

GRANTS FUNDED - FY 2022

Grants funded by the East Central Regional Arts Council (ECRAC) during FY 2022 (July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022)



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 are October 1, February 1, and April 1.

City of North Branch received a grant in the amount of \$12,800 for their project, North Branch Summer Music 2022. During this project, the City of North Branch will offer a summer music series in Central Park on Tuesday evenings beginning June 21st with The Dweebs and continuing June 28th with the Bloomington Symphony Orchestra along with local performances Jenni Thyng and Blair Bartells Sperry. July 19th will include a performance by The Whitesidewalls, July 26th with Cindy Jo, and the final concert on August 9th with Simple Gifts and Billy McLaughlin. All concerts are free to attend. <http://www.ci.north-branch.mn.us/> 651-277-5226

Walker Methodist Levande received a grant in the amount of \$15,000 for their project, Art Residencies & Older Adults. During this project, Walker Methodist Levande will host four Art Residencies to Older Adults living at Walker Methodist Levande in Cambridge. Residencies will include Watercolor from January 20th to March 10th with artist Anne McFaul Reed, Storytelling from June 22nd to August 10th with Beverly Cottman, Creative Movement with artist Karla Nweje from September 14th to November 2nd, and Songwriting with artist Charlie Maguire from December 5th to December 9th. All residencies are open to the public. <http://walkermethodist.org> 612-827-8541

Pine City Arts Council received a grant in the amount of \$15,000 for their project, Art in the Park 2022. During this project, the Pine City Arts Council will host Art in the Park showcasing 10 performances in Robinson Park on Friday nights beginning May 27th with Pine City Jazz Band and continuing with Rex Cactus on June 3rd, Freeway Jam on June 10th, Highway 36 on June 17th, Whitesidewalls on June 24th, Transit Authority on July 1st, Life of a String on July 8th, Neighborz on July 16th, World According to Garth on July 22nd, and Chris Kroeze on July 29th. All performances are free and open to all. <https://www.facebook.com/PineCityArtsCouncil/> 320-629-2227

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East Central MN Pride received a grant in the amount of \$8,300 for their project, 2022 Pride Performers. During this project, the East Central Minnesota Pride will host the 17th annual Pride in the Park event in Pine City's Robinson Park on June 4th, 2022. This year's event will include two musical performances by artists *Mark Joseph and the American Soul* as headliners to *Jacob Mahone and the New Salty Dog*. In addition to the music, performer Martino Mayotte will provide theatrical entertainment as an opening act as well as between band transition periods. Everything will be tied together with the help of sound engineer Jonathan Arends. This event is free and open to all. <https://eastcentralminnesotapride.org/> 320-296-3726

Chisago County HRA-EDA received a grant in the amount of \$13,132 for their project, Office Building Mural. During this project, the Chisago County HRA – EDA will work with mural artist Alison Price to paint a mural on the Chisago County HRA – EDA office building located at 38871 7th Ave in North Branch. This mural will depict the story of the HRA – EDA and what they do for the local community, including elements of downtown, industrial and housing depictions. This will be the second mural in North Branch and will be visible to all. The project will include an unveiling of the mural on August 30, 2022. <https://www.chisagocountymn.gov/455/HRA-EDA> 651-674-5664

City of Mora received a grant in the amount of \$10,575 for their project, Mora's Music in the Park. During this project, the City of Mora will host their summer concert series to include 12 concerts on Thursday evenings during the months of June, July and August with one Fall Fest concert on September 24th. The bands and artists include: the Whitesidewalls Rock n Roll Revue, Anthony Miltich, Nicole Anderson, Michael Shynes, Rich and the Resistors Echo's of Elvis, Vinnie Rose, Slim Pickin's, Small Town Famous, the Teddy Bear Band, Dram Shop Country, Jolly Zuks and Kenny Krona & Rick Stener. All concerts will take place at the Mora Library Park and are free to attend. <http://www.ci.mora.mn.us> 320-225-4827

