

# ***A note from the East Central Regional Arts Council***

## ***If you are appreciative of this grant award, thank somebody!***

We urge you to make a phone call or drop a note of thanks to the Governor, your State Senator, your State Representative, and/or all three. Below is a list of legislator's names and addresses. We have checked the legislators (Senator and Representative) for your area.

You'll want to:

- ◆ Tell them you received an arts grant award from the East Central Regional Arts Council.
- ◆ Tell them the arts are important to the quality of life in East Central Minnesota.
- ◆ Tell them thanks for their continued support of the arts in the State's budget.
- ◆ Invite them to your grant funded event and during the event be sure to thank them – even if they aren't there! ECRAC does have a sample curtain speech to use at grant funded events – contact us when you need it.

### **LEGISLATORS – REGION 7E as of April 1, 2019 - Don't forget to send ECRAC a copy of your letter(s).**

<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Senate District 11</i>	Senator Jason Rarick 95 University Avenue W. Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 3411 St. Paul, MN 55155 (651) 296-0293 E-mail: <a href="mailto:sen.jason.rarick@senate.mn">sen.jason.rarick@senate.mn</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>District 11B</i>	Representative Nathan Nelson 393 State Office Building 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Saint Paul, MN 55155 651-296-0518 E-mail: <a href="mailto:rep.nathan.nelson@house.mn">rep.nathan.nelson@house.mn</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Senate District 15</i>	Senator Andrew Matthews 95 University Ave W Minnesota Senate Bldg, Room 3409 St. Paul, MN 55155 (651) 296-8075 <a href="mailto:sen.andrew.matthews@senate.mn">sen.andrew.matthews@senate.mn</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>District 15A</i>	Representative Sondra Erickson 273 State Office Building 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155 (651) 296-6746 or 800-709-0578 <a href="mailto:rep.sondra.erickson@house.mn">rep.sondra.erickson@house.mn</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Senate District 31</i>	Senator Michelle Benson 95 University Ave W Minnesota Senate Bldg, Room 3109 St. Paul, MN 55155 (651) 296-3219 <a href="mailto:sen.michelle.benson@senate.mn">sen.michelle.benson@senate.mn</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>District 31A</i>	Representative Kurt Daudt 267 State Office Building 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Saint Paul, MN 55155 651-296-5364 or 800-710-7642 E-mail: <a href="mailto:rep.kurt.daudt@house.mn">rep.kurt.daudt@house.mn</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Senate District 32</i>	Senator Mark W. Koran 95 University Ave W Minnesota Senate Bldg, Room 3101 St. Paul, MN 55155 (651) 296-5419 <a href="mailto:sen.mark.koran@senate.mn">sen.mark.koran@senate.mn</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>District 32A</i>	Representative Brian Johnson 243 State Office Building 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Saint Paul, MN 55155 651-296-4346 or 800-341-5897 E-mail: <a href="mailto:rep.brian.johnson@house.mn">rep.brian.johnson@house.mn</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Senate District 39</i>	Senator Karin Housley 95 University Ave W Minnesota Senate Bldg, Room 3217 St. Paul, MN 55155 (651) 296-4351 <a href="mailto:sen.karin.housley@senate.mn">sen.karin.housley@senate.mn</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>District 32B</i>	Representative Anne Neu 261 State Office Building 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Saint Paul, MN 55155 651-296-5377 or 888-296-7463 E-mail: <a href="mailto:rep.anne.neu@house.mn">rep.anne.neu@house.mn</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>District 39A</i>	Representative Bob Dettmer 565 State Office Building 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155 651-296-4124 E-mail: <a href="mailto:rep.bob.dettmer@house.mn">rep.bob.dettmer@house.mn</a>	<b>ALL State of MN</b>	Governor Tim Walz Office of the Governor & Lt Governor 130 State Capitol Building 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd St. Paul, MN 55155 (651) 201-3400 or 1-800-657-3717 <a href="mailto:mark.dayton@state.mn.us">mark.dayton@state.mn.us</a>

## When writing . . .

### DO:

- ◆ Use the correct address and salutation, e.g., Dear Senator (name), or Dear Representative (name), or Dear Governor (name).
- ◆ Type or write your letter clearly. If your letter is not easy to read, it could be discarded. Be sure to include your return address on the letter.
- ◆ Be specific. If possible, give an example of how the issue affects your district.
- ◆ Use your own words and stationary. Legislators feel that personal letters, rather than form letters, or emails, show greater personal commitment on the part of the writer, and therefore carry greater weight.
- ◆ Be brief. Choose a few bullet points that are direct and succinct. However, include enough information to explain why you are writing and why you appreciate their support for the arts.
- ◆ This can also be tailored as a thank you to the ECRAC board members.

## Sample Thank You Letter

<b>Date:</b>	March 1, 2015
<b>Correct Address:</b>	The Honorable (Full Name) Minnesota State Senate (or Minnesota House of Representatives) 200 State Capitol Building 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, Minnesota 55155
<b>Salutation:</b>	Dear Senator (or Representative) Last Name:
<b>Issue:</b>	The Eagle Nook Community Theatre Community Theatre would like to personally thank you for your support in funding the arts through the East Central Regional Arts Council – one of the Minnesota Regional Arts Councils. Because of a recent grant of \$2,000, our organization was able to produce a theatrical, musical production of Old Jackie's Town. This was a parent-child play which involved over 125 local adults and children working together in the areas of acting, technical and support. Approximately 1,250 people from 20 surrounding communities came to see the play, which was a huge success for our town. I have included some press clippings and a program of the event.
<b>Restate issue/Anticipation of continued support:</b>	This activity would have been difficult, if not impossible, to do without this small grant support. Thousands of volunteer hours went into this regionally supported production. The opportunity for local people to be part of a quality theater experience is just the beginning of the long term positive effect of a production such as this one. It is a rare community event that brings youth and adults together in such a cooperative and positive manner.
<b>Identity:</b>	The Eagle Nook Community Theatre is an all-volunteer community based organization whose mission is to bring artistic experiences directly to the residents of our area. We have added you to our mailing list and will keep you up to date on our activities. We thank you again for doing your part to build strong rural Minnesota communities and families and hope that you will continue your support of the arts in the future.  Thank you.

Source: *Minnesota Citizens for the Arts; Advocacy Handbook*