

SB2010 2025-2027 Appropriations: Council on the Arts

House Appropriations – Human Resources Division

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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to present today. My name is Jess Christy, Executive Director for North Dakota Council on the Arts.

The North Dakota State Legislature created the North Dakota Council on the Arts (NDCA) “to ensure that the role of the arts in the life of our communities will continue to grow and will play an evermore significant part in the welfare and educational experience of our citizens” (NDCC 54-54-01). Our purpose is to bring that commitment to life.

Mission

Strengthen creative capacity of North Dakota for all who live and visit through:

Honoring cultural traditions

Empowering excellence and innovation

Inspiring arts and cultural opportunities for all

Goals and Objectives

Arts and creative process for all

Vibrant communities

Thriving arts ecosystem

Excellence and innovation

Value of the Arts

The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis reports that arts and cultural production accounts for \$1,613,472,000 and 2.22% of the North Dakota economy, contributing 12,955 jobs. The non-profit arts industry, served directly by NDCA, generates \$110.1 million annually. When visitors attend cultural events across North Dakota, they spend on average \$32.50 per person per event beyond the cost of admission, representing a value-add to each of the communities our organizations call home.

1. Programs and Services

NDCA is a grant-making agency with a commitment to supporting creators, art providers, and participants. Through grants, services, education, and partnerships, we seed new ideas and activities and build resilient capacity.

In the first 18 months of this biennium, NDCA has provided 396 grants across 71 cities, 39 counties, and all 8 regions totaling \$2,078,479. Last biennium grant funds supported 997,861 visits from adult attendees and 281,783 from youth.

Arts in Education grants support K-12 arts education through a variety of programs and partnerships. During the last biennium, 43 Artist-in-Residencies (AIR) grants and 21 Arts in Education Collaboration (AIEC) grants supported approximately 8,800 students and 1,680 teachers, artists, administrators, and community members. The national Poetry Out Loud program reached 39 North Dakota high schools; 4,313 students and 65 teachers.

Institutional support programs comprise the largest volume of NDCA grant activity, averaging over \$400,000 annually and leveraging an equal amount through cash match requirements. Grant funds increase operating support, improve an organization's ability to generate local match dollars, and enhance local economies.

The NDCA Folk and Traditional Arts program provides apprenticeship opportunities which ensure the continuation of traditional art forms. Some of the cultural traditions preserved

include Norwegian rosemaling, Nepali music, spur and bit making, Lakota porcupine quillwork, Ma'di headdress construction, Germans from Russia Iron Crosses, Swedish bonadsmalning, saddle making, quilting, Chinese dance, and much more.

The Art for Life program pairs organizations with elder-care facilities and schools with health and wellness in mind. The program developed by NDCA's folklorist has become a template across the nation for creative aging, targeting the "Three Plagues": loneliness, boredom, and helplessness.

In the last biennium, NDCA Community Services provided 43 Community Arts Access grants to support arts activities for arts and non-arts organizations. 19 Professional Development grants supported artists, educators, and organizations, and 20 Special Projects grants helped fund community events.

NDCA partnerships include the ND Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, ND Parks and Recreation, ND Department of Transportation, ND Health and Human Services Department of Adult and Aging Services, State Historical Society of ND/ND Heritage Center, North Dakota State University, US Forestry, Central Regional Education Association, South East Education Cooperative, Northeast Education Services Cooperative, Prairie Public Broadcasting, Humanities ND, Sacred Pipe Resource Center, American Scandinavian Foundation, Bush Foundation, ND Long Term Care Association, Chahinkapa Zoo, and Activities Professionals of North Dakota.

Organizational Structure

The governing board of directors for the agency consists of nine members, one from each of the state's eight regions and one member-at-large. Each member is appointed by the governor to serve five-year terms.

The team at NDCA is comprised of 8 members, 6 FTE positions and 2 temporary full-time positions. They include:

- Executive Director, Jess Christy
- Arts in Education Director, Matthew Anderson
- Fiscal and Administrative Officer, Robin Bosch
- Public Information Officer, Rhea Beto
- Folklorist, Troyd Geist
- Grants Administrator, Lisa McCallum
- Special Projects Coordinator, Brenna Lahren
- AAP Project Manager, Tobias Zikmund

2. Recent Audit Findings

At this time, an audit has not been performed with the agency since the last time NDCA appeared before this committee.

3. NDCA Accomplishments

Arts Across the Prairie, the creative placemaking initiative continues its work to build 8 large installations in each of the 8 regions throughout the state. Sites and artists are chosen through a comprehensive process with stakeholders within each region. Each artist will provide dedicated, on-site training to 10 local artists to create an evergreen creative placemaking network. The program was recognized nationally through a panel discussion at the National Assembly of State Art Agencies assembly in the fall of 2024. Partnerships include North Dakota Department of Transportation, North Dakota Guard, US Forestry, and many regional municipalities and organizations.

Installation of the exhibit *On the Edge of the Wind: Native Storytellers and the Land*. Since its opening, the exhibition averages 7,000 visitors per month.

In collaboration with the DOCR, CREA, and NDCA, the Arts in Justice program has successfully integrated arts education within the Youth Correctional Center. This initiative has provided impactful arts experiences to students within the correctional system, fostering personal growth and creative expression.

In partnership with Dakota Legacy and the Bush Foundation, the Densmore Lakota Song Repatriation Project re-recorded, corrected speed, and cleaned-up old Lakota songs originally stored on wax cylinders at the Library of Congress for repatriation and distribution to the Lakota Nation.

A partnership with DOCR and Prairie Public Broadcasting supported the Chainz to Changed podcast. Co-producers and co-hosts, Antonio Stridiron and Zach Schmidkunz interview high ranking DOCR officials and residents to share stories of changing lives, hope, and what it's like doing time at the North Dakota State Penitentiary.

Arts Labs for Youth (ALFY) Program in partnership with NDCA, promotes the Artist in Residence (AIR) grant through the ALFY program. This program not only supports the recruitment and engagement of teaching artists but also promotes arts education and organizes professional development workshops for educators.

A partnership between NDCA and SEEC continued the Afterschool Arts Learning program, which provides additional arts learning opportunities outside of regular school hours.

