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CMAB Awards Arts Organization Development Grant

At the December 12, 2019 meeting, the Central MN Arts Board (CMAB) awarded \$4,500 in Organizational Development Grants.

1. **Buffalo Community Theater**, \$900, to purchase and implement a video workshop series "Your Complete Non-Profit Storytelling System" that includes two video conference sessions with author and nationally recognized fundraiser Lori L. Jacobwith.
2. **Chamber Music Society of Central MN**, \$1,600, to work with BadCat Digital Marketing to update and improve the organization's current website.
3. **Great River Education Art Theater**, \$2,000, to provide advanced training for summer camp instructors so that teaching is more culturally responsive, trauma informed and better meets the increased social emotional needs of the students.

The CMAB Organizational Development program provides funds to help establish, maintain & strengthen the infrastructure of nonprofit arts organizations. These funds are also available to assist arts groups in establishing 501(c)(3) status. Funding for this grant program is provided through an appropriation from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the state's general fund, and the Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund created by the Voters of Minnesota.

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