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Legislator Thank You Letter

Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant



Grantees must send a Thank You letter to your Senator and Representative from your district.

As you know, it is important to say thank you for our state allocated funding and the Sales Tax funding called the “Legacy Amendment” and Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund which started in 2010. Attached is a list of senators and representatives from our Region. Copies of these two Thank You letters must be uploaded into your Final Report as documentation.

It is easy to send a letter or email now and tell legislators how the Arts are vital to students, adults and those in your community.

- Tell them you received an Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.
- Tell them how the arts are important to the quality of your life in south central Minnesota.
- Tell them about the specific art form or group you represent.
- Tell them you’d appreciate their continued support of the Arts in the state’s budget.
- Thank them for supporting the “Clean Water, Land and Arts & Cultural Legacy Funding”.
- Invite them to one of your upcoming arts events.

Example Letter:

Dear Senator or Representative _____:

As a representative of XYZ Arts Group, I want to thank you for your support of the arts in southern Minnesota. We received an Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant this year for \$_____ from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, Waseca. We are very appreciative of this support for our organization. It was a substantial grant and a real boost to our budget. We used the funds to _____.

Our organization provides an opportunity for community members to enjoy a _____ performance or arts activity in _____ (dance, literature, music, theatre, visual art). This opportunity is not available in many smaller communities in rural Minnesota, and we take pride in our high quality arts activities.

The support we receive from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council is vital to the existence of our organization. We have made very careful financial decisions this past year to stay fiscally sound and have had to do extra fundraising to meet our budget. (If appropriate for your group.)

Please continue to support funding for the Arts in the state’s general fund budget and through the Clean Water, Land and Arts & Cultural Legacy fund through the Minnesota State Arts Board and Regional Arts Councils. Organizations like ours could not exist without these grant monies. We invite you to join us at one of our events [include date(s), time(s) and location] this coming season to see what this investment is providing to our community.

Sincerely,
Mary Smith
XYZ Arts Group