Through a partnership with Sacred Pipe Resource Center, a comprehensive 18-month professional development opportunity supported artistic goals for Indigenous artists.

Challenges

NDCA's Creative Placemaking initiative has hit a critical point. Immense stakeholder and artist buy in and in-kind support from other state entities and organizations have all been secured. With this deep community investment – on average, a two-year stakeholder process – 5 of the 8

regional installations are build-ready. Funding is needed for both site prep and fabrication of these works.

Due to retirements, NDCA will see staff turnover for half of our full-time staff members in a two-year span, including the director position. This poses both budgetary and operational challenges: ensuring salaries remain competitive in the job market, significant time and resources needed for onboarding, and the transfer of critical knowledge from these experienced staff members, all while ensuring continuity and minimizing disruption to programming.

An ongoing critical factor of NDCA’s budget is through our partnership with our federal funding source, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). These funds require a cost share/match to the NEA Partnership Agreement grant funds of at least 1 to 1. This match must come from state government funds that are directly controlled and appropriated by the state.

It is critical that NDCA’s grants fit the needs of our communities, organizations, schools, and artists. To retain the creative experts and project ideas that keep our communities vibrant, grants must align with regional and national opportunities. Continual evaluation of the programs and award amounts is critical to best serve the state’s creative needs, with focused intention for the educational and k-12 environment.

4. Budget Comparison

	23-25 Biennium Original Appropriation	23-25 Biennium Current Appropriation	Agency Requested for 25-27	Governor’s Recommendation for 25-27
Budget	\$4,547,019	\$4,925,018	\$5,262,774	\$4,624,437
FTE	6	6	7	7

5. New Positions Approved

One FTE was approved for NDCA during the 2023-25 biennium, an Administrative Assistant III position. The position was filled in September of 2023, with \$63,470 transferred specific to the

position from the OMB pool. The total amount appropriated for the position was \$69,750 for the biennium, with \$138,264 estimated to be spent for the position in the 2023-25 biennium.

6. Turnover and Vacant Positions

NDCA experienced turnover in its Executive Director position with the retirement of former Director Kim Konikow in mid-June 2024. No vacancy was experienced; however, the newly hired Director began work in mid-May 2024 to provide a period of overlap for training. There are no remaining funds in the OMB pool.

7. Program/Line-Item Funding

	Base Level	Agency Requested	Governor's Rec.	Senate Action
Salaries and wages	\$1,222,195	\$1,777,130	\$1,608,543	\$1,400,122
New & vacant FTE pool	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$16,519
Operating expenses	\$674,093	\$1,073,843	\$679,093	\$679,093
Grants	\$2,355,342	\$2,411,801	\$2,336,801	\$2,336,801
Total of Line Items	\$4,251,630	\$5,262,774	\$4,624,437	\$4,432,535
Estimated income – special funds	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Estimated income – federal funds	\$1,870,000	\$1,870,000*	\$1,870,000	\$1,870,000
General funds	\$2,371,630	\$3,382,774	\$2,744,437	\$2,552,535
Total of Funding Sources	\$4,251,630	\$5,262,774	\$4,624,437	\$4,432,535
FTE positions	6	7	7	6

*Since submitting our budget request, NDCA has learned the NEA is making new funding available to expand the reach of Arts, Health, and Well-Being work. The level of funding would be an additional \$75,000 of NEA funds each FY. This would **increase** our estimated federal funding for the 25-27 biennium by \$150,000 **to an updated total of \$2,020,000**. Should NDCA receive these funds, a request will be made to OMB to increase Federal Spending Authority as allowed in Section 4 of SB 2010.

Requested funds in salaries include the additional requested FTE, as well as a leave payout for a long-term employee eligible for retirement. Additional funds are also needed for a temporary position within the *Arts Across the Prairie* initiative for the 2025-27 biennium.

Operating expense requests increased due to a one-time request related to the *Arts Across the Prairie* initiative. (See *Arts Across the Prairie* attachment.)

Grants requests increased due to a one-time request for Regional Partner Grants for the *Arts Across the Prairie* initiative.

All requests above are general fund requests.

8. One-Time Funding: Current Biennium

One-time funding items for the current biennium are:

- 1) \$106,430 for leave payout for retiring staff
- 2) \$84,000 for *Arts Across the Prairie* statewide trainings
- 3) \$16,000 for *Arts Across the Prairie* permits
- 4) \$40,000 for strategic planning
- 5) \$12,500 for office IT equipment and furniture

NDCA anticipates some level of returned funds from the leave payout line.

9. One-Time Funding Request

For the next biennium, NDCA's one-time funding requests are:

- 1) \$559,750 for *Arts Across the Prairie* infrastructure package for Engineering and Contractor fees, site materials, Regional Partner Grants, signage, and travel.**

NDCA's Creative Placemaking initiative has hit a critical point. Immense stakeholder and artist buy as well as in-kind support from other state entities and organizations have all been secured. With this deep community investment, capital improvement funding is needed to execute 5 of the 8 contracted projects in the upcoming biennium. Funds to each region will be matched with in-kind support and fundraising is underway in many of the regions. Partnerships with NDDOT, ND Guard, and US Forestry are secured.

2) \$40,000 for leave payout for eligible long-term employee.

After three retirements between April 2023 – March 2025, one additional NDCA FTE is eligible to retire. Although this employee has so far opted to continue working, we need to be prepared for his potential retirement in the 25-27 biennium.

10. Fees Charged

NDCA does not charge fees for services.

11. Federal State Fiscal Relief Funds

NDCA did not receive any relief funds that continued into current biennium. All relief funds were spent by the end of the '21-'23 biennium.

12. Appropriation Bill Additions

NDCA proposes adding section language to access the *Arts Across the Prairie* endowment maintenance fund for the purpose of fabrication. As the project is at a critical point, and both stakeholders and artists have deep investment and contracted projects toward the initiative, funds are needed for both the infrastructure and fabrication of the artworks.

The intent of the maintenance fund is to expend up to \$50,000 annually for maintenance of the works. Accessing these funds for fabrication is a budget-neutral approach for the implementation of 4 of the 8 works, while still reserving ample funds for the longevity of the structures.

