

## In fiscal year 2023, Lake Region Arts Council awarded the following grants:

### Artist Quick Start Grants

Individual Artists may apply for \$1000.

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Penny Kagigebi	Becker County	\$1,000
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Kagigebi used the grant to purchase equipment and supplies to explore “New Style Traditional Quillwork” with birch-bark basketry, and introduce the art form to the public through exhibition.

Jessica Chipman	Douglas County	\$1,000
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Chipman acquired a more-reliable and functional laptop personal computer, and purchased the screenwriting/ playwriting software Final Draft 12, to allow for a smoother writing process for her upcoming works.

W. Scott Olsen	Clay County	\$1,000
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Olsen purchased 16 16x16 reusable black metal frames for gallery presentation of his photography. The grant was also used for the printing cost for an exhibition of street photography in Moorhead, MN.

Brian Christensen	Otter Tail County	\$1,000
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The funds from this grant helped Christensen to develop his "Olivia Collection" of fine furniture. The focus of the Olivia Collection was chairs and seating, which were constructed utilizing hardwoods and Danish cord seats.

Brad Wegscheid	Otter Tail County	\$1,000
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Wegscheid created sculptures (rocket ships) that speak to the future of technology. These works had short stories written about each and the adventures or mishaps that have taken place to have brought the ship to “Professor Sprinkles Rocket Emporium”.

Jessica Woods	Becker County	\$1,000
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Woods purchased equipment that was used to shape and polish the stainless steel she uses to create metal sculptures. Her hope was to create enough metal sculptures to sell at street fair events or donate them to charity benefits.

Michael Pettit	Otter Tail County	\$1,000
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This grant was used to purchase materials for the production of a body of work containing wooden elements. Pettit has largely done metal sculpting in the past and is now moving into other mediums for his work.

Kathryn Hagstrom	Otter Tail County	\$1,000
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Hagstrom purchased supplies and equipment for development of new work for submission to call for artists and galleries. She purchased a laptop to use for creating a website, storing photos for submitting images and emailing applications for Juried Shows, Call for Artists and Gallery submissions, as well as supplies for creating new paintings.

**Career Development Grant****Individual Artists may apply for up to \$2,000**

Vicky Radel Traverse County \$2,000

Radel used the grant to study painting with cold wax medium online with R. Crowell and J. McLaughlin for 1 year via Cold Wax Academy and attend an in-person workshop on abstract painting with Jodi Ohl.

Timothy Cassidy Otter Tail County \$2,000

Cassidy purchased a used power hammer to enable him to create more and larger forgings for his sculptures.

Mary Jo Wentz Otter Tail County \$2,000

Wentz studied in a 5-day in-person immersion class to create a signature vest that can be worn 4 different ways and created using the nuno felting process.

Kandace Creel Falcón Otter Tail County \$1,800

Creel Falcón studied with Cate White, a legendary Bay-Area narrative painter, to learn her somatic approaches and apply them to her own painting practice.

Joshua Johnson Pope County \$2,000

Johnson purchased clay and glazes to create new pottery pieces and introduce the pottery arts publicly in Glenwood. The supplies were used for creating items for sale to help support the expenses and costs of opening a studio.

M.A. Papanek-Miller Becker County \$1,970

Papanek-Miller documented and photographed her current art works to create new digital images of her work for future exhibitions and related opportunities.

Michele Anderson Otter Tail County \$2,000

Anderson used the grant funds to create a series of 10 - 12 poems, compiled them into hand-bound books, and left them in public spaces.

Barbara Benda Clay County \$1,980

Benda created a body of watercolor landscapes painted plein-air style throughout regions of Minnesota.

Kathryn Olson Otter Tail County \$2,000

Olson created a body of work featuring plaster casts of women's torsos, embellished with plastic at the Precious Plastics Lab in Fergus Falls, MN.

Elizabeth Gilbert Becker County \$250

Gilbert used the grant funds to support one-on-one work with author Tommy Jenkins, to develop her recently-completed historical fiction book aimed at middle grade readers.

Each year one artist is awarded \$5,000 to recognize and honor their accomplishment. (2023 Performance and Literary Arts)

**McKnight Fellowship**

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Athena Kildegaard	Douglas County	\$5,000
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Kildegaard completed a manuscript of poems and planned to develop a poetry podcast.

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**Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants**

and art cultural heritage in the LRAC region

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Jim Bjork	Otter Tail County	\$4,800
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Bjork used the grant funds to purchase a new kiln, allowing him to continue community outreach activities such as mentoring high school students, teaching pottery workshops to groups of home schooled students, and doing demonstrations at the Lake Region Pioneer Steam Threshers reunion in Dalton.

Leigh Nelson	Becker County	\$3,170
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Nelson's Legacy Project consisted of designing a series of 4, 4x8' panels to be displayed downtown Detroit Lakes.

Nancy Valentine	Otter Tail County	\$7,698
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Valentine used the grant funds to create an online course to introduce traditional Chinese folk painting and culture to the public.

Chuck Johnson	Otter Tail County	\$7,230
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Johnson used the grant funds to produce 9 performances in area schools, public venues and nursing homes of his one-man show, "The Night Before Gettysburg" in which Abraham Lincoln finishes writing the Gettysburg Address.

Christy Goulet	Clay County	\$4,717
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Goulet used her grant to keep the creation of the Jingle Dress art form alive through the experience of making these spiritual symbols and preserving the values of the Ojibwe for future generations, and the community as a whole.

Laura Youngbird	Wilkin County	\$4,590
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Youngbird's Legacy project was to complete an artist residence in the print studio at Minnesota State University Moorhead and facilitate a series of free educational workshops and an exhibition for students and the public.

Paulette Friday	Douglas County	\$7,950
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Friday produced and premiered a story and song performance on the Lewis and Clark Great Expedition.

Michael Pettit	Otter Tail County	\$734
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Pettit used the grant funds to purchase supplies for the creation of a new body of work using wood that he can exhibit in community sculpture walks, and regional public art exhibitions.

**Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants**      **Nonprofit arts organizations, public institutions and other nonprofit groups**  
are awarded funds to enhance art access, art education and art cultural her-  
itage in the LRAC region.

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<p>Evansville Arts Coalition</p> <p>EAC completed the accessibility of their facility by installing an automatic door to create hands free access to the art center.</p>	<p>Douglas County</p>	<p>\$2,950</p>
<p>DLCCC, Inc.</p> <p>The Historic Holmes Theatre expanded their Summer Musical Theatre Program by integrating the acting intensives into the regular theatre camp by hiring an additional acting coach and hiring a theatrical to lead a week of technical theatre design camp.</p>	<p>Becker County</p>	<p>\$8,950</p>
<p>Kaddatz Galleries, LTD</p> <p>In 2023, the Kaddatz Galleries celebrated the artistic legacy of Charles Beck by offering a series of printmaking workshops on the Kaddatz’s Printmaking Center’s presses at reduced rates.</p>	<p>Otter Tail County</p>	<p>\$6,140</p>
<p>Otter Cove Children’s Museum</p> <p>Otter Cove developed the curriculum for an instructor-facilitated experience to be offered for children ages 3-7 based on the work of Michelle Kay Compton and Robin Chappelle Thompson in their book ArtMaking: Using Picture Books and Art to Read Our World (2022).</p>	<p>Otter Tail County</p>	<p>\$3,960</p>
<p>Henning Landmark Center</p> <p>Henning Landmark Center offered an Arts Workshop Series for 2023, featuring 6 artists offering a variety of workshop opportunities over a total of 12 days and including 60 participants.</p>	<p>Otter Tail County</p>	<p>\$7,260</p>
<p>Art of the Lakes Association</p> <p>Art of the Lakes added a winter/spring series of activities targeting the local youth and families with young children.</p>	<p>Otter Tail County</p>	<p>\$7,890</p>
<p>City of Moorhead- Parks and Recreation</p> <p>The City of Moorhead - Parks and Recreation Department sponsored the annual Celtic Festival featuring Celtic music, dance, storytelling, and other cultural enrichment performances.</p>	<p>Clay County</p>	<p>\$3,850</p>
<p>Central Square</p> <p>Central Square used the grant funds to bring renowned musician, composer, storyteller, adventurer, and 2021 McKnight Fellow, George Maurer to Pope County in October of 2023 to create a “sound walk” experience.</p>	<p>Pope County</p>	<p>\$6,950</p>
<p>Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County</p> <p>HCSCC facilitated the preserving and passing on of the folk-art traditions of Hardanger fiddle making and performing by hosting Robert “Bud” Larsen to guide four Minnesota apprentices in building their own Hardanger fiddles culminating in a performance at the Hjemkomst Center.</p>	<p>Clay County</p>	<p>\$4,715</p>

## Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants Organizations, (continued)

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New York Mills Public Library	Otter Tail County	\$8,000
The New York Mills Public Library hired artist Scott Gunvaldson to create a mural in the children's section of the library.		
Perham Center for the Arts	Otter Tail County	\$8,190
The Perham Center for the Arts used the grant to establish a clay studio/center where people can take classes.		
Three Rivers Arts Council	Wilkin County	\$8,474.50
Three Rivers Arts Council sponsored a Native arts education residency featuring master flute player Bryan Akipa and the Moccasin Game duo to engage the schools and public.		
Otter Cove Children's Museum	Otter Tail County	\$2,220
Otter Cove Children's Museum purchased supplies to develop Music Makers programming.		
Henning Landmark Center	Otter Tail County	\$3,450
Henning Landmark Center created a new lending library of books about artists and a variety of art mediums available for community check out.		
Fargo Moorhead Choral Artists	Clay County	\$12,700
The Fargo Moorhead Choral Artists produced 'Music of War and Peace', a choral and instrumental concert featuring Haydn's 'Mass in Time of War' and several a cappella pieces on the themes of peace and unity.		
Fergus Area College Foundation	Otter Tail County	\$12,350
The Fergus Area College Foundation preserved the history of signature works in the M State Fergus Falls permanent art collection through photographs, the written word and video and increasing access through a virtual website tour and QR codes.		
DanceBARN Collective	Otter Tail County	\$8,960
DanceBARN Collective produced the 9th annual DanceBARN Festival, including connecting guest choreographers with local visual and performing artists to create a performance for the community in Battle Lake, MN.		
Kicks Band of Fargo Moorhead	Clay County	\$4,834
The Kicks Band increased college age awareness and participation in the jazz arts through big band swing dances held at the Minnesota State University Moorhead Ballroom.		

## Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants Organizations, (continued)

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College for Kids & Teens - MSUM	Clay County	\$6,500
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MSUM's College for Kids & Teens program used the funds to provide funding for need-based scholarships for K-12 students interested in taking summer program courses in the Arts.

Kaddatz Galleries, LTD	Otter Tail County	\$12,956.50
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Kaddatz Galleries continued and expanded the Kaddatz's Art Reach program serving underserved populations in community with classes and a public exhibit.

CornerStone	Becker County	\$12,310
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CornerStone purchased a t-shirt printing station, photography/post card equipment, sticker/label printing, expansion tools for a laser engraver, and clay making supplies to expand their new Youth & Community Center Makerspace to improve arts access for all ages and abilities in Frazee, MN.

Theatre L'Homme Dieu	Douglas County	\$16,500
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Theatre L'Homme Dieu produced the regional premier of "Beautiful - The Carole King Musical".

Pelican Rapids Multicultural Committee	Otter Tail County	\$3,354
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The Pelican Rapids Multicultural Committee presented the annual International Friendship Festival in Pelican Rapids, including performances by 4 - 6 music or dance groups presenting music from different cultures - Mexico, Somalia, Vietnam, Haiti, Bohemia, and the Native Americans of the US.

Nordic Culture Clubs	Clay County	\$274
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Nordic Culture Clubs used the grant funds to fund the North Star Nordic Dancers at the 46th Annual Nordic Culture Clubs Scandinavian Festival held at Hjemkomst Center in Moorhead.

**Project Grants****Arts Organizations and Public Institutions up to \$3,000**

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Central Lakes Symphony Orchestra	Douglas County	\$3,000
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The Central Lakes Symphony Orchestra used the grant to support a collaborative music project, bringing youth musicians from six area high schools and the University of Minnesota Morris to participate in a day of workshops followed by a concert titled "Fire and Passion!".

Grant County Prairie Wind Players	Otter Tail County	\$2,980
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Grant County Prairie Wind Players brought RS&C Productions, a production group from Florida, to present Dickens by Candlelight in December, 2022.

Pelican Rapids Multicultural Committee	Clay County	\$600
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The Pelican Rapids Multicultural Committee concluded the Voices and Visions of Resilience project started in the summer of 2022 at the annual International Friendship Festival by forming the banner into a displayable format, for exhibition as an installation at two venues, the Pelican Rapids Public Library and the Otter Tail County Historical Society.

Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County	Clay County	\$2,020
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The Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County hosted a jazz performance featuring the music of Dr. James Condell.

The Rourke Art Gallery + Museum	Clay County	\$1,560
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The Rourke Art Gallery + Museum toured "UNMASKED", a series of woodcuts by noted Minnesota printmaker Kathleen Ristinen, as a touring exhibition for three Lake Agassiz Regional Library branches: the Breckenridge Public Library, Detroit Lakes Public Library, and Moorhead Public Library.

Evansville Arts Coalition	Douglas County	\$3,000
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The Evansville Arts Coalition presented a performance of the Ring of Kerry Irish band in November, 2022, along with an Irish Step Dancers group.

ActUp Theatre	Clay County	\$1,413
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ActUp Theatre presented the award-winning musical THE PROM.

Minnesota State University Moorhead Percussion Studio	Clay County	\$2,930
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The Minnesota State University Moorhead Percussion Studio hosted a Percussion Day and Mass Drumline event featuring three guest artists for students and adults.

Lakes Chamber Music Society	Douglas County	\$3,000
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Lakes Chamber Music Society produced a summer classical chamber music four-concert series, Alexandria Festival of the Lakes.

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Browns Valley School District 801                      Traverse County                      \$3,000

The Browns Valley School District 801 used the grant funds to sponsor a one-week Artist in Residency with the Prairie Fire Children's Theatre culminating with a public theatre performance.

Alexandria Community Education                      Douglas County                      \$2,980

Alexandria Community Education sponsored an community education class for community members to make American Indian Beaded Necklaces and learn about Ojibwe Stories, History, and Culture taught by Native American artist Theresa Ziebarth-Moritz.

Kicks Band of Fargo Moorhead                      Clay County                      \$2,000

Kicks Band of Fargo Moorhead brought an authentic American art form rich in history, culture, and tradition to the people via the setting of a modern music festival.

DanceBARN Collective                      Otter Tail County                      \$3,000

DanceBARN Collective hosted the 5th annual Youth Camp in Battle Lake.

Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance                      Stevens County                      \$1,850

Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance (PRCA) produced a new culturally inclusive community arts festival event with music, art, performance art and arts experiences for the community.

Ulen-Hitterdal School                      Clay County                      \$1,060

Ulen-Hitterdal School brought in wire artist Adam Holzgrove for a 4-day artist residency program with K-12 students and conduct an evening artist talk and demonstration for the general public.