City of Onamia received a grant in the amount of \$9,700 for their project, Onamia Celebrates 2022. During this project, the City of Onamia will provide music and entertainment during the Onamia Days and July 3rd Celebrations in the City of Onamia. The Onamia Days will include a performance by Shirts & Skins on June 10th, and June 11th will include performances by Tricia and the Toonies and music by Street Talk. The July 3rd Celebration will include a performance by Bourbon Creek. These events will take place at the Herington Park on Main Street in Onamia and are free and open to all. <https://onamiamn.com/> 320-532-3311

City of Milaca received a grant in the amount of \$7,133 for their project, Mural Celebrating 125 Years. During this project, the City of Milaca will celebrate 125 years with a mural in downtown Milaca. This mural will represent the history of the City of Milaca by incorporating elements of it's past with a tree of life image. The project will include working with Minnesota artists Lili Lennox. The mural will be placed on the Milaca Jewelry building in downtown Milaca with a ribbon cutting during the 125th Anniversary celebrations. <https://www.cityofmilaca.org/> 320-983-3141

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Wyoming Area Creative Arts Community received a grant in the amount of \$8,450 for their project, 2022 In. Art Show. During this project, the Wyoming Area Creative Arts Community will host their 7th annual juried In. Art Show at the Hallberg Center for the Arts on August 18th thru September 17th. An open reception and awards ceremony will be held on the opening day and will include music by harpist Sophia Nienaber. This art show is open to visual artist in Region 7E and beyond to enter their work for jury selection. The open reception and following art show will be open to the public and free to all. <https://www.wyomingcreativearts.org/> 651-272-5122

Pine County Agricultural Society received a grant in the amount of \$15,000 for their project, Pine County Fair Performances. During this project, the Pine County Agricultural Society will host the music during the Pine County Fair from Tuesday, August 2nd through Sunday August 7th. Music will take place at two locations within the fairgrounds including the Bandshell and the Event Center. Both locations will host artist to include Maddy Braun, Neighborz Band, Catrina Campbell, the Millionaires, an Elvis Tribute band of artist Kevin Ludtke, Larry Rose and Darren Hendershot, Duluth Transit Authority, Nathan Frazer, Monroe Crossing, Tim Hadler, Buffalo head, Rose Family with Dennis Stroughmatt, Kenny Korona with Rick Steiner, Maddy Braun band, Doctor Kielbasa, Wily Freitag, Five Minute Major and Jolly Zuks. All music is free to the public. <https://www.pinecountyfair.com/> 320-282-2188

Franconia Sculpture received a grant in the amount of \$15,000 for their project, 2022 Music @ Franconia Series. During this project, Franconia Sculpture Park will host their 2022 Music @ Franconia Series to include five monthly concerts featuring Americana, Indie, Bluegrass, Hip Hop, Polka, and R&B by artists Sawyer's Dream, Mary Bue, Turn Turn Turn, Colin Clark-Bracewell, The Wailing Loons, Superior Siren, Maurice Mayfield, Tuvok the Word, and Dyversaco. This year Franconia will also include two international performances at the park: Electronic group Mexican Institute of Sound, and Canada's Hip Hop group The Halluci (ha Lucy) Nation. Additionally, Franconia is offering expanded programming in 2022 during each of our concert series, including free guided tours as well as free Open Studios for families to create art together. <http://www.franconia.org/> 651-257-6668

City of Hinckley received a grant in the amount of \$10,100 for their project, Sweet Summer Sounds 2022. During this project, the City of Hinckley will host it's summer concert series Sweet Summer Sounds in the downtown West Side Park. Performances will begin on June 30th with artists Bill & Kate Isles and continue through the summer on Thursday evening's with Becky & the High 48s, Mystery Mountain Boys, Jolly Zuks, White Sidewalls and Rich & Resistors + the Teddy Bear Band. These music events are free and open to all. <https://hinckley.govoffice2.com/> 320-384-7491

