



CMAB

Central MN Arts Board

FISCAL YEAR 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Serving Benton, Sherburne, Stearns & Wright Counties



Leslie LeCuyer
Executive Director



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

On July 1, 2023, the Central MN Arts Board (CMAB) completed its 44th year serving Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright counties as their state designated Regional Arts Council (RAC).

During Fiscal Year 2023, the CMAB received 233 grant applications totaling \$1,242,072 in requests of which 146 grants were awarded for a total of \$780,501.

This report provides a breakdown of all funding sources and how these dollars were invested through CMAB programs.

A few stories are shared on the impact of the grants awarded from the people they served. Each year we experience the many ways our investments change lives and have a positive impact in communities through the arts.

The arts are a vehicle for reinforcing cultural identities and strengthening social bonds.

The arts also...

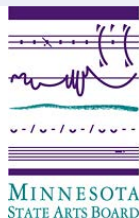
- Build understanding between different cultures.
- Inspire conversations and action on social issues.
- Helps community's develop and define Identity.
- Increase economic activity and boost tourism.

...and so much more.

We look forward to building new relationships and investing in the arts throughout the coming year.

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Funding is generously
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ABOUT The CMAB

Established in 1979 as a non-profit organization, the Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB) increases access to the arts as one of eleven Regional Arts Councils in Minnesota by providing grants and arts development services in Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright counties (Region 7W).

CMAB strives to enhance appreciation of the essential economic and social roles the arts play by providing grants and professional development services to arts and community organizations, schools, local government and individuals.



PUBLIC ART SPOTLIGHT

Delano Area Council for Arts and Culture received a FY23 Public Art Grant for the commission & installation of "Trumpeter", created by sculpture Willicey Tynes. Willicey's sculpture "Trumpeter" is a tribute to the successful reintroduction of the majestic trumpeter swans to Minnesota. The installation was celebrated during the annual Delano Sculpture Walk held at the Delano Sculpture Park on State Highway 12 and the Crow River.



SOCIAL MEDIA STATS

X formerly Twitter
831 Followers

Instagram
367 Followers
2,113 Reach

Facebook
1,416 Followers
15,599 Page Reach



Enews
1063 Contacts
44% Avg Opens

Press Release
36 Contacts
42% Avg Opens



Youtube
37 Videos
30 Subscriptions

FY23 FUNDING TO ORGANIZATIONS

The programs listed are funded through a legislative appropriation from the Arts & Cultural Legacy fund and the State’s general arts fund.

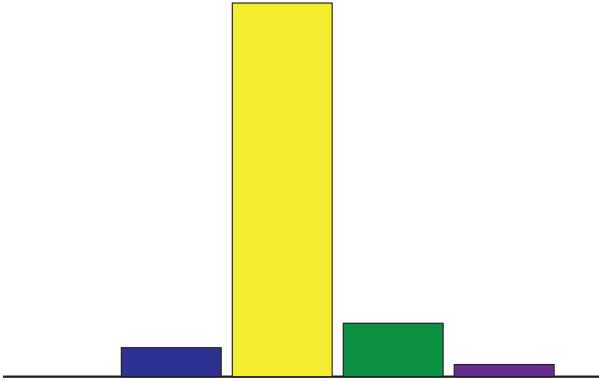
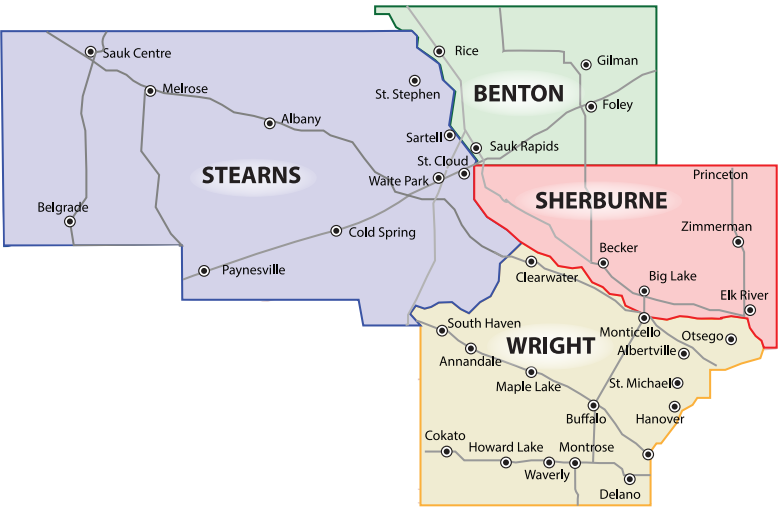
GRANT PROGRAM	Applicants FUNDED	TOTAL
Project Grants	59	\$423,250
Community Arts Support	13	\$113,931
Artist In Residence Grants	5	\$16,494
Organizational Development Grants	8	\$70,386
Public Art Grants	4	\$49,979
Sponsorship Grant	3	\$14,000

