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Northwest Regional Arts Council

Arts Development Program
Final Report
Fiscal Year 2006

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Grant Awards FY 2006

<i>County</i>	<i>Grantee</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Award</i>
Kittson CAPITAL	Kittson Central High School Sound equipment	Hallock	\$1,000.00
Kittson RESIDENCY	Tri-County School Sponsor residencies with a writer and visual artist.	Karlstad	\$0.00
Kittson SPONSOR	Kittson Central School Prairie Fire "Alladin"	Hallock	\$0.00
Kittson SPONSOR	City of Karlstad Sponsor Prairie Fire "Tom Sawyer"	Karlstad	\$1,795.00
Kittson SPONSOR	Kittson County Agricultural Society Sponsor musicians for Kick'n Up Kountry music festival	Lake Bronson	\$2,000.00
Kittson STUDENT	Sadie Hart Piano Mentorship	Hallock	\$500.00
Marshall CAPITAL	Stephen/Argyle Central Purchase microphones	Stephen	\$1,000.00
Marshall CAPITAL	Stephen Arts Council Purchase sump pump, window wells, fill	Stephen	\$2,000.00
Marshall PRODUCTION	Stephen Arts Council Sponsorship of "Fantastics"	Stephen	\$1,600.00
Marshall PRODUCTION	Middle River Community Theater Little Mermaid children's musical	Middle River	\$1,000.00
Marshall PRODUCTION	Middle River Community Theater Goose Festival 2006 Production	Middle River	\$2,000.00
Marshall RESIDENCY	Warren/Alvarado/Oslo School Sponsor pottery residency	Warren	\$0.00
Marshall RESIDENCY	Stephen/Argyle School Sponsor pottery residency.	Stephen	\$1,500.00
Marshall SPONSOR	Greenbush-Middle River School Sponsor puppeteers "Count Me In"	Middle River	\$0.00
Marshall SPONSOR	Marshall County Fair Sponsor four musical groups	Warren	\$2,000.00
Marshall STUDENT	Beth Radeke Voice Mentorship	Argyle	\$500.00
Norman CAPITAL	Norman County West School Purchase kiln and glass equipment	Halstad	\$0.00
Norman CAPITAL	Norman County East School Purchase pottery equipment	Twin Valley	\$1,000.00
Norman SPONSOR	Ada Summer Children's Theater Sponsor Missoula's production	Ada	\$1,500.00
Norman STUDENT	Chelsea Ramstorf Training in voice	Ada	\$0.00

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Norman	Kristina Ness	Ada	\$0.00
STUDENT	Training in voice		
Pennington	Lincoln High School	Thief River Falls	\$1,000.00
CAPITAL	Pottery equipment		
Pennington	Thief River Falls Community Arts Council	Thief River Falls	\$1,500.00
PRODUCTION	Production of "Once Upon a Shoe"		
Pennington	Lincoln High School	Thief River Falls	\$2,000.00
RESIDENCY	Sponsor musician Brent Michael Davids residency		
Polk	Fertile-Beltrami Public School	Fertile	\$1,000.00
CAPITAL	Purchase microphones		
Polk	Climax-Shelly School	Climax	\$1,000.00
CAPITAL	Purchase kiln and glass equipment		
Polk	Valley Crossing Arts Council	Crookston	\$1,500.00
CAPITAL	Sound Shell purchase		
Polk	Crookston Public School	Crookston	\$0.00
CAPITAL	Sound Shell		
Polk	Crookston High School	Crookston	\$1,000.00
CAPITAL	Purchase projector, computer, etc.		
Polk	East Grand Forks Senior High	East Grand Forks	\$1,000.00
CAPITAL	Purchase music software, microphones, stands		
Polk	Fosston Community Library Arts Center	Fosston	\$2,000.00
PRODUCTION	Production of "Cash on Delivery"		
Polk	Crookston School	Crookston	\$1,200.00
RESIDENCY	Sponsor storytelling residency		
Polk	Fertile Beltrami School	Fertile	\$1,800.00
RESIDENCY	Sponsor Skanson Trio classical musicians		
Polk	Fosston School	Fosston	\$750.00
RESIDENCY	Sponsor Gary Harbo Illustrator residency		
Polk	Greater Grand Forks Symphony Assoc.	Grand Forks	\$2,000.00
SPONSOR	Sponsor youth orchestra program		
Polk	Summer Arts Stages	East Grand Forks	\$2,000.00
SPONSOR	Theater camps		
Polk	Sand Hill Settlement Historical Society	Climax	\$1,590.00
SPONSOR	Sponsor Safari Children's Theater.		
Polk	Summer Arts Stages	East Grand Forks	\$1,000.00
SPONSOR	Safari 2006 start-up		
Polk	Fertile Area Arts Council	Fertile	\$500.00
SPONSOR	Sponsor Safari Children's Theater		
Polk	Association of the French of the North	Crookston	\$2,000.00
SPONSOR	Sponsor Old Crossing Heritage Days		
Polk	Crookston Public Library	Crookston	\$1,590.00
SPONSOR	Sponsor the Silly Sisters music improv group		
Polk	Matthew Brinkman	Fosston	\$500.00
STUDENT	Visual Art Mentorship		

