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Arts Council Grants \$1.3 Million

PIERRE, SD – More than 250 South Dakota artists, arts organizations, schools and art projects will receive \$1,338,000 in grants from the South Dakota Arts Council for fiscal year 2017, Gov. Dennis Daugaard announced today.

“Strong, accessible arts programs that reach all areas of the state further enhance the quality of life South Dakotans are proud of,” the Governor said. “Artists, arts organizations, and cultural events also contribute to economic development and South Dakota’s tourism industry by making our state a more interesting place to live and visit.

The grant awards are divided into three general categories: artist grants, organization grants and special activity grants.

Grants awarded to artists total \$212,000 and include five artist fellowships, 10 artist career development grants, two traditional arts apprenticeship grants, and 27 touring arts grants.

These grants contribute to the artists’ professional development and reward their commitment to live and work in the state. Touring Arts grants also provide South Dakotans the opportunity to attend quality performances and exhibitions.

Grant awards to 74 organizations total \$681,000. Additionally, \$165,000 has been awarded to finance 220 weeks of artist residencies in schools and community-based groups.

The grants encourage organizations to develop and sustain important arts projects in their communities and often provide employment opportunities for artists.

Grants awarded for special activities total \$280,000. Those grants fund activities in education, public awareness, traditional arts, technical assistance, professional development, excursions, and Dance on Tour, Poetry Out Loud, and Art for State Buildings programs.

Arts Council funds are provided by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and by the State of South Dakota from a portion of the state’s tourism promotion tax. Arts Council grants help generate \$17 million each year in local matching funds and spending.

The South Dakota Arts Council is an agency in the South Dakota Department of Tourism. The Council’s mission is to provide grants and services to artists, arts organizations, and schools across the state. For more information about SDAC programs, visit www.artsCouncil.sd.gov.

SOUTH DAKOTA ARTS COUNCIL FISCAL YEAR 2017 GRANT AWARDS

At its spring meeting, the South Dakota Arts Council announced initiative and special project funding as well as grant awards totaling nearly \$1.4 million to non-profit organizations, schools, and individual artists for arts projects during Fiscal Year 2017, beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017. Grants were awarded in the following categories:

Artist Fellowships: The Council awarded Artist Fellowships to five South Dakota artists of exceptional talent to recognize past artistic achievement, encourage future artistic growth, and fund specific activities.

Artist Career Development Grants: The Council awarded 10 Artist Career Development grants to provide financial support to emerging artists committed to advancing their work and careers as artists.

Arts Challenge Grants: The Council awarded 32 Arts Challenge Grants to support the yearly activities of the state's major arts institutions and community arts organizations.

Artist in Schools & Communities (AISC) Grants: The Council approved funding for approximately 200 weeks of Artists In Schools & Communities residencies, conducted by professional artists at schools and other nonprofit institutions throughout the state. Additional residency sites and sponsors will be added to this list while funds remain.

Importation of Musicians Grants: The Council awarded two Importation of Musicians grants, which provide matching funds to support importing musicians to enhance an orchestra's performance season.

Project Grants: The Council awarded 36 Project Grants, which provide matching funds to organizations and individual artists to support community-based arts activities.

Statewide Services Grants: The Council awarded four Statewide Services Program Grants to support organizations whose statewide missions support and complement the goals and objectives of the South Dakota Arts Council's long-range plan.

Touring Arts: The Council approved funding for 27 touring artists and touring arts groups to be used to provide matching funds to nonprofit organizations in the state to help underwrite performance and exhibition fees.

Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Grants: The Council awarded two Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Grants, which provide funds to master artists to teach qualified apprentices, helping ensure that the folk art form will be passed on to another generation.

Interim Grants and Special Projects: The Council also reserved grant funds for special interim projects. These include Professional Development, Technical Assistance, Arts Opportunity, Excursion, and Educator grants as well as Art for State Buildings purchases. Since applications for these grants are received throughout the fiscal year, they are not found in the list below. All other grants are grouped together by community.

