconia Sculpture Park will host the 2019 Art and Artists Celebration, a full day family arts program held on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 12 – 6pm. This celebration provides the community and art and music experience through hands on art making activities, diverse musical performances, and guided exhibition tours featuring more than 40 new sculptures created by intern artists in 2019. For more information, visit: [www.franconia.org](http://www.franconia.org)

## ECRAC Art In Our Schools Grant Program

Grants up to \$3,000 are available to schools. This program supplements the existing school arts curriculum with such projects as artistic residencies, arts related field trips, and special arts events or projects. Grants may be used to support all students and/or student groups such as drama club, art classes, entire grades, or gifted and talented students.

**Deadlines were November 1, February 1, and April 1.**

Mora Public Schools: CAPP, of Mora, MN was awarded a grant in the amount of \$3,000 for a project entitled *Art Excellence in our Schools*. During this project, the Mora Alternative Learning Center (ALC) will host three local artist residencies. The focus of the residency for each artist will include ways for students to express ideas/feelings, career experiences, and art's healing impacts through body art, painting, design, mask making and collage. There are three open to the public events with this project during Mora School's parent/teacher conferences. For more information visit [www.moraschools.org](http://www.moraschools.org)

Princeton School District #477 was awarded a grant in the amount of \$2,675 for a project entitled *Traditional Ojibwe Drumming, Singing, Dancing*. Princeton and Milaca School Districts will host Mike Fairbanks, drum instructor and cultural consultant, to teach students the relationship of the drum, and traditional songs and dance in the American Indian culture. The schools will then host a community performance on July 18<sup>th</sup> and on August 27, 2019. For more information visit: [www.isd477.org](http://www.isd477.org)

## ECRAC Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund Grant Program for Individual Artists

This program provides grants up to \$2,500 to individual artists. Funds may be spent on arts and arts access, arts education and arts and cultural heritage, and may be used in creating, producing, or presenting high quality arts projects. All projects are required to have a community component as part of their project proposal.

**Deadlines were November 1, February 1, and April 1.**

Karen Nelson of Onamia received a grant for \$1,000 for a project entitled *Central Minnesota Photography*. During this project, the artist will purchase a full frame digital single lens reflex camera body. With this new camera body, the artist will produce a new body of artwork to be displayed at the Rolf Olsen Center in Onamia, the Isle Recreation and Education Center in Isle, as well as on social media sites.

Chad Filley of Cambridge, MN received a grant in the amount of \$2,500 for his project entitled *Scandinavian Storytelling*. This project includes the purchase of a projector, cables and screen to enhance his one-person show; a mentorship with artist and storyteller Rose Arrowsmith-Decoux, to include coaching on physicality, voice, narrative and Scandinavian sensibility. Additionally, the artist will travel to four locations within the state of MN to research Scandinavian history and folklore. The public performance for this project is scheduled for May 17, 2020 in Cambridge, MN. For more information go to [www.chadfilley.com](http://www.chadfilley.com)

Drum Artist Kelli Rae Tubbs of Chisago City was awarded a \$2,500 grant for a project entitled *Create Video Footage Showcasing Progressive Rock "Groove" and Improvisation Skills*. During this project, the artist proposes to study with two mentors; Brandon Khoo and Daniel Glass, to master her "progressive rock" fundamentals, including proficiency using a double bass drum pedal and the Moeller technique, which allows a drummer to play physically demanding music with fewer injuries. The project will include the creation of three videos as well as the purchase of new drum heads and drum cases to transport her drums. Ms. Tubbs will host an open to the public event during June of 2020. For more information visit: [www.kelliraetubbs.com](http://www.kelliraetubbs.com)



## ECRAC McKnight Individual Artist Grant Program

Grants up to \$1,000 are available to individual artists. This program provides financial support to artists committed to personal artistic growth. Applications are encouraged from artists in all disciplines. The program funds specific art projects designed to enhance the artistic skills, artwork and/or the artistic career of the individual artist. This grant program is funded by The McKnight Foundation.