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Polk	John Peterson	Erskine	\$500.00
STUDENT	Training in voice		
Polk	Rachel Aker	East Grand Forks	\$500.00
STUDENT	Attend Internation Music Camp		
Polk	Elizabeth Balstad	Fosston	\$500.00
STUDENT	Visual Art Mentorship		
Red Lake	Sharon Guilliat	Red Lake Falls	\$1,200.00
IND	Asian performing art study		
Red Lake	Jill Kandel	Red Lake Falls	\$1,200.00
IND	Attend Writer Conference		
Red Lake	Red Lake Co. Central	Plummer	\$590.00
RESIDENCY	Sponsor visual art residency		
Red Lake	Red Lake County Central	Oklee	\$1,680.00
RESIDENCY	Sponsor vocal residency with Vanessa Martell		
Red Lake	Amelia Schmitz	Red Lake Falls	\$500.00
STUDENT	International Music Camp		
Roseau	Warroad School District	Warroad	\$1,000.00
CAPITAL	Purchase art display system		
Roseau	Kathryn Hammer	Roseau	\$1,200.00
IND	Pottery supplies		
Roseau	Warroad Summer Theater	Warroad	\$2,000.00
PRODUCTION	Production of "Oliver"		
Roseau	Roseau Area Friends of the Library	Roseau	\$1,770.00
PRODUCTION	Ramblings Publication "Celebrate"		
Roseau	Roseau School	Roseau	\$0.00
RESIDENCY	Sponsor visual art residency		
Roseau	Badger Public School	Badger	\$0.00
RESIDENCY	Sponsor residency with Jean Honl.		
Roseau	Roseau School	Roseau	\$1,000.00
RESIDENCY	Sponsor writing residency		
Roseau	Roseau County Agricultural Society	Greenbush	\$1,650.00
SPONSOR	Sponsor Phil Baker music at fair.		
Roseau	Greenbush-Middle River School	Greenbush	\$0.00
SPONSOR	Count Me In Puppets		

Programs and Services

The following programs and services are offered by the Northwest Regional Arts Council:

Sponsorship Grants
Production Assistance Grants
Artist in the Schools Grants
Northwest Minnesota Art Exhibition
Small Capital Grants
Individual Fellowship Grants
Student Training Grants
Newsletter
Web Site
Artist Registry
Artist and Arts Organizations Directory
Arts Consultant Services
Information and Referral
Special Arts Projects
Technical Assistance
Workshops and Conferences
Resource Library and Publications
Organizational Development Assistance

