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## **CMAB Awards Small Capital Arts Grants to Four Area Schools**

The Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB), at their June 2014 meeting, awarded four area schools with capital grants totaling \$9,248.00.

The CMAB Small Capital Arts Grant to Schools provides grants for up to \$3,500 with a 50% match requirement to public schools for the purchase of non-consumable capital resources used for arts programming. Such purchases must have the potential for a significant or long-term impact on the artistic goals of the school.

### **Schools receiving grants are:**

- **Delano High School**, \$3,500, 3D Sculpting Software, a 3D printer, a 3D Scanner and an Ultrasonic PLA removal tank to provide classes to students and community members that utilize both technology and art through Jewelry making and Sculpting
- **Foley Elementary School**, \$1,864, one bass, two alto, and two soprano Orff xylophones as well as a rolling bass cart. Additional instruments would allow more students opportunity to improvise, practice and perform.
- **Monticello Middle School**, \$3,500, sound shells for the auditorium to be used by over 900 middle school students, community theater groups, local dance teams, community presentations, and special concerts and performances.
- **Paynesville Area Elementary School**, \$384, for portable sound equipment to be used to deliver improved sound quality for functions such as; musical concerts, students skits, reader's theater, and classroom plays.

2014 funding for the Small Capital Arts Grant Program is provided by the Minnesota State Arts Board through an appropriation from the Minnesota Legislature.

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.

For more information about the Central MN Arts Board grant opportunities and services go to <http://www.centralmnartsboard.org/> or call the office at 320-968-4290 or toll free at 1-866-345-7140

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