**Deadlines were November 1, February 1, and April 1.**

Yvonne Herrmann of Foreston, MN received a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for her project entitled: *Framing Project*. During this project, the artist will purchase the supplies and equipment necessary to frame 10 pieces of her artwork.

Michele Malley of Pine City, MN received a grant in the amount of \$1000 for her project entitled *Wool Felting Techniques*. During this project, the artist attended three textile workshops: Introduction to Dimensional Design at the Textile Center in Minneapolis; Fabric as Paint at the Brainerd Crossing Arts Alliance; and Upwolving: Necklace Wet Felting Technique also at the Textile Center. Along with these workshops the artist purchased supplies to create six works of art during the project.

Susan Redfield of Cambridge, MN received a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for her project entitled *Wood Fire Kiln Shelves*. During this project, the artist purchased kiln shelves for her manabagama wood fire kiln and experimented with new firing techniques and surface embellishments on her ceramic art work unique to the new kiln. She will produce a body of artwork as part of this project.

Kelli Maag of Mora, MN received a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for a project entitled *Cut, Ink, Repeat*. In this project the artist will continue expanding her skills as a lino-cut print maker by purchasing higher quality inks, and a pin press. She plans to complete five pieces of finished artwork along with many experimental pieces throughout the project.

Barb Orstad of Mora, MN received a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for her project entitled *Silversmithing Course*. During this project, the artist will attend a silversmithing class at the North House Folk School with instructor Michael Sieter in order to further her skills as a metal artist and use those skills in the art of jewelry design.

Debra Pangerl of Rush City, MN received a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for her project entitled *Silversmithing Adventures*. During this project, the artist attended two jewelry making classes with artist Marisa Martinez. The artist also purchased tools she will need to continue with this artwork in her home studio.

Kathryn Flom of Pine City, MN received a grant in the amount of \$942 for a project entitled *Mosaic Study*. During this project, she studied with mentor Alice Franke at Ms. Franke's studio located in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The mentorship includes continued learning in the art of Mosaic's with increased knowledge of mosaic mediums such as tesserae, marble, stone and more. During her time with Ms. Franke the artist also purchased supplies to dig crystals at a mine in Arkansas, and is creating new art with found materials.



## ECRAC Essential Artist Award Program

The Essential Artist program is designed to recognize, reward, and encourage outstanding professional artists. These Awards will allow artists to set aside time to work, purchase supplies and materials, undertake advanced study (not related to a degree) or to pursue other career goals. Three \$7,000 awards were available.

**This program has a March 1 annual deadline.**

Rick Schneider of Isanti, MN, received a grant of \$7,000 for a project entitled *New Steps in Glass Through Flameworking*. During this project, the artist will purchase equipment, tools, and supplies to complete a flameworking studio in his home. The purchase of a kiln, tools and glass supplies will allow the artist to develop new elements of his work through the process of flame or lamp work.

Tom Jaszczak of Shafer, MN received a grant for \$7,000 for a project entitled *Large Trays and Color Exploration*. During this project, the artist will develop a body of work focused on large tray forms and the purchase of an electric kiln to fire them in. The artist will also include time to develop color blocking surfaces and continue his research in cone 2 slip development as well as explore the use of monochromatic color theory. For more information visit: [www.tomjaszczak.com](http://www.tomjaszczak.com)

Maggie Jaszczak of Shafer, MN received a grant for \$7,000 for a project entitled *Wood Tools and Sculpture*. During this project, the artist will purchase tools and use them to create a body of objects that use wood as the primary material, focusing on chairs, stools and other small sculptural pieces of art. For more information visit: [www.maggiejaszczak.com](http://www.maggiejaszczak.com)

## ECRAC K-12 Scholarship Program

Scholarship funding is available for specific art learning projects or programs for students currently in Grades K-12. Scholarships up to \$500 are available.

**This program has a March 1 annual deadline.**

During this project the artist BT will attend the Dance Tech Studios Summer Intensive Boot Camp. This program will assist the artist in continuing her study in Classical Ballet