Aberdeen

- Aberdeen Area Arts Council: \$12,093. Arts Challenge grant supports yearly programming of the local arts council.
- Aberdeen Community Theatre: \$21,737. Arts Challenge grant supports ACT's season of locally produced theatrical productions, classes, workshops, and special events.
- Aberdeen Recreation and Cultural Center: \$23,031. Arts Challenge grant supports year-round arts activities sponsored by the Aberdeen Recreation and Cultural Center.
- Aberdeen University-Civic Symphony: \$5,000. Importation of Musicians grant supports the importation of musicians from outside the community to supplement local orchestra personnel.
- Fallout Creative Community: \$1,500. Project grant supports the Fallout Art & Music Tour, stopping at communities around South Dakota bringing a mini-festival with a special emphasis on attracting people with developmental disabilities.
- Northeast South Dakota Celtic Faire & Games: \$2,500. Project grant supports Celtic music and dance performances and workshops as part of the Celtic Faire and Games.
- South Dakota Film Festival: \$5,000. Project grant supports a four-day festival held at the historic Capitol Theatre in downtown Aberdeen, featuring films from around the world.
- South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired: \$600 + travel. AISC grant supports one-week residency at site.
- Storybook Land Festival: \$3,150. Project grant funds help support booking children's entertainers and expanding marketing efforts for this annual festival, a partnership among local nonprofits held annually at Storybook Land.

Allen

- American Horse School: \$3,200 + travel. AISC grant supports four one-week residencies at site.

Arlington

- Dorn, Jennifer: \$2,000. Artist Project grant supports the teacher's efforts to purchase a mobile display case to promote public awareness of the school's art program.

Baltic

- Retreat at Pointer's Ridge: \$2,000. Project grant supports artist residencies at Pointer's Ridge.
- Baltic School District: \$600 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week residency at site.

Bath

- Dominant 7: \$4,000. Touring Arts grant supports the group's tour of South Dakota non-profit organizations.

Beresford

- Beresford Community Schools: \$600 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week residency at site.

Bison

- Alley, Corben James: \$2,000. Artist Career Development grant supports the artist's pre-production efforts for a film with a planned release in the spring of 2017.

- Bison School District: \$1,200 + travel. AISC grants support two one-week artist residencies in the district.

Brandon

- Brandon Valley Intermediate School PTA: \$600 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency.
- Robert Bennis Elementary PTA: \$600 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency.

Britton

- Britton-Hecla School: \$600 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency.

Brookings

- Brookings Arts Council: \$3,543. Arts Challenge grant supports the council as it maintains a gallery and art center and provides a variety of arts experiences for the citizens of Brookings.
- Children's Museum of South Dakota: \$600 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency at the site.
- Hillcrest Elementary School: \$600 + travel. AISC grant supports a two-week artist residency at the school.
- Prairie Repertory Theatre: \$17,407. Arts Challenge grant supports seasonal programming of Prairie Rep. in both Brookings and Brandon.
- Rasche, Jessie: \$2,000. Artist Career Development grant supports the artist's development of a series of portraits and figurative paintings, painted from hired models, as well as advertising availability to the South Dakota public.
- South Dakota Art Museum: \$24,521. Arts Challenge grant supports the collection, preservation, and exhibition of visual art and other year-round programming at the museum.
- South Dakota Center for the Book/S.D. Humanities Council: \$10,000. Statewide Services grant supports the 14th annual South Dakota Festival of Books, featuring many authors and a variety of other activities.
- South Dakota State University (SDSU)-Civic Symphony: \$4,000. Importation of Musicians grant supports the importation of professional musicians to supplement local musicians for the 2016-2017 symphony season.
- SDSU Foundation: \$1,500. Project grant supports efforts to craft and implement a plan to publicize and promote to the broader community specific activities and presentations by visiting artists and designers coming to SDSU and the School of Design.
- SDSU Music Department: \$4,000. Project grant supports SDSU's String Project to strengthen orchestral programs in the public schools.
- Wicks, Molly: \$2,000. Artist Career Development grant supports the artist's intention to cut more expensive materials and invest in a computer software program that will aid this sculpture process for upcoming artist exhibitions.

