



MINNESOTA STATE ARTS BOARD

Minnesota House of Representatives Legacy Finance Committee

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Mission

The Minnesota State Arts Board is an executive branch agency that stimulates and encourages the creation, performance, and appreciation of the arts in the state. *M.S.* 129D.04

Created by the Minnesota Legislature in 1903, it is one of the oldest state government arts agencies in the country.

Key duties

- Make grants to individuals and organizations throughout the state
- Serve as fiscal agent for a statewide network of regional arts councils
- Provide advice to other state departments relating to the arts
- Manage the Minnesota Percent for Art in Public Places program, through a delegation from the Minnesota Department of Administration





25-Year Arts Legacy Goals

The Arts Board and regional arts councils are working together to produce the following outcomes:

- The arts are essential for a vibrant society.
- The arts are interwoven into every facet of community life.
- Minnesotans believe the arts are vital to who we are.
- People of all ages, ethnicities, and abilities participate in the arts.
- People trust Minnesota's stewardship of public arts funding.
- The arts thrive in Minnesota.



By The Numbers

In the 2022-2023 biennium, the Arts Board and regional arts councils together...

7,624 number of grant applications reviewed

5,309 number of grants made

\$80,507,604 dollars awarded

24,618,934 people participated in funded activities

4.3 million of those were young people under age 18

Regional arts councils



MINNESOTA'S REGIONAL ARTS COUNCILS

Region 1 - Northwest Minnesota Arts Council

Counties: Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau

Region 2 – Region 2 Arts Council

Counties: Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen

Region 3 – Arrowhead Regional Arts Council

Counties: Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, Saint Louis

Region 4 – Lake Region Arts Council

Counties: Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse,

Wilkin

Region 5 – Five Wings Arts Council

Counties: Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, Wadena

Region 6E/6W/8 – Southwest Minnesota Arts Council

Counties: Big Stone, Chippewa, Cottonwood, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Lincoln, Lac

qui Parle, Lyon, McLeod, Meeker, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville,

Rock, Swift, Yellow Medicine

Region7E - East Central Regional Arts Council

Counties: Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Pine

Region 7W - Central Minnesota Arts Board

Counties: Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, Wright

Region 9 - Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council

Counties: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, Watonwan

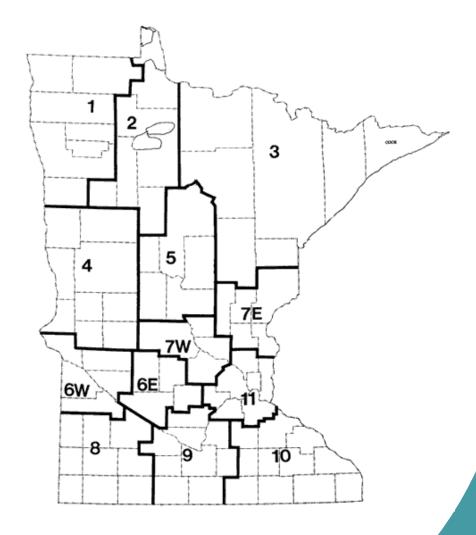
Region 10 – Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council

Counties: Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Olmsted, Mower, Rice,

Steele, Wabasha, Winona

Region 11 – Metropolitan Regional Arts Council

Counties: Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, Washington







Supporting
Community
Development
With the Arts!

Five Wings believes that arts and culture contribute to the

meaning and understanding of our humanity and should be honored and celebrated. Five Wings plays a unique and essential role to ensure the arts contribute to the well-being and prosperity of all residents in Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena Counties.



Intentional Programming Highlight

Arts Based Community Development (ABCD) Grant Program

This initiative uses the arts to address a specific community issue or need. The applicant organization must partner with at least one other community organization while engaging artists from the beginning.

Five Wings has recently partnered with various other "Creative Placemaking" initiatives including ArtPlace America, NEA Our Town, and the Waterers.

FY23 Investment and Engagement		
Community Arts Access Projects	81	\$378,094
General Operating Grants	14	\$81,000
Individual Artist Awards	43	\$95,885
Arts Based Community Development	2	\$15,000
School Arts Project Grants	3	\$15,000
Small Community Arts Access	6	\$6,000
149 Grants Awarded \$590,979		

Five Wings Team



Mark Turner
Executive Director



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Grant & Program Coordinator

60+ years of combined Nonprofit Arts Experience!

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Big Brothers Big Sisters Twin Cities





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A youth development organization based in Minneapolis. It creates and supports mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.

Since 2018, BBBSTC has offered the **Free Arts** program to support artistic and personal youth development through a unique combination of mentorship and arts learning. Caring adult volunteers are placed with youth at partner sites throughout the Twin Cities and engage in weekly art projects.

Free Arts aims to strengthen communities by partnering with social service agencies, community organizations, and local artists; engaging underserved youth with the arts allowing creativity to drive learning; building positive mentoring relationships; and expanding arts programming to underresourced neighborhoods.

https://www.bigstwincities.org/free-arts/



In Progress

A Saint Paul based nonprofit that works in the Twin Cities metro, in rural communities, and with Native nations, to provide opportunities for artists of all ages to develop their skills as digital storytellers and leaders through the use of photography, video, and music. This small nonprofit has been promoting the voices of new and emerging artists since its inception in 1996, breaking down barriers of geography, class, education, and culture in the process. It uses digital art making as a tool for public discourse, while building the skills of new and developing makers so they may create, teach, and lead.

https://in-progress.org/







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