Lakes and Pines Community Action Council received a grant in the amount of \$15,000 for their project, Art for the Ages. During this project, Lakes and Pines will work with local artists to provide arts access to elders at four of their respite locations and three senior dining sites. This arts education will include felting with Becky Utecht, pencil cartooning with Kathy Hovland, acrylic painting with Peg Skalicky, sculpting clay with Judy Broekemeier, and song writing with Charlie Maguire. On May 10, 2023 as part of the community Action month during the Volunteer Appreciation event open to the public artist Charlie Maguire will perform, a video loop with pictures of the art sessions and completed art work will be on display and artists and participants will be invited to display their art at the event. <https://www.lakesandpines.org/> 320-679-1800

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Mille Lacs County Agricultural Society received a grant in the amount of \$15,000 for their project Throughout the Stories. During this project, the Mille Lacs County Agricultural Society will provide a variety of artist experiences at the Mille Lacs County Fair beginning August 11, 2022 thru August 14, 2022 including Country Music artist Ashley Barron, MN based Bluegrass group The High 48's, Paul Bunyan Storyteller David Ward, MN photographer Dough Ohman, Blue Horse Theater with artist Jerusha Steirnert, and performance with storyteller and balloon artist Mandana Moshrefzadeh. All performances will take place at the Mille Lacs County Fair grounds in Princeton, MN and are free and open to the public. <http://www.millelacscountyfair.com/> 612-991-4484

Walker Methodist Levande received a grant in the amount of \$6,300 for their project, Concerts to bring joy at WML. During this project, the Walker Methodist Levande (Ley-ah-von-dah) will host four festivals to include the Whitesidewalls Rock 'n' Roll review on August 4, 2022 during their 5 year anniversary, the Just Rite Country Band on September 22, 2022 at the Harvest Festival, CODA Duo on December 20, 2022 at the Holiday Celebration, and on June 21, 2023 for the Berry Festival will include The Holy Rocka Rollaz. Three of the events will take place in the parking lot of the Walker Methodist Levande and the Holiday event will take place indoors. Each event is open to residents as well as the public, free of charge. <http://walkermethodist.org> 612-827-8541

Franconia Sculpture received a grant in the amount of \$15,000 for their project, "Why We Remember". During this project, Franconia Sculpture Park will invite the "Why We Remember: Memorializing the Ones we Lost" exhibition to be on view at the park from October 29, 2022 thru November 13, 2022. This exhibition is a cultural experience exploring the collective and historic significance of memorialization for Black and Mexican communities. The exhibition will include an interactive exhibition in the Driscoll Education Center at the park observing Dia de los Muertos with murals created during the social justice uprising of 2020 and an outdoor altar where visitors can create and leave offerings for their lost loved ones along with a series of lectures, performances and live art. Artists Sean Garrison, Jose Dominguez, Peyton Scott Russell, Aaron Johnson-Ortiz, and Marlena Miles will be present to create art as well as interact with the community as they create their own mural in partnership with these artists. On November 13th an online discussion with curator Leesa Kelly of Memorialize the Movement, Jeanelle Austin of the George Floyd Global memorial, artist Sean Garrison, and Acoma Gaither of the Hennepin History Museum will explore questions related to this project centering on memorializing the ones we lost. All events are open to the public. <http://www.franconia.org/> 651-257-6668

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ECRAC Essentials 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 is March 1.

Old School Arts Center received a grant in the amount of \$5,000 for their organization, Old School Arts Center Essentials Support Grant. Old School Arts Center's (OSAC) mission is to build and enrich their community through arts education, exhibition and performance. OSAC supports the efforts of local and regional artists and provides a venue for public events. With the Essentials Support funds OSAC will pay for the rental space in the Old School Arts Building, access to a cloud service to store their business materials, Insurance, office supplies, printing and postage. With these funds taken care of it will free up other funding for OSAC to offer prizes for their art exhibitions, support artists from around Minnesota, build new art programs for their local community and bolster their presence in the area. <https://osacmn.org/> 320-216-7635

Pine Center for the Arts received a grant in the amount of \$5,000 for their organization, Pine Center for the Arts Essentials Support Grant. Pine Center for the Arts is committed to providing opportunities for all to create, learn and enjoy the visual, performing, and literary arts. Since 2008, Pine Center for the Arts (PCftA) has been an organization that has provided a partnership between the arts and the surrounding area. With the support of this grant the Pine Center for the arts will pay their general insurance, accountant fees, general publicity and marketing, mortgage payments, utilities, and art instruction materials. With Essentials Support grant funding covering many of these expenses they will be better able to increase and enhance the art opportunities they provide to the community. <http://www.pinecenter.org> 320-629-4924