FUNDING SOURCE BREAKDOWN

The Arts and Cultural Heritage Legacy Fund consists of the three categories: Arts Access, Arts Education and Cultural Heritage. The General Arts Fund is appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature from its general fund.

Cultural Heritage	\$17,871
Arts Education	\$78,493
Arts Access	\$549,063
State General	\$42,613

Total Investment
of \$688,040



IMPACT OF A CMAB PROJECT GRANT

Regional residents experience increased access to the arts via a reduction in geographic, cultural and/or physical barriers.

WACOSA – Bring ART to the South

WACOSA is an organization that serves individuals with disabilities throughout the region. This FY23 Project Grant was lead by local artist Dan Mondloch, who was familiar with working with the clientele. Mondloch worked twice a week for 10 weeks in a classroom with 12-15 adults with cognitive and physical disabilities in the medium of acrylics. Adults with cognitive and physical disability often do not have the opportunity to engage in the arts due to the complexity of their diagnosis. WACOSA has significant experience in providing personalized support and accommodations for each individual. Participants used adaptive tools and equipment to complete their paintings and the artist used those paintings, chosen by the participants, to develop two different wall murals that were completed in July 2023 and are now permanent fixtures at the WACOSA South Program building.



The murals are a collage of work created and chosen by the students that also includes their names.
by artist, Dan Mondloch

FY23 FUNDING DISTRIBUTED TO INDIVIDUALS

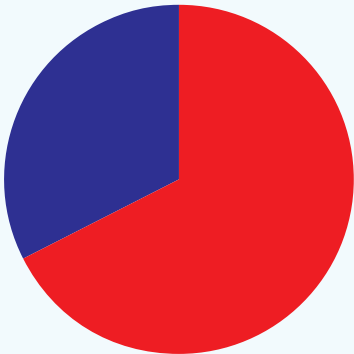
The programs listed are funded by the McKnight Foundation and through a legislative appropriation from the State’s general fund.

GRANT PROGRAM	Applicants FUNDED	TOTAL
Individual Artist Award	8	\$21,500
Artist Career Development	10	\$28,000
Artist Learning Grant	11	\$4,961
Teaching Artist Grant	4	\$8,000
Student Arts Scholarship	20	\$30,000

Total Investment of \$92,461
20 scholarships to students
51 grants awarded to artists

FUNDING SOURCE

McKnight	\$62,461
State	\$30,000



“Weighing of the lemons”
oil on linen by Patricia Riley
FY23 Individual Artist Award



FY23 Student Arts Scholarship Recipient
KATHRYN BLOMMEL- ART MAJOR

“The Central Minnesota Arts Board has been a tremendous financial help as I pursue my undergraduate studies. The student art scholarship is an amazing award that will help me continue pursuing my studies at a great institution. As a student and an artist, I am so incredibly grateful for the grants and scholarships offered by this establishment. It is a great feeling when a board invests not only in your education but in your career as an artist.”



FY23 Artist Career Development Recipient
LAURA RUPRECHT - MOSAICS

I was only able to create two new pieces instead of three, but one of the new pieces was accepted into an exhibition in Brainerd, MN. I am excited to have new pieces for my portfolio and excited to share that I will be having an exhibit with another artist in Wyoming, MN in 2024. By creating two new pieces, I was able to extend my work to greater Minnesota and grow my audience. The grant has also helped me in developing better time management skills to create new work.



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