Northwest Regional Arts Council Staff

Arts Council Director: Mara Wittman

NWRDC Executive Director: Leon Heath

NWRDC Financial Officer: Carol Sorensen

NWRDC Front Office Manager: Brenda Solberg

NWRDC Receptionist: Betty Safranski

Northwest Regional Arts Council Members

C=Chairperson V=Vice Chairperson S=Secretary

	Name/Address	County	Occupation	Term	Next Election	Phone Numbers
C	Kimberley Johnson 1733 300th Avenue Kennedy MN 56733-	Kittson	Social Worker	0		(218) 843-2994 Work (218) 674-4228 Home
S	Amy Filpula 13082 370th St. NE Middle River MN 56737-	Marshall	Theater President	2	06/01/2006	(800) 338-4105 Work (218) 222-3546 Home
	Betty Pikop 45093 420th Ave. NW Stephen MN 56757-	Marshall	Arts Org. Leader	1	06/01/2007	(218) 478-2213 Home
	DeLoris Olson 504 2nd Ave. E., P.O. Box 174 Ada MN 56510-	Norman	Fine Craft	2	06/01/2008	(218) 784-2861 Home
	Jane Anderson 216 N. Arnold Ave. Thief River Falls MN 56701-	Pennington	Teacher	2	06/01/2007	(218) 681-3810 Home
V	Cindy Tsukichi 224 Trinity Park Road Thief River Falls MN 56701-	Pennington	Arts Advocate	1	06/01/2007	(218) 681-3344 Home
	Karen Bang 18440 W. Union Trail SE Erskine MN 56535-	Polk	Theater Instructor	2	06/01/2006	(218) 687-2757 Home
	Betty Halvorson 25088 145th St. SE Plummer MN 56748-	Red Lake	Social Worker	0		(218) 465-4585 Home
	Alice Hofstad 25514 180th St. SE Plummer MN 56748-	Red Lake	Media Arts Teacher	2	06/01/2009	(218) 681-7432 Work
	Genevieve Knott 10905 170th St. SE Red Lake Falls MN 56750-	Red Lake	Farmer, Advocate	0		(218) 253-2804 Home
	Paulette Christianson 25530 260th Ave. Badger MN 56714-	Roseau	Graphic Fine Artist	2	06/01/2009	(218) 528-3223 Home

Summary of Goals and Objectives

GOAL 1: Promote, develop, and encourage artistic growth and excellence in northwestern Minnesota.

OBJECTIVE 1:

Award Sponsorship, Production Assistance and Artists in the Schools Grants to regional organizations and public schools based on artistic quality and merit, applicant capability, and the need for the project.

ACTIVITY:

- a. News releases were issued three times to indicate the availability of grant funds for arts projects in the seven-county area of northwestern Minnesota. Application deadlines were noted in the web site and the Northwest Arts newsletter. Regional arts organizations were directly notified of grant deadlines.
- b. Information and technical assistance was provided on the grant process to thirty possible applicants. A "pre-review" was offered to applicants whereby the Arts Council Director conducted an analysis of applications prior to the deadline date.
- c. Three grant rounds occurred for Sponsorship and Production Assistance awards. Twenty applications for Sponsorship and Production Assistance projects were reviewed. The Northwest Regional Development Commission acted on funding recommendations provided by the Regional Arts Council. Awards totaled \$28,945.00. Final reports from grantees were reviewed on an on-going basis.

OBJECTIVE 2:

Provide technical assistance and information to artists, representatives of arts organizations, and others interested in the arts.

ACTIVITY:

- a. Thirty-four applications for funding from the Regional Arts Council were reviewed.
- b. Under the Local/Regional Arts Development Program, technical assistance was provided to the following arts organizations:

Ada Summer Children's Theater
Assoc. of the French of the North, Red Lake Falls
Badger Public School
City of Karlstad
Clayworks, Red Lake Falls
Crookston Community Theater
Crookston Public Library