Canton

- Lawrence Elementary School: \$1,200 + travel. AISC grant supports a two-week artist residency at the school.

Castlewood

- Castlewood School District: \$600 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency.

Chamberlain

- St. Joseph's Indian School: \$1,800 + travel. AISC grants support 3 one-week artist residencies at the school.

Clear Lake

- Deuel School: \$600 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency at the school.

Custer

- Black Hills Playhouse: \$25,997. Arts Challenge grant supports summer season in Custer State Park.
- Custer Area Arts Council: \$1,000 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency.

De Smet

- De Smet Community Foundation: \$3,500. Project grant supports development of a concert series for the De Smet area and the new Midstate Theater.
- Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant Assoc.: \$1,000. Project grant supports creation of costumes and props for the summer production of "The Long Winter."

Deadwood / Lead

- Chamber Music Festival of the Black Hills: \$5,330. Arts Challenge grant supports classical chamber music concerts and educational activities at events in Black Hills and Pine Ridge communities throughout the month of July.
- Historic Deadwood Lead Arts Council: \$4,499. Arts Challenge grant supports yearly programming of the local arts council.
- Historic Homestake Opera House Society: \$8,840. Arts Challenge grant supports yearly performing-arts programming to provide educational and cultural opportunities for the community.

Dupree

- Dupree After School Program: \$600 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency.

Elk Point

- Elk Point Jefferson Schools: \$1,000 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency.

Faulkton

- Faulkton Area Arts Council: \$600 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency.

Fort Pierre

- Jim Szana Trio: \$2,500. Touring Arts grant supports the group's tour of South Dakota nonprofit organizations.

Gregory

- Gregory School District: \$1,600 + travel. AISC grants support two one-week, artist residencies in the district.

Henry

- Henry School District: \$600 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency.

Herrick

- Native American Advocacy Program: \$600 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency.

Hill City

- Black Hills Film Festival: \$5,000. Project grant supports the eighth annual festival showcasing independent films for public viewing and featuring workshops for filmmakers, writers, actors, and cinematographers.
- Hill City Arts Council: \$11,212. Arts Challenge grant supports HCAC's season of activities and events.

Hot Springs

- Hot Springs Elementary School: \$2,400 + travel. AISC grants support two, two-week artist residencies.

Huron

- Huron Area Center for Independence: \$2,500. Project grant supports the production of a play by Kelsy Schoenhaar, featuring actors with and without disabilities.
- Huron School District/Our Home School: \$600 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency.

Ipswich

- Ipswich Public School: \$600 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency.

Kimball

- Kimball School District: \$1,200 + travel. AISC grants support two, one-week artist residencies.

Kyle

- Oglala Lakota College: \$4,700. Project grant supports *A Vision of Our History by Lakota Artists*, a summer program in which 12 artists are introduced to visitors who pass through the Historical Center of Oglala Lakota College.

Lennox

- Lennox Elementary PACE: \$1,000 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week, artist residency.

Madison

- Madison Area Arts Council: \$1,000. Project grant supports the work of the local arts council in providing diverse arts programming for the community.
- Montgomery, Alan: \$5,000. Artist Fellowship supports the artist's plans to continue creative research of the poetry of Seamus Heaney to inform the artist's visual interpretations.

- Madison Central School Educational Foundation: \$600 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency.

Manderson

- Wounded Knee School: \$600 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency.

Martin

- Chief Eagle, Dallas: \$7,000. Touring Arts grant supports the artists' tour – *Nurturing the Hoop of Life* – to South Dakota nonprofit organizations.

