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### **Elk River Arts Alliance receives \$15,000 Public Art Grant from the Central MN Arts Board**

The Elk River Arts Alliance was awarded \$15,000 Public Art Grant for the purchase of the ArtSoup Ladle and for it to be permanently installed on the patio of the Granite Shores Apartments at the intersection of Main Street and Parrish Avenue in Elk River.

The installation of the ArtSoup Ladle, slated for completion July 31, 2014, will mark the first element of a sculpture garden to be used by other local sculptors to display and sell three-dimensional pieces. The sculpture garden will be ideally located at the intersection of Main Street and the Parrish Avenue bridge just half a block off of Highway 10 to serve as an attraction for the downtown area.

The CMAB Public Art Grant program provides funds for the completion of well-planned works of public art that are accessible to the general public and supported by the community. An organization must provide a minimum of 20% in matching funds. Public Art Grant funds are provided through Minnesota's Arts & Culture Legacy Fund.

The Central Minnesota Arts Board supports collaborative and innovative arts opportunities through partnerships and financial investments in Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright counties as one of eleven Regional Arts Councils designated by the Minnesota State Arts Board. We work with community partners to increase access to the unique cultural assets of Minnesota.

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