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## Bemidji Area Arts Endowment Fund announces 2019 grant and scholarship recipients

May 29, 2019, BEMIDJI, MN – The Bemidji Area Arts Endowment (BAAE) fund recently awarded over \$15,700 to local art programs. The following groups and individuals received a grant or scholarship award ranging from \$500 to \$1,500:

- Bagley Area Arts Collaborative
- Bemidji Community Theater: Annie Production
- Bemidji Community Theater: Education Access
- Bemidji Music Camp
- Bemidji Symphony Orchestra: Big Screen Rhythms
- Bemidji Area Boys & Girls Club: National Fine Arts Program
- Headwaters Music & Arts: Headwaters Art Camp
- Headwaters Music & Arts: Bemidji Sings
- Headwaters Music & Arts: First City Singers Music
- Headwaters Music & Arts: Lakes Area Drum Set Camp
- Headwaters Music & Arts: Musical Theater Camp
- Mask & Rose Theater & Tiger Lion Arts
- Watermark Art Center: Art for Tomorrow
- Watermark Art Center: Nibikaang-From the Water
- Watermark Art Center: Spoken Word Poetry Slam

The BAAE fund's mission is to strengthen the long term financial viability of the Bemidji area arts community. BAAE's committee members believe in creating a community in which the arts flourish and enhance lives. The BAAE 2019 grant round is now closed, but the committee encourages groups and individuals to apply for funding in 2020.

BAAE is a fund of the Northwest Minnesota Foundation. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.nwmf.org/fund/bemidji-area-arts-fund">www.nwmf.org/fund/bemidji-area-arts-fund</a>.

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