



2018 Arts Project Grant Opportunities

BAAE Endowment Fund \$15,500, Richard, Pam Nelson Family Fund for the Visual Arts \$600, Sandy Kaul Fund for the Arts \$600, & Ernie Rall Children's Performing Arts Fund \$500.

Postmarked Deadline: April 3rd, 2018 Total Amount Available: \$17,200

Grant Guidelines

1. Introduction: The Bemidji Area Arts Endowment (BAAE) is a component fund of the Northwest Minnesota Foundation. The Arts Project Grant Program is made possible through donation to the BAAE fund. The mission of the BAAE is to, "create a community in which the arts flourish and enhance our lives."
2. Arts Project Grants are available from each of the above listed funds and/or a combination thereof. The total amount available for this grant round is \$17,200, and the application deadline is April 3rd, 2018. Arts Project Grants may address an opportunity, challenge, issue or need of the organization or school. Grant request may be for up to \$1,500.00.
3. The advisory board of the BAAE will review all grants and advise the Northwest Minnesota Foundation of its recommendations. The NMF board will then act on the BAAE recommendation. Notification of awards will be on or before May 1st, 2018.
4. Criteria for reviewing the Arts Project Grant will include: quality of the project, need for the project, and ability of the organization to accomplish the project. Additional criteria for reviewing the Project Grant will include the project's ability to reflect one or more of BAAE's core values including activities that: enrich people's lives through the arts, encourage the active presence of the arts in our community, use the arts to transcend barriers, increase the positive economic impact of the arts in the community, increase access to the arts, contribute to the building mutual respect for each other and our community through the arts, help us understand our diverse cultures and heritage, and encourage aesthetic development of our community.
5. Any school, non-profit arts or non-arts organization in the Bemidji area, may request the BAAE Arts Project Grant. Applicant that are not schools or 501(c)3 organizations should use a fiscal agent. A letter of agreement with the fiscal agent is required and should be attached to the grant. Individuals are not eligible to apply for this grant.
6. The grant must be carried out in compliance with the project description, budget and date. The following credit line must appear on all printed material and publicity related to the project: "This activity is made possible, in part, by a grant provided by the Bemidji Area Arts Endowment, a component fund of the Northwest Minnesota Foundation." Your project should not begin before the grant is awarded and it should be complete within one year of the grant award. A final report is required upon the grants completion.
7. Application may be picked up at the Bemidji Community Art Center, Headwaters School for Music and the Arts, Region 2 Arts Council, Rail River Folk School, the Northwest Minnesota Foundation office, or may be downloaded from www.nwmf.org

Mail completed application to:
Bemidji Area Arts Endowment – Arts Project Grant
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