Crookston Public School
 East Grand Forks Arts and Crafts Council
 Fertile/Beltrami Public School
 Fertile Area Arts Council
 Fosston Public School
 Fosston Library and Art Center
 Greater Grand Forks Symphony Orchestra
 Greenbush/Middle River Public School
 Kittson Central School, Hallock
 Kittson County Fair, Hallock
 Marshall County Fair, Warren
 Middle River Community Theater
 Norman County West, Halstad
 Norman County East, Twin Valley
 Red Lake County Public School, Oklee
 Red Lake County Public School, Plummer
 Roseau County Fair
 Roseau Public School
 Roseau Friends of the Library
 Safari Children's Theater Touring Company, EGF
 Sandhill Settlement Historical Society, Climax
 Stephen Arts Council
 Stephen/Argyle Public School
 Summer Arts Stages, East Grand Forks
 Thief River Falls Community Arts Council
 Thief River Falls Public School
 Tri-County Public School, Karlstad
 Two Rivers Area Theater, Red Lake Falls
 Valley Crossings Arts Council, Crookston
 Warren/Alvarado/Oslo Public School
 Warroad Summer Theater

- c. The Arts Council Director attended board meetings of Marshall County Fair, Valley Crossings Arts Council, Thief River Falls Community Arts Council, and Warroad Summer Theater. She also spoke about the arts programs at Enterprise Committee Meeting, Minnesota Public Radio Needs Forum in Thief River Falls, Riverland Tourism quarterly meetings, Historic Northwest quarterly meetings, and other community development meetings. Information on arts programs and services was provided as requested. Regular inquiries included questions on opportunities for individuals artists and other sources of funding related to building purchase and renovation.
- d. A reference library is maintained and updated on a regular basis.

OBJECTIVE 3:

Select an arts organization as co-sponsor of the Northwest Minnesota Art Exhibit each year.

ACTIVITY:

- a. City of Hallock co-sponsored the exhibit from March 20-27, 2006. City staff and local arts advocates provided for volunteer assistance.
- b. The exhibit consisted of 126 pieces. Frank Kelley of Grand Forks was the juror.
- c. The 2006 mini-exhibit of ten pieces toured ten area library throughout the summer.

GOAL 2: Provide for the administration of the Northwest Regional Arts Council.

OBJECTIVE 1:

Develop and maintain programs and activities of the Northwest Regional Arts Council.

ACTIVITY:

- a. Staff support was provided to the Northwest Regional Arts Council which met in September and December 2005; and, March, April, and June, 2006.
- b. The annual report for Fiscal Year 2005 and the reports on regrant activities for Fiscal Year 2006 were submitted to the State Arts Board.

OBJECTIVE 2:

Provide orientation/education for new Council members.

ACTIVITY:

- a. Orientation materials were updated and provided to all new arts council members.
- b. Orientation for new Council Members was provided.

GOAL 3: Support and encourage arts experiences in the schools in Region 1.

OBJECTIVE 1:

Award Artists in the Schools Grants to public schools based on artistic quality and merit, applicant capability, and the need for the project.

ACTIVITY:

- a. News releases were issued two times to indicate the availability of grant funds for arts projects in the seven-county area of northwestern Minnesota. Application deadlines were noted in the web site and the Northwest Arts newsletter. Schools were directly notified of grant deadlines.

- b. Information and technical assistance was provided on the grant process to fourteen applicants. A "pre-review" was offered to applicants whereby the Arts Council Director conducted an analysis of applications prior to the deadline date.
- c. Two reviews of Artists in the Schools Grants occurred. Twelve Artists in the Schools Applications were reviewed. The Northwest Regional Development Commission acted on funding recommendations provided by the Regional Arts Council. Awards totaled \$10,640.00. Final reports from grantees were reviewed on an on-going basis.

OBJECTIVE 1:

Provide support for arts education programs. Provide information on arts activities in the schools.

ACTIVITY:

- a. Two direct mailings to all area schools encouraging student applications in our Student Artist Training Mentor Grant category.
- b. Information noting the availability of support from the Northwest Regional Arts Council and the Minnesota State Arts Board was included in the web site and the Northwest Arts newsletter.
- c. Publicity was issued regarding the availability of art education resources such as the COMPAS, other programs of the Minnesota Center for Arts Education, and other resources.

GOAL 4: Increase access to information on the arts in northwestern Minnesota.

OBJECTIVE 1:

Disseminate information on the Arts.

ACTIVITY:

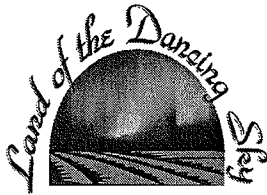
- a. An arts newsletter, Northwest Arts was published three times as well as archived on our web site. Arts organizations are regularly requested to submit articles and information to the newsletter.
- b. News releases were issued following each grants round to detail the projects which received funding. Notices of appointments to the Arts Council and other activities were regularly distributed to the news media. Prior to grant deadlines news releases were issued.

OBJECTIVE 2:

Maintain an artists registry.

ACTIVITY:

- a. Registry forms are regularly distributed for the inclusion of artists.
- b. The registry is continually updated and available to the public as a resource.
- c. A Regional Directory of Artists and Arts Organizations was published on a request basis in fiscal year 2006. It is always available on our web site. Forty-three individual artists are listed. Seventy arts and humanities organizations are listed. Fifteen area libraries and twenty-five schools and four colleges are also listed for quick reference.
- d. Additional information started to be collected in order to publish a products made in our Land of the Dancing Sky directory in 2008. Artists are being encouraged to use the logo on some of their marketing materials that talk about where they are from.
- e. Contact with nine area retailers to encourage them to display additional products made in our area.



OBJECTIVE 2:

Maintain the arts portion of the Northwest Regional Development Commission's web site. Site is www.nwrdc.org/arts.htm.

ACTIVITY:

- a. 75% of the applications received used our web based application forms. 80% used our web based final report form.
- b. The web site is updated constantly with mandatory monthly updates to all pages related to the Arts Council.
- c. The web site was reformatted in FY 2005 to include a photo banner and a new streamlined look. Staff have received many positive comments on the changes.
- d. The web site includes fifty eight pages related to the Northwest Regional Arts Council's programs and services.

Northwest Regional Development Commission

	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Next Election</i>
Kittson				
	Charles	Lindberg	Kennedy	12/1/2007
C	Dr. Joe	Bouvette	Hallock	11/20/2006
	Gregory	Peterson	Lancaster	12/1/2007
	Betty J.	Younggren	Hallock	12/1/2007
	Kimberley	Johnson	Kennedy	3/1/2006
	Dale	Nelson	Karlstad	11/1/2006
Marshall				
V	Delray	Larson	Gatzke	11/1/2006
	Ruth	Magnusson	Argyle	3/1/2006
	Gail	Yutzenka	Argyle	11/1/2006
Norman				
	Warren	Olson	Halstad	11/1/2006
	Glen	Brookshire	Halstad	11/1/2006
	Fred	Jamison	Ada	3/1/2007
Pennington				
	Oliver	Swanson	Thief River Falls	11/1/2006
	John	Erickson	Red Lake Falls	3/1/2008
	Elvera	Cullen	Thief River Falls	11/1/2006
Polk				
	Eugene	Dufault	Crookston	3/1/2008
	Kathleen	Twite	East Grand Forks	12/1/2007
	Arlene	Tucker	Crookston	12/1/2007
T	Warren	Strandell	East Grand Forks	11/1/2006
	James	Herdliiska	Erskine	11/1/2006
	Gerald	Jacobson	Fertile	12/1/2007
	Bill	Montague	Crookston	12/1/2007
	Martha	Hurtado	Crookston	12/1/2007
	Tracey	Sundeen	Crookston	12/1/2007
Red Lake				
	Robert	Melby	Oklee	12/1/2007
	Ann	Jaeger	Plummer	11/1/2008
	Genevieve	Knott	Red Lake Falls	3/1/2006
	Velma	Oakland	Red Lake Falls	11/1/2006
	Vaughn	Thorfinnson	Red Lake Falls	12/1/2007
	Ronald	Weiss	Red Lake Falls	12/1/2007
	Cathrine	Johnson	Oklee	11/1/2006
Roseau				
	Orris	Rasmussen	Roseau	11/1/2006
	Gerry	Schiltz	Roseau	11/1/2008