McLaughlin

- McLaughlin School District: \$1,600 + travel. AISC grants support two, one-week artist residencies.

Milbank

- Milbank High School: \$1,200 + travel. AISC grant supports a two-week artist residency.

Mission

- Sinte Gleska University: \$4,000. Project grant supports the Northern Plains Indian Art Market held in Sioux Falls in September.

Mitchell

- Area Community Theatre of Mitchell: \$5,810. Arts Challenge grant supports the theater's annual performance season.
- South Dakota Art Education Association: \$2,000. Project grant supports professional development activities for art teachers during SDAEA's convention.
- Van Oort, James C.: \$2,000. Artist Career Development grant supports the artist's effort to develop a theater production from start to finish – writing to staging.
- Area Community Theatre: \$1,000 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week, artist residency.

Murdo

- Jones County Schools: \$600 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency in the school.

Newell

- Newell Elementary: \$1,000 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency in the school.

New Underwood

- Reichert, Duane ~ *Backstage With a Rodeo Clown*: \$3,000. Touring Arts grant supports the artist's tour of South Dakota nonprofit organizations.

Onida

- Agar-Blunt-Onida School District: \$600 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency in the district.

Pierre

- Capital Area Counseling Services: \$1,500. Project grant supports the organization's efforts to bring the Hegg Brothers Holiday Jam event to Pierre in December.
- Jefferson Elementary School: \$600 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency.
- Pierre Players: \$11,026. Arts Challenge grant supports the year-round season of Pierre Players Community Theatre.
- Schmidt, Justin: \$2,000. Artist Career Development grant supports the photographer's purchase of upgraded camera equipment.
- South Dakota Historical Society Foundation: \$5,000. Project grant supports the design and typesetting of a biographical manuscript by Gregory Bryan on the renowned South Dakota storyteller and artist Paul Goble.

Pine Ridge

- Heritage Center at Red Cloud Indian School: \$20,485. Arts Challenge grant supports the Heritage Center's yearlong activities designed to collect, preserve, and exhibit the tribal arts of the Lakota and the fine arts of all Native Americans.

Ramona

- Oldham-Ramona School District: \$1,000 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency.

Rapid City

- Begeman, Valerie: \$3,870. Traditional Arts Apprenticeship grant supports three apprenticeships with Rapid City apprentices, focusing on traditional rug hooking and hand spinning of yarn.
- Black Hills Chamber Music Society: \$3,040. Arts Challenge grant supports the society's season of performances and activities.
- Black Hills Community Theatre: \$19,113. Arts Challenge grant supports the BHCT's season of theatrical productions and educational outreach activities.
- Black Hills Works: \$3,500. Project grant supports the BHW's efforts to produce a mixed-ability production of musical theater.
- Black Hills Works: \$19,200 + travel. AISC grants support two 18-week artist residencies at the Suzie Cappa Art Center.
- Chief Eagle, Starr: \$2,500. Touring Arts grant supports the artists' tour of South Dakota nonprofit organizations.
- Erica Lane Photography: \$2,000. Artist Career Development grant supports the artist's creation of 10 "business kits," allowing local business owners to rent and rotate artwork at an affordable price.
- First Peoples Fund: \$3,150. Project grant supports FPF's efforts to bring the Jennifer Easton Community Spirit Awards back to the Performing Arts Center of Rapid City in October.
- Harris, Hank: \$4,000. Touring Arts grant supports the artist's tour of South Dakota nonprofit organizations.
- Native POP: \$5,000. Project grant supports "Annual Gathering of People, Wind and Water," celebrating Native peoples and the art of the Great Plains.