Fabrication costs are in addition to the decision package request for engineering and materials fees, which will provide site preparation and infrastructure needs to provide dedicated parking space for visitors in these rural locations. (See *Arts Across the Prairie* attachment.)

13. Legislative Bills Impacting Budget

NDCA is not monitoring any bills for budget impact on the agency.

14. Requested Budget Changes

1. FTE – Grant Program Officer Decision Package

Reinstate Governor Armstrong’s recommendation for the position. NDCA has a need for a Grants Program Officer and an Administrative Assistant. Last biennium, NDCA requested both FTEs and received one. These duties have been filled by the one FTE appropriated and a full-time temporary position. Receiving this FTE will allow NDCA to bring that temporary employee into the FTE position for the work already being performed.

2. Access to Maintenance Fund – Section Language Request

Provide access to the already-dedicated *Arts Across the Prairie* Maintenance Fund. Fund is accruing interest and was created with the intention to draw down up to \$50,000 yearly beginning in 2021 for the purpose of maintenance of *Arts Across the Prairie* public artworks. NDCA requests accessing up to \$380,000 for the fabrication of 4 artworks.

Community buy-in is high: 2+ year stakeholder process complete, sites are build-ready, and contracts are signed with artists.

3. Arts Across the Prairie Infrastructure Decision Package

Funds are needed for site prep including all engineering and contractor fees for minimal site development. This will provide pull offs for visitors as sites are adjacent to major highways. This is a critical need.

4. Temp salary for Arts Across the Prairie Manager Decision Package

NDCA hired a temporary staff member in 2023 to facilitate the *Arts Across the Prairie* program. Funds are needed to continue the work of coordinating stakeholders, artist teams, community events and engagement, landowners, agency partnerships, site prep, and installation.

5. Leave payout Decision Package

NDCA has one remaining long-term employee eligible for retirement.

Fabrication costs

Section Addition Request:
\$380k of Maintenance Fund

- For the build of the artworks
- **Requested access to maintenance fund for up to \$380,000**
- Senate approved access up to \$190,000
- Current fund amount: \$1,271,262

Infrastructure package

Request: Decision Package #3

- Engineering fees.....\$60,000
- Contractor fees.....\$175,000
- Site prep materials.....\$220,000
- Regional Partner Grants..\$75,000
- Signage.....\$12,500
- Travel.....\$17,250

\$559,750 total request

GRANT RECIPIENTS
2023-25 Biennium through Dec 2024

GRANTEE NAME	CITY	GRANT PROGRAM	GRANT AMOUNT	FISCAL YEAR
Region 1: Divide, McKenzie, and Williams counties				
East Fairview Elementary School	Fairview	AIR	\$1,750	2024
East Fairview Elementary School	Fairview	AIR	\$2,500	2025
Long X Arts Foundation	Watford City	AFL	\$3,167	2024
Long X Arts Foundation	Watford City	CAA-T2	\$4,000	2024
Long X Arts Foundation	Watford City	AFL	\$6,333	2025
Long X Arts Foundation (Killdeer AFL site)	Watford City	AFL	\$3,167	2024
Long X Arts Foundation (Killdeer AFL site)	Watford City	AFL	\$6,333	2025
Entertainment, Inc!	Williston	IS	\$7,065	2024
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James Memorial Preservation Society	Williston	IS	\$7,500	2024
James Memorial Preservation Society	Williston	PD	\$586	2024
James Memorial Preservation Society	Williston	IS	\$7,500	2025
Missouri River School (Williston Basin School District)	Williston	AIEC	\$6,000	2024
North Dakota Art Gallery Association	Williston	IS	\$7,681	2024
North Dakota Art Gallery Association	Williston	PD	\$1,000	2024
North Dakota Art Gallery Association	Williston	IS	\$7,681	2025
Region 1 Total:			\$79,328	
Region 2: Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, Pierce, Mohall, Renville, and Ward counties				
Bel Air Elementary (Minot School District)	Minot	AIR	\$1,700	2024
Brass Band of Minot	Minot	CAA-T2	\$2,100	2024
Brass Band of Minot	Minot	CAA-T2	\$2,741	2025
Full Steam Ahead	Minot	CAA-T2	\$3,000	2025
Gerald Schlag	Minot	SP	\$1,500	2024
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Gerald Schlag and Titus Bulow	Minot	AP	\$2,143	2025
International Music Camp	Minot	IS	\$11,000	2024
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Joan Varty amd Jazmine W. Schultz	Minot	AP	\$4,500	2024
Joan Varty and Jennifer Lock	Minot	AP	\$4,500	2025
Kateri Miller	Minot	PD	\$1,000	2024
Kyla Burnett	Minot	PD	\$1,000	2025
Lewis & Clark Elementary School (Minot School District)	Minot	AIR	\$2,500	2024
Lewis & Clark Elementary School (Minot School District)	Minot	AIR	\$2,500	2025
Lillian and Coleman Taube Museum of Art	Minot	IS	\$5,768	2024
Lillian and Coleman Taube Museum of Art	Minot	LOA-GEN	\$23,800	2024
Lillian and Coleman Taube Museum of Art	Minot	PD	\$532	2024
Lillian and Coleman Taube Museum of Art	Minot	AIEC	\$6,000	2025
Lillian and Coleman Taube Museum of Art	Minot	IS	\$5,768	2025
Lillian and Coleman Taube Museum of Art	Minot	LOA-GEN	\$44,950	2025
Micah Bloom	Minot	IAF	\$5,000	2025
Minot Area Council of the Arts	Minot	IS	\$8,017	2024
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Minot Area Council of the Arts (Union Silos Public Art Project)	Minot	CAA-T2	\$4,000	2024
Minot Chamber Chorale	Minot	IS	\$7,419	2024

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Minot State University	Minot	AIR	\$2,500	2024
Minot State University	Minot	CAA-T2	\$4,000	2024
Minot State University - Northwest Arts Center	Minot	IS	\$8,285	2024
Minot State University - Northwest Art Center	Minot	PD	\$1,000	2024
Minot State University - Northwest Arts Center	Minot	IS	\$8,285	2025
Minot Symphony Association	Minot	IS	\$8,657	2024
Minot Symphony Association	Minot	PD	\$1,000	2024
Minot Symphony Association	Minot	ACC	\$2,000	2025
Minot Symphony Association	Minot	IS	\$8,657	2025
Western Plains Opera	Minot	IS	\$8,270	2024
Western Plains Opera	Minot	IS	\$8,270	2025
Newburg Elementary School	Newburg	AIR	\$1,853	2024
Newburg Elementary School	Newburg	AIR	\$2,500	2025
Village Arts, Inc.	Rugby	IS	\$8,017	2024
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Region 2 Total:			\$260,685	

Region 3: Benson, Cavalier, Eddy, Ramsey, Rolette, and Towner counties

Bradley Defender and Emylee Morin	Belcourt	AP	\$3,553	2025
Rachel Landsem and Awanigiizhik Bruce	Belcourt	AP	\$4,500	2025
Robert Larsen and Cabrael James LeRocque, Jr.	Belcourt	AP	\$4,500	2024
Robert Larsen and Cabrael James LeRocque, Jr.	Belcourt	AP	\$4,184	2025
Cando Arts Council	Cando	CAA-T1	\$4,000	2024
Cando Arts Council	Cando	CAA-T1	\$4,000	2025
Arts Council of the Lake Region	Devils Lake	IS	\$7,934	2024
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Lake Region Heritage Center	Devils Lake	IS	\$5,982	2024
Lake Region Heritage Center	Devils Lake	IS	\$5,982	2025
Lake Region Public Library Foundation	Devils Lake	CAA-T2	\$2,250	2025
Bradley Defender and Van Peltier & Stephanie Laducer	Dunseith & Belcourt	AP	\$3,742	2025
Four Winds Community High School (Fort Totten School District)	Fort Totten	AIR	\$2,500	2024
Northern Lights Arts Council	Langdon	AFL	\$3,167	2024
Northern Lights Arts Council	Langdon	AFL	\$6,333	2025
Northern Lights Arts Council	Langdon	AIR	\$2,500	2024
Northern Lights Arts Council	Langdon	IS	\$6,428	2024
Northern Lights Arts Council	Langdon	ACC	\$1,500	2025
Northern Lights Arts Council	Langdon	IS	\$6,428	2025
James Paulson	Leeds	PD	\$1,000	2024
Dakota Prairie Regional Center for the Arts	New Rockford	IS	\$9,719	2024
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New Rockford Area Betterment Corporation	New Rockford	SP	\$1,500	2024
Sheyenne GRIT	Sheyenne	CAA-T1	\$4,000	2025
Shawn Kramer and Kristina Bonine	St. John	AP	\$4,500	2024
Shawn Kramer and Zachary Bonine	St. John	AP	\$2,953	2024
Starkweather School	Starkweather	LOA-AIE	\$1,796	2024
Region 3 Total:			\$122,604	

Region 4: Grand Forks, Nelson, Pembina, and Walsh counties

Mary Stammen and Lillian, Caroline & Naomi Stegman	Cavalier	AP	\$4,500	2024
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Pembina County Historical Society	Cavalier	LOA-FOL	\$4,675	2025
Pembina County Historical Society	Cavalier	SP	\$855	2025
City of Grafton	Grafton	CAA-T1	\$4,000	2025
Red River Regional Council	Grafton	CAA-T1	\$4,000	2024
Red River Regional Council	Grafton	LOA-GEN	\$28,935	2024

Red River Regional Council	Grafton	LOA-GEN	\$24,015	2025
Alfred Decoteau and Abel Vazquez	Grand Forks	AP	\$4,500	2025
ArtWise	Grand Forks	IS	\$7,557	2024
ArtWise	Grand Forks	IS	\$7,557	2025
Community Foundation of Grand Forks, East Grand Forks and Region (North Dakota Shakespeare Festival)	Grand Forks	CAA-T2	\$4,000	2024
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Community Foundation of Grand Forks, East Grand Forks and Region (University Park Neighborhoods)	Grand Forks	CAA-T2	\$4,000	2024
Empire Arts Center	Grand Forks	IS	\$9,571	2024
Empire Arts Center	Grand Forks	ACC	\$2,000	2025
Empire Arts Center	Grand Forks	IS	\$9,571	2025
Grand Forks Children's Museum	Grand Forks	CAA-T2	\$4,000	2024
Grand Forks Children's Museum	Grand Forks	ACC	\$2,000	2025
Grand Forks Children's Museum	Grand Forks	CAA-T2	\$4,000	2025
Grand Forks Chorales	Grand Forks	IS	\$7,850	2024
Grand Forks Chorales	Grand Forks	ACC	\$2,000	2025
Grand Forks Chorales	Grand Forks	IS	\$7,850	2025
Greater Grand Forks Community Theatre	Grand Forks	IS	\$5,688	2024
Greater Grand Forks Community Theatre	Grand Forks	IS	\$5,688	2025
Greater Grand Forks Symphony	Grand Forks	IS	\$9,640	2024
Greater Grand Forks Symphony	Grand Forks	IS	\$9,640	2025
Janee Kareyo and Abio Kevin Ondoga	Grand Forks	AP	\$4,500	2024
John Ijjo Stephen and Emmanuel Dralu	Grand Forks	AP	\$4,400	2024
Kara Traver Hung	Grand Forks	SP	\$893	2025
Kathleen Coudle-King	Grand Forks	IAF	\$5,000	2024
Kori Art	Grand Forks	LOA-FOL	\$3,167	2024
Kori Art	Grand Forks	LOA-FOL	\$6,333	2025
North Dakota Ballet Company	Grand Forks	IS	\$4,595	2024
North Dakota Ballet Company	Grand Forks	IS	\$4,595	2025
North Dakota Museum of Art	Grand Forks	IS	\$11,000	2024
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North Dakota-Manitoba District of the Metropolitan Opera	Grand Forks	CAA-T2	\$3,500	2024
North Dakota-Manitoba District of the Metropolitan Opera	Grand Forks	CAA-T2	\$3,898	2025
Northern Valley Youth Orchestras	Grand Forks	IS	\$5,010	2024
Northern Valley Youth Orchestras	Grand Forks	IS	\$5,010	2025
Pieper Bloomquist	Grand Forks	PD	\$1,000	2024
Pieper Bloomquist and Callie Stadem	Grand Forks	AP	\$2,800	2024
Pieper Bloomquist and Callie Stadem	Grand Forks	AP	\$1,450	2025
Pieper Bloomquist and Phoebe S. Halvorson	Grand Forks	AP	\$2,136	2024
Pieper Bloomquist and Phoebe S. Halvorson	Grand Forks	AP	\$1,940	2025
Public Arts Commission	Grand Forks	CAA-T2	\$3,000	2025
Red River Valley Community Action (Arts for Vets)	Grand Forks	CAA-T2	\$4,000	2024
University of North Dakota	Grand Forks	CAA-T2	\$4,000	2024
University of North Dakota	Grand Forks	CAA-T2	\$4,000	2025
Becky Kemp and Edith & Shirley Kemp and Caroline & Naomi Stegman	Hamilton & Cavalier	AP	\$1,900	2024
James Paulson and Kaitlin & Taylor Rae Joramo	Lakota	AP	\$4,482	2025
Nelson County Arts Council	Pekin	IS	\$7,483	2024
Nelson County Arts Council	Pekin	IS	\$6,735	2025
Nelson County Arts Council (Aneta AFL site)	Pekin	AFL	\$3,167	2024
Nelson County Arts Council (Aneta AFL site)	Pekin	AFL	\$6,333	2025
Nelson County Arts Council (Lakota AFL site)	Pekin	AFL	\$3,167	2024
Nelson County Arts Council (Lakota AFL site)	Pekin	AFL	\$6,333	2025
Nelson County Arts Council (McVilleville AFL site)	Pekin	AFL	\$3,167	2024
Nelson County Arts Council (McVilleville AFL site)	Pekin	AFL	\$6,333	2025
Pembina Gorge Foundation	Walhalla	AIEC	\$6,000	2025

Region 4 Total: \$338,919

Region 5: Cass, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steele, and Traill counties

Buxton in Bloom	Buxton	SP	\$1,500	2025
City of Casselton	Casselton	CAA-T1	\$1,875	2025
Pieper Bloomquist and Alyssa Geller	Christine	AP	\$4,235	2025
Danielle (Elle) Billing	Enderlin	PD	\$1,000	2024
Enderlin Municipal Fine Arts Association	Enderlin	AFL	\$3,167	2024
Enderlin Municipal Fine Arts Association	Enderlin	AFL	\$6,333	2025
Alan Pearson and Debra Ankeney, Bob Jones, Ruth Rutten & Patricia Hagen	Fargo	AP	\$3,424	2024
Amanda Heidt	Fargo	IAF	\$5,000	2025
Amy Rand	Fargo	PD	\$610	2024
Bennett Elementary School (Fargo Public Schools)	Fargo	AIR	\$2,500	2025
Damber Subba and Anjana Chuwan	Fargo	AP	\$4,500	2025
Damber Subba and Shabir Rai	Fargo	AP	\$4,500	2024
Fargo Moorhead Area Youth Symphonies	Fargo	IS	\$8,423	2024
Fargo Moorhead Area Youth Symphonies	Fargo	IS	\$8,423	2025
Fargo Moorhead Opera Company	Fargo	IS	\$9,531	2024
Fargo Moorhead Opera Company	Fargo	IS	\$9,531	2025
Fargo Moorhead Visual Artists	Fargo	IS	\$4,917	2024
Fargo Moorhead Visual Artists	Fargo	IS	\$4,917	2025
Fargo Public Schools Explorer Academy	Fargo	AIR	\$2,500	2025
Fargo Theatre Management Corporation	Fargo	IS	\$10,499	2024
Fargo Theatre Management Corporation	Fargo	IS	\$10,499	2025
Fargo-Moorhead Orchestral Association	Fargo	IS	\$10,005	2024
Fargo-Moorhead Orchestral Association	Fargo	IS	\$10,005	2025
Hamzat Koriko and Charleston Matalda	Fargo	AP	\$3,995	2024
Hannah Overbey	Fargo	PD	\$400	2024
Learning Bank	Fargo	IS	\$7,689	2024
Learning Bank	Fargo	IS	\$7,689	2025
Loy Larson	Fargo	PD	\$1,000	2025
Loy Larson and Paul Fladland	Fargo	AP	\$1,700	2024
Megan Johnson	Fargo	PD	\$1,000	2025
Mountain-Plains Youth Services Coalition (dba Youthworks)	Fargo	AIEC	\$6,000	2024
NDSU - School of Design, Architecture & Art	Fargo	CAA-T2	\$4,000	2024
Northern Prairie Performing Arts (aka FM Community Theatre)	Fargo	ACC	\$2,000	2025
Northern Prairie Performing Arts (aka FM Community Theatre)	Fargo	AIEC	\$6,000	2024
Northern Prairie Performing Arts (aka FM Community Theatre)	Fargo	AIEC	\$6,000	2025
Northern Prairie Performing Arts (aka FM Community Theatre)	Fargo	IS	\$10,694	2024
Northern Prairie Performing Arts (aka FM Community Theatre)	Fargo	IS	\$10,694	2025
Peter Schott	Fargo	PD	\$1,000	2025
Plains Art Museum	Fargo	IS	\$11,000	2024
Plains Art Museum	Fargo	IS	\$11,000	2025
Red River Valley Woodcarvers	Fargo	CAA-T2	\$2,550	2024
Red River Valley Woodcarvers	Fargo	CAA-T2	\$3,550	2025
Richard Pallay	Fargo	SP	\$1,500	2024
Shabir Rai and Bikash Tamang	Fargo	AP	\$4,500	2025
Shabir Rai and Dhan Bir Tamang	Fargo	AP	\$4,460	2024
Spirit Room	Fargo	IS	\$3,910	2024
Spirit Room	Fargo	IS	\$3,910	2025
The Arts Partnership	Fargo	IS	\$9,457	2024
The Arts Partnership	Fargo	IS	\$9,457	2025
The Human Family	Fargo	IS	\$11,000	2024
The Human Family	Fargo	IS	\$11,000	2025
United Chinese Americans Fargo-Moorhead	Fargo	CAA-T2	\$4,000	2025
Yixuan (Lexy) Liu and Jessica Wang & Gabriella Wang	Fargo	AP	\$4,440	2025
Robert Larsen and Bob & Bonnie Ames, Lynn Kjelshus, Amy Rand & Emma Bueng	Fargo & West Fargo	AP	\$3,190	2024

Robert Larsen and Bob & Bonnie Ames, Emma Bueng, Steve Engbrecht & Leah Erpelding	Fargo & West Fargo	AP	\$4,352	2025
Sargent Central Elementary School	Forman	AIR	\$2,500	2024
North Sargent Public School	Gwinner	AIR	\$2,500	2024
North Sargent Public School	Gwinner	AIR	\$2,500	2025
Hatton Community Theater	Hatton	CAA-T1	\$2,550	2025
Northern Cass School	Hunter	LOA-AIE	\$2,000	2024
Lidgerwood Public School	Lidgerwood	AIR	\$1,634	2024
Lidgerwood Public School	Lidgerwood	AIR	\$1,773	2025
Friends of Lindaas Barn	Mayville	CAA-T1	\$3,000	2024
Mayville Park Board	Mayville	CAA-T1	\$4,000	2025
Circle of Nations School	Wahpeton	AIR	\$2,500	2024
Red Door Art Gallery & Museum	Wahpeton	IS	\$5,585	2024
Red Door Art Gallery & Museum	Wahpeton	IS	\$5,585	2025
St. John's Elementary School	Wahpeton	AIEC	\$6,000	2024
Three Rivers Arts Council	Wahpeton	AFL	\$3,167	2024
Three Rivers Arts Council	Wahpeton	AFL	\$6,333	2025
Three Rivers Arts Council	Wahpeton	CAA-T2	\$4,000	2025
Aparupa Chatterjee	West Fargo	IAF	\$5,000	2024
Eileen McEnroe and Tamara Rust	West Fargo	AP	\$2,058	2024
Hip, Hop & Hope, Inc.	West Fargo	LOA-AIE	\$5,500	2024
Kenneth Andersen and Luke Orth	West Fargo	AP	\$4,500	2024
Kenneth Andersen and Luke Orth	West Fargo	AP	\$4,500	2025
Margreat Sam and Aadhya Vyas	West Fargo	AP	\$4,500	2024
Margreat Sam and Aadhya Vyas	West Fargo	AP	\$4,490	2025
Sheyene High School (West Fargo Public Schools)	West Fargo	AIR	\$2,500	2025
West Fargo Events	West Fargo	CAA-T2	\$4,000	2025
Beatrice Foni Janaka and Cizarina James Longa Hassel & Emma Lado	West Fargo & Fargo	AP	\$4,077	2025
Victoria Muraa Sabastiano and Beatrice Foni Janaka & Rebecca Dralu	West Fargo & Fargo	AP	\$4,164	2025
Wyndmere Elementary School	Wyndmere	AIR	\$1,650	2024
Wyndmere High School	Wyndmere	LOA-AIE	\$2,000	2025
	Region 5 Total:		\$405,597	

Region 6: Barnes, Dickey, Foster, Griggs, LaMoure, Logan, McIntosh, Stutsman, and Wells counties

Jeffrey Malm and Bradley Haas	Ashley	AP	\$2,900	2024
Bowdon Development Center, Inc.	Bowdon	CAA-T1	\$3,000	2024
Edgeley Public School	Edgeley	AIR	\$2,500	2024
Ellendale Area Arts Council	Ellendale	AFL	\$3,167	2024
Ellendale Area Arts Council	Ellendale	AFL	\$6,333	2025
Ellendale Elementary School	Ellendale	AIR	\$2,500	2025
Ellendale Public School District	Ellendale	AIR	\$1,500	2024
Wells County Fair Association	Fessenden	CAA-T1	\$4,000	2024
Wells County Fair Association	Fessenden	CAA-T1	\$4,000	2025
Aaron Cloyd	Jamestown	SP	\$1,500	2025
Bluegrass Association of North Dakota	Jamestown	CAA-T2	\$3,500	2024
Jamestown Chorales	Jamestown	IS	\$3,831	2024
Jamestown Chorales	Jamestown	IS	\$3,831	2025
Jamestown Fine Arts Association	Jamestown	AFL	\$3,167	2024
Jamestown Fine Arts Association	Jamestown	IS	\$9,986	2024
Jamestown Fine Arts Association	Jamestown	AFL	\$6,333	2025
Jamestown Fine Arts Association	Jamestown	AIEC	\$5,000	2025
Jamestown Fine Arts Association	Jamestown	IS	\$9,986	2025
Jed Anderson and Noah Johnston & Caden Johnston	Kathryn	AP	\$3,817	2025
Kulm Public School	Kulm	AIR	\$2,083	2025
Litchville-Marion Elementary School	Litchville	AIR	\$1,598	2024
Litchville-Marion Elementary School	Marion	AIR	\$2,116	2025
Oakes Public School	Oakes	CAA-T1	\$1,700	2024
Oakes Public School	Oakes	CAA-T1	\$1,700	2025

Jed Anderson and Owen Tichy	Tower City	AP	\$3,430	2024
Jed Anderson and Owen Tichy	Tower City	AP	\$4,136	2025
Bridges Arts Council	Valley City	IS	\$4,648	2024
Bridges Arts Council	Valley City	LOA-GEN	\$10,000	2024
Bridges Arts Council	Valley City	IS	\$4,648	2025
Bridges Arts Council	Valley City	LOA-GEN	\$460	2025
Prairie Inn Corporation (Open Door Center)	Valley City	ACC	\$2,000	2025
Stephani Krueger	Valley City	PD	\$1,000	2024
Taylor Long	Valley City	SP	\$1,500	2025
Valley City High School	Valley City	LOA-AIE	\$1,768	2024
Valley City Public School	Valley City	LOA-AIE	\$1,992	2025
Valley City State University - Art Dept	Valley City	ACC	\$1,991	2025
Jed Anderson and Trevor Williams	Windsor	AP	\$3,442	2025

Region 6 Total: \$131,063

Region 7: Burleigh, Emmons, Grant, Kidder, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Oliver, Sheridan, and Sioux counties
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Beulah High School	Beulah	LOA-AIE	\$2,000	2024
Bismarck Art & Galleries Association	Bismarck	AFL	\$6,333	2024
Bismarck Art & Galleries Association	Bismarck	IS	\$8,911	2024
Bismarck Art & Galleries Association	Bismarck	PD	\$739	2024
Bismarck Art & Galleries Association	Bismarck	AFL	\$6,333	2025
Bismarck Art & Galleries Association	Bismarck	IS	\$8,911	2025
Bismarck Library Foundation	Bismarck	SP	\$500	2024
Bismarck Public Schools - Dorothy Moses Elementary	Bismarck	AIEC	\$6,000	2024
Bismarck Public Schools - Dorothy Moses Elementary	Bismarck	AIEC	\$6,000	2025
Bismarck Public Schools - Elk Ridge Elementary	Bismarck	AIR	\$2,500	2024
Bismarck Public Schools - Elk Ridge Elementary	Bismarck	AIEC	\$6,000	2025
Bismarck Public Schools - Horizon Middle School	Bismarck	LOA-AIE	\$7,600	2025
Bismarck Public Schools - Northridge Elementary	Bismarck	AIR	\$2,500	2024
Bismarck Public Schools - Northridge Elementary	Bismarck	AIR	\$2,500	2025
Bismarck State College Foundation	Bismarck	AIEC	\$6,000	2025
Bismarck-Mandan Civic Chorus	Bismarck	IS	\$4,662	2024
Bismarck-Mandan Civic Chorus	Bismarck	IS	\$4,662	2025
Bismarck-Mandan Orchestral Association	Bismarck	IS	\$9,399	2024
Bismarck-Mandan Orchestral Association	Bismarck	IS	\$9,399	2025
Central Dakota Children's Choir	Bismarck	IS	\$9,486	2024
Central Dakota Children's Choir	Bismarck	IS	\$9,486	2025
Central Regional Education Cooperative	Bismarck	LOA-AIE	\$550	2025
D. Joyce Kitson and Candace K. Araujo	Bismarck	AP	\$4,500	2024
D. Joyce Kitson and Candace K. Araujo	Bismarck	AP	\$4,320	2025
Dakota Legacy	Bismarck	LOA-FOL	\$17,500	2024
Dakota Legacy	Bismarck	LOA-FOL	\$2,850	2025
Dakota Pro Musica	Bismarck	SP	\$1,500	2024
Dakota Pro Musica	Bismarck	CAA-T2	\$4,000	2025
Dakota Stage, Ltd.	Bismarck	IS	\$5,838	2024
Dakota West Arts Council	Bismarck	IS	\$7,727	2024
Dakota West Arts Council	Bismarck	IS	\$7,727	2025
Daniel Bielinski	Bismarck	SP	\$1,500	2024
Dzenan Becic and Becky Barnes	Bismarck	AP	\$2,970	2025
Flickertail Woodcarvers	Bismarck	CAA-T2	\$2,000	2025
Gallery 522	Bismarck	CAA-T2	\$4,000	2024
Gallery 522	Bismarck	CAA-T2	\$4,000	2025
Melissa McCann	Bismarck	SP	\$800	2025
Missouri River Community Band	Bismarck	CAA-T2	\$4,000	2024
Missouri River Community Band	Bismarck	CAA-T2	\$4,000	2025
Missouri Valley Chamber Orchestra	Bismarck	IS	\$5,832	2024
Missouri Valley Chamber Orchestra	Bismarck	IS	\$5,832	2025
ND Community Foundation (Urban Harvest)	Bismarck	CAA-T2	\$1,800	2024

ND Health & Human Services - Adult & Aging Services Division	Bismarck	LOA-FOL	\$3,000	2024
Nicole Bernier	Bismarck	PD	\$1,000	2024
North Dakota Natural Resources Trust	Bismarck	AIEC	\$6,000	2025
Northern Plains Dance	Bismarck	IS	\$10,500	2024
Northern Plains Dance	Bismarck	ACC	\$2,000	2025
Northern Plains Dance	Bismarck	IS	\$10,500	2025
River Rhapsody Chorus of Sweet Adelines International	Bismarck	CAA-T2	\$1,950	2025
Sacred Pipe Resource Center	Bismarck	LOA-GEN	\$28,000	2024
Sacred Pipe Resource Center	Bismarck	SP	\$1,500	2024
Sacred Pipe Resource Center	Bismarck	CAA-T2	\$4,000	2025
Sarah Dogeagle	Bismarck	PD	\$1,000	2025
Scott Prebys	Bismarck	LOA-GEN	\$2,500	2025
Sleepy Hollow Theatre & Arts Park	Bismarck	IS	\$9,581	2024
Sleepy Hollow Theatre & Arts Park	Bismarck	PD	\$1,000	2024
Sleepy Hollow Theatre & Arts Park	Bismarck	IS	\$9,581	2025
The Capital Gallery Society	Bismarck	IS	\$9,949	2024
The Capital Gallery Society	Bismarck	IS	\$9,949	2025
The Santa Run	Bismarck	CAA-T2	\$4,000	2024
Theo Art School	Bismarck	IS	\$8,538	2024
Theo Art School	Bismarck	IS	\$8,538	2025
Roosevelt Elementary School	Carson	AIR	\$2,500	2024
Courtney Yellowfat and Cody Wasin Zi	Fort Yates	AP	\$3,700	2024
Shauna Walker Elk and Nacole Walker	Fort Yates	AP	\$4,500	2025
Benedictine Living Community	Garrison	AFL	\$6,333	2025
City of Hazen - Chalkfest Committee	Hazen	SP	\$1,500	2024
Jesslyn Hall	Hazen	PD	\$1,000	2024
Jesslyn Hall	Hazen	PD	\$974	2025
Hebron Public School	Hebron	AIR	\$2,050	2024
Angela Morford	Mandan	PD	\$869	2024
Christ the King Catholic Montessori School	Mandan	AIEC	\$6,000	2024
Christ the King Catholic Montessori School	Mandan	AIEC	\$6,000	2025
Justine Two Lodge and Misty & Maliyah Heiden	Mandan	AP	\$4,000	2024
Layn Mudder	Mandan	PD	\$1,000	2024
Lewis & Clark Elementary School PTO	Mandan	AIR	\$2,188	2024
Mandan Historical Society	Mandan	CAA-T2	\$550	2025
Musicians Association	Mandan	CAA-T2	\$3,000	2024
Musicians Association	Mandan	CAA-T2	\$4,000	2025
Bill Lowman and Carson Houser	McClusky	AP	\$2,550	2024
White Shield School District #85	Roseglen	AIR	\$2,500	2024
Underwood Elementary School	Underwood	AIR	\$1,469	2024
Underwood High School	Underwood	AIR	\$1,531	2024
Wilton Public School	Wing	AIR	\$1,919	2024
Wilton Public School	Wing	AIR	\$2,275	2025
Wing Public School	Wing	AIR	\$1,180	2024
Wing Public School	Wing	AIR	\$1,680	2025
Region 7 Total:			\$411,521	

Region 8: Adams, Billings, Bowman, Dunn, Golden Valley, Hettinger, Slope, and Stark counties				
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Dave Urlacher and Max Robinson	Amidon	AP	\$4,425	2025
City of Beach	Beach	LOA-GEN	\$12,500	2025
Lincoln Elementary (Beach School District)	Beach	AIR	\$1,850	2024
Bowman Area Chamber of Commerce	Bowman	SP	\$1,500	2024
Bowman Economic Development Corporation	Bowman	SP	\$300	2025
Badlands Opera Project	Dickinson	AIR	\$2,500	2024
Badlands Opera Project	Dickinson	CAA-T2	\$4,000	2024
Badlands Opera Project	Dickinson	CAA-T2	\$4,000	2025
Dickinson Trinity Catholic School	Dickinson	AIR	\$2,500	2025
Greg Walter	Dickinson	SP	\$990	2025

Keisha Sparks	Dickinson	PD	\$760	2025
RubyAnn Stiegelmeier	Dickinson	SP	\$1,500	2024
RubyAnn Stiegelmeier	Dickinson	PD	\$1,000	2025
Ukrainian Cultural Institute	Dickinson	IS	\$6,061	2024
Ukrainian Cultural Institute	Dickinson	IS	\$6,061	2025
Hettinger Public School	Hettinger	AIR	\$2,500	2024
Mott-Regent Public School	Mott	AIR	\$2,415	2024
Mott-Regent Public School (Elementary)	Mott	AIR	\$1,932	2025
Mott-Regent Public School (High School)	Mott	AIR	\$1,932	2025
Kyle Pennington and Gavin Leppert	New England	AP	\$4,036	2025
Region 8 Total:			\$62,762	

Statewide & Multi-Region Projects				
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Central Regional Education Cooperative (Arts in Justice for Youth)	Statewide	LOA-AIE	\$18,000	2024
Central Regional Education Cooperative (Arts Lab for Youth)	Statewide	LOA-AIE	\$35,000	2024
Central Regional Education Cooperative (Summer Art Insitute)	Statewide	LOA-AIE	\$20,000	2024
Central Regional Education Cooperative (Arts in Justice for Youth)	Statewide	LOA-AIE	\$20,000	2025
Central Regional Education Cooperative (Arts Lab for Youth)	Statewide	LOA-AIE	\$35,000	2025
Central Regional Education Cooperative (Picturing Writing workshop)	Multi-Regional	LOA-AIE	\$1,500	2025
Cynthia McGuire Thiel (Artist in Residence in ND State Parks)	Multi-Regional	LOA-GEN	\$2,250	2024
Denise Lajimodiere (State Poet Laureate)	Statewide	LOA-GEN	\$5,000	2024
Denise Lajimodiere (State Poet Laureate)	Statewide	LOA-GEN	\$5,000	2025
James Skinner (Artist in Residence in ND State Parks)	Multi-Regional	LOA-GEN	\$1,750	2024
Kimberly Eslinger (Artist in Residence in ND State Parks)	Multi-Regional	LOA-GEN	\$2,250	2025
Korina Spratta (Artist in Residence in ND State Parks)	Multi-Regional	LOA-GEN	\$1,750	2025
Lynae Hanson (Artist in Residence in ND State Parks)	Multi-Regional	LOA-GEN	\$1,750	2025
ND Parks & Recreation Department (Dakota Explorers program)	Statewide	LOA-GEN	\$900	2024
ND Parks & Recreation Department (Dakota Explorers program)	Statewide	LOA-GEN	\$900	2025
NDSU - School of Design, Architecture & Art (Art for Life project)	Multi-Regional	LOA-FOL	\$9,200	2025
Northeast Education Services Cooperative (ConnectEd)	Statewide	LOA-AIE	\$15,000	2024
Prairie Public Broadcasting, Inc. (Arts programming for radio & television)	Statewide	LOA-GEN	\$22,000	2024
Prairie Public Broadcasting, Inc. (Arts programming for radio & television)	Statewide	LOA-GEN	\$25,000	2025
Scott Seiler (Artist in Residence in ND State Parks)	Multi-Regional	LOA-GEN	\$1,750	2024
South East Education Cooperative (Arts in Afterschool programming)	Statewide	LOA-AIE	\$20,000	2024
South East Education Cooperative (Arts in Afterschool programming)	Statewide	LOA-AIE	\$22,000	2025
Statewide & Multi-Region Total:			\$266,000	

GRAND TOTAL: \$2,078,479

Grant Program Key:

- ACC - Accessibility Grant
- AFL - Art for Life Grant
- AIEC - Arts in Education Collaboration Grant
- AIR - Artist in Residence Grant
- AP - Folk & Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Grant
- CAA-T1 or T2 - Community Arts Access Grants - Tiers 1 and 2
- IAF - Individual Artist Fellowship Grant
- IS - Institutional Support Grant
- LOA-AIE - Letter of Agreement-Arts in Education Partnership
- LOA-FOL - Letter of Agreement-Folk Arts Partnership
- LOA-GEN - Letter of Agreement-General Partnership
- PD - Professional Development Grant
- SP - Special Projects Grant