Wyoming Area Creative Arts Community received a grant in the amount of \$5,000 for their organization, Wyoming Area Creative Arts Community Essentials Support Grant. The Wyoming Area Creative Arts Community will bring art to the community through monthly art shows and other events at the Hallberg Center for the Arts in Wyoming, MN. With the operating grant they will be paying the gas, electric, and insurance for 10 months of the grant period. This will free up other funds to invest in more arts related activities and improvement goals at the gallery such as working to increase attendance, increase awareness of the Art Center through advertising, and community outreach and continue with updates and maintenance to The Hallberg Center for the Arts. <https://www.wyomingcreativearts.org/> 651-272-5122

Play Inc. Arts received a grant in the amount of \$5,000 for their project, Play Inc. Arts Essentials Support Grant. Play Inc. Arts is receiving support to pay rent for Play Inc. Art's space located at the Cambridge Public Library where they host a wide variety of classes, camps, and other educational opportunities for not just theatrical artists, but for visual artists as well through shows, workshops and studio time. With Essentials Support grant funding covering the rent payments, Play Inc. Arts can reallocate funding to focus on increasing capacity, and new technology in providing art experiences to even more community members through additional instructors, directors, and materials. <https://playincarts.org/> 763-607-5620

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ECRAC Small Art 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 are October 1, February 1, and April 1

Franconia Sculpture Park received a grant in the amount of \$5,000 for their project, 2022 Film @ Franconia. During this project Franconia Sculpture Park will host their Film @ Franconia series at Franconia's outdoor amphitheater. The series will start on June 25th with an evening of 15 short environmental films that will include "Landspun: Ice" by Ben Lundquist (Monticello), "Behold the Tilapia" by Kristine Diekman (Ephraim, WI), "Turkeys in the Cemetery" by Alex Cheng (Rochester), and "Salix" by Torey Erin (Minneapolis) plus jury selected films from an open call for environmental film submissions. July 16th the film series will show "Through the Repellent Fence" followed by a Q&A with Postcommodity, the creators of the film. August 13th showing will be "First & Last Men" directed by Johann Johannsson. And on September 3 Franconia will host their 5 Minute Film Festival showcasing short films selected by a jury panel. <http://www.franconia.org/> 651-257-6668

Franconia Sculpture Park received a grant in the amount of \$5,000 for their project, Visiting Artist Sook Jin Jo. During this project Franconia Sculpture Park will host visiting artist Sook Jin Jo who will develop new, site-specific work at Franconia Sculpture Park that will be a large-scale interactive installation made of repurposed metal barrels. The artist will collaborate with the community during free drop-in workshops as well as participate in an online "Dinner & Discussion" series on April 25, 2023. On International Sculpture Day, April 29, 2023, the new sculpture will be celebrated in an event open to the public. <http://www.franconia.org/> 651-257-6668

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ECRAC Resiliency Grant Program

\$600 grants are available to art organizations and individual artists. 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 are ongoing.

Dustin Lindell received a grant in the amount of \$600 for his project, The Emotional Contrast Paradigm.
<http://www.dustinwayne101.com/>

Kelli Maag received a grant in the amount of \$600 for her project, Fortune Art.

Chad Filley received a grant in the amount of \$600 for their project, Storytelling Showcase.
<http://www.chadfilley.com/>

Old School Arts Center received a grant in the amount of \$600 for their project, Presidents Stew 2022.
<https://osacmn.org/>

Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund for Individual Artist Grant Program

This program provides grants up to \$1,000 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 are October 1, February 1, and April 1.

Robert DesJarlait received a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for their project, Woodland Visions. During this project, the artist will conduct a solo exhibition at the ECRAC Gallery in November 2022. The exhibit will depict the life of the Ojibwe people in Minnesota focusing on the clan system of the Ojibwe people. The exhibit will feature 10-12 new and 25-30 previously completed works of art totaling 35-42 watercolor paintings. He will both create and frame the new works of art during this project period.

Jerry Carlson received a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for their project, Huldufolk House. During this project, the artist will build a Huldufolk house. In Scandinavian mythology a Huldufolk house is an elf sized house where people can speak to the elves and make wishes. The artist will build the house from natural materials and place it along a trail of the Ojibweta Regional Park in Chisago City, MN.

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ECRAC Mid-Career Artist Grant Program

Grants up to \$2,500 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 are February 1, and April 1.

Sarah Beahan received a grant in the amount of \$2,491 for their project, Sate of Bewonderment. During this project, the artist will explore the “State of Bewonderment” through a series of mini-essays and photos that will be shared in a blog and vlog format. She will develop twelve blogs over the grant period and share them with her audience through her blog along with an online reading of each shared on her social media platforms.

Jake Callahan received a grant in the amount of \$2,500 for their project, Tools for the Future of my Photography. During this project, the artist will advance his photography career with the purchase of a new computer so that he can work with updated editing tools that his current computer is not compatible with. The project will include the artist creating a portfolio of new work using his camera, drone and new video editing tools on his new computer.

Jessica Miller received a grant in the amount of \$2,500 for their project, Slab forms. During this project, the artist will explore pottery techniques of functional slab forms including large trays and plates. She will purchase a slab roller, a ware cart for drying flat clay sabs, pottery drape forms and clay. The project will include the creation of 8 trays/platters and 8 plates using the drape forms. During the project the artist will share the project on her social media accounts.

Cyrus Raivo received a grant in the amount of \$2,500 for their project, Developing My art Business. During this project, the artist plans to complete four new works of art for his portfolio, two sculptures and two wall hanging pieces. The project will include the purchase of a camera and equipment to document his artwork and process through video as well as photograph his completed artwork to advance his artistic career by utilizing this new equipment and social media.

Stephanie Henry received a grant in the amount of \$1,001 for their project, Solo Piano EP. During this project, the artist will record her first solo EP album consisting of six tracks featuring original compositions. During the project period she will finish editing her compositions, practice each piece, update her home studio, and begin recording the album in her home studio. On May 14, 2023, the album will be released to the artists streaming platforms and on May 24th she will livestream a performance and discuss each song. To update her home studio for the project the artist will purchase an audio mixer, soundproofing supplies, a webcam and microphone for livestreaming.

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ECRAC Essential Artist Award Grant Program

The Essential Artist Award 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. Two \$8,000 Awards are available annually.

This program has a March 1 annual deadline.

David Spohn received an Award in the amount of \$8,000 for their project, St. Croix Valley Flora. During this project, the artist will continue his work of documenting the woodland plant life of the St. Croix River Valley through etchings. The project will include 6 to 12 new etchings of woodland subjects from around the artists home and river valley. <http://quarryroadpress.com/>

Tom Jaszczak received an Award in the amount of \$8,000 for their project, An exploration in Still Life. During this project, the artist will focus on a new body of work that will incorporate still life on the surfaces of his pots using paint, slips and engobes, creating a layered surface that will react with a soda firing process developed by the artist. The project will also include sculptural still life using a range of firing techniques and an exploration of scale. <https://tomjaszczak.com/>

Maggie Jaszczak received an Award in the amount of \$8,000 for their project, Focus on Form. During this project, the artist will explore new forms and influences in her ceramic work. She will take time to experiment with her work, pushing boundaries in her artforms. The project will also include time to research her understanding of her art medium by visiting the Minneapolis Institute of Art (MIA) and the Weismann, as well as libraires and online research. <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.

M.B. received a Scholarship in the amount of \$377 for their project, Leaving My Mark. During this scholarship, the artist wishes to continue to learn and expand on her creative skills with her Cricut machine designs by purchasing a heat press and taking an online class to learn about Scalable Vector Graphics (SVG) files that will allow her to make her own designs with her Cricut machine. She will create designs for sweatshirts and t-shirts that will help her feel creative and expressive along with becoming more comfortable with her art.

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