- Pratt, Gordy: \$5,000. Artist Fellowship supports the artist's creation of a production company in the Black Hills to produce and maintain year-long and seasonal entertainment events.
- Pratt, Gordy: \$7,500. Touring Arts grant supports the artist's tour of South Dakota nonprofit organizations.
- Rapid City Arts Council: \$25,732. Arts Challenge grant supports a variety of visual and performing arts programming available to the people of Rapid City and the larger geographical area it serves.
- Rapid City Children's Chorus: \$3,128. Arts Challenge grant supports RCCC's annual season of performances and outreach activities.
- Rural America Initiatives: \$1,000. Project grant supports RAI's efforts to hold the American Indian Art Market in Rapid City in November.
- Stilwell, Ty: \$2,000. Artist Career Development grant supports the artist's creation of a new body of visual artwork and the release of a book.
- Grandview Elementary: \$1,000 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency.
- Meadowbrook Elementary PTA \$600 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency.
- Rapid Valley PTA: \$600 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency.
- St. Elizabeth Seton School: \$600 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency at the school.
- West Middle School: \$1,200 + travel. AISC grants support two, one-week, artist residencies.
- Zion Lutheran School: \$600 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency at the school.

Saint Onge

- Aldrich, Randy: \$4,000. Traditional Arts Apprenticeship grant supports a saddle-making and leatherworking apprenticeship with an apprentice from Faith.

Rosholt

- Rosholt School District: \$3,200 + travel. AISC grants support three weeks of artist residencies in the district.

Rutland

- Rutland School District: \$1,200 + travel. AISC grant supports a two-week artist residency.

Salem

- McCook Central School: \$1,200 + travel. AISC grants support two, one-week artist residencies.

Scotland

- Scotland School District: \$600 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency in the district.

Selby

- Busy Blue Birds 4-H Club: \$1,000 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency in the community.

Sioux Falls

- Arts South Dakota: \$60,000. Statewide Services grant supports the efforts of South Dakota's primary arts advocacy organization to implement programming focusing on service to community arts organizations and artists, leadership and support of arts education, and advocacy for the arts on a community, statewide, and national level.
- Baker, Phil: \$9,000. Touring Arts grant supports the artist's tour of South Dakota nonprofit organizations.
- Comfort Theatre: \$5,700. Touring Arts grant supports the company's tour of South Dakota nonprofit organizations.
- Curriel, Hector: \$2,000. Artist Career Development grant supports the artist's creation of the second book of a series for children.
- Dakota Chamber Orchestra, Dakota String Quartet, Dakota Wind Quintet, and South Dakota Symphony Orchestra: \$40,000. Touring Arts grant supports these groups' tour of South Dakota nonprofit organizations.
- Dakota Jazz Collective (Sioux Falls Jazz & Blues Society): \$2,500. Touring Arts grant supports the group's tour of South Dakota nonprofit organizations.
- Dakota Players: \$8,500. Touring Arts grant supports the group's year-round activities including touring and outreach to communities across the state.
- Flower and Flame: \$4,000. Touring Arts grant supports the group's tour of South Dakota nonprofit organizations.
- Hicks, Patrick: \$5,000. Artist Fellowship supports the artist's continued research for his next novel, "Eclipse."
- JAS Quintet: \$2,000. Project grant supports the group's "Jazz Curators" series, comprising two jazz-history concerts featuring the music of Duke Ellington and Billie Holiday, respectively.
- JAS Quintet: \$2,500. Touring Arts grant supports the group's tour of South Dakota nonprofit organizations.
- Kaihoi, Darin: \$2,000. Artist Career Development grant supports the songwriter and musician's production of a new recording project.
- LifeScape (Children's Care): \$5,000. Project grant supports the inclusion and participation of children of all abilities in a week-long musical theater camp.
- Maggie in the Meantime: \$4,000. Touring Arts grant supports the group's tour of South Dakota nonprofit organizations.
- Sanford Arts: \$22,800 + travel. AISC grants support 38 weeks of artist residencies in the medical center cancer treatment facility.
- SculptureWalk Sioux Falls: \$17,075. Arts Challenge grant supports a series of activities throughout the year aimed at exposing community members and visitors to three-dimensional art.
- Singