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CMAB Awards Small Capital Arts Grants to Three Area Schools

The Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB), at their June 2013 meeting, awarded three area schools with capital grants totaling \$7,722.

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.

The three schools receiving grants are:

- Annandale High School, \$3,500, iMac computers for the art students in Photography, Advanced Photography, Graphic Design, and Yearbook Club
- **Area Learning Center St. Cloud,** \$1,234, The Adobe Design Collection Creative Suite 6 software to be used in business computer classes that deliver the arts standards to at-risk students.
- **Holdingford Elementary School,** \$2,988, 12 iPads 16 G with protective cases to provide art students avenues of expression and exploration with an exciting tool that bends toward creativity

2013 funding for the Small Capital Arts Grant Program came from the Minnesota State Arts Board through an appropriation from the Minnesota Legislature.

The CMAB is one of eleven regional art councils in the State of Minnesota with the purpose of supporting and promoting art appreciation throughout region 7W, consisting of Benton, Sherburne, Stearns and Wright counties. 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
