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The Central Minnesota Arts Board Awards Public Art Grants

At the May 12, 2022, meeting, the Central MN Arts Board (CMAB) awarded a total of \$16,770 in Public Art Grants. The CMAB Public Art program provides funds for the completion of well-planned works of public art that are accessible to the public and supported by the community. An organization must provide a minimum of 25% in matching funds. Public Art Grants are provided through Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.

The following were awarded:

1. **Community Legacy Foundation**, \$6,770, for a large-scale hockey mural designed by artist Roger Reinardy and painted by community members of The Eagles Healing Nest, The Hockey Association, Alumni and hockey parents on the exterior of the Civic Arena in Sauk Centre, MN.
2. **Monticello Arts Initiative** (MontiArts), \$10,000, for metal sculptor, Parker McDonald, to install a 12'-15' sculpture of a small mouth bass at Ellison Park along the Mississippi in Monticello, MN.

CMAB strives to enhance appreciation of the essential economic and social roles the arts play in Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright counties by providing grants and professional development services to arts and community organizations, schools, government units and individuals.

For more information about the Central MN Arts Board grant opportunities and services go to www.centralmnartsboard.org or call the office at 320-968-4290 or toll free at 1-866-825-1471.