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CMAB Awards Small Capital Arts Grants to Area Schools

The Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB), at their June 2015 meeting, awarded \$5,827 in Small Capital Arts Grant to four area schools.

The CMAB Small Capital Arts Grant to Schools provides grants for up to \$3,500 with a 50% match requirement 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:

Foley High School, \$2,625, for the purchase of a Pug Mill to recycle clay, maintain quality and allow students the opportunity to use local clay and silica sands for more responsive clay bodies.

Foley High School, \$387, to purchase a Lockerbie Kick Wheel for the high school ceramics studio to be used by high school students, art club and community education members.

Paynesville Area High School, \$2,815, for a 32-channel soundboard for the auditorium to serve both music and theater. The soundboard will be used to digitally record performances when needed. High school students will be trained to operate the soundboard providing a new skill set.

2015 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. The CMAB works 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/](http://www.centralmnartsboard.org) or call the office at 320-968-4290 or toll free at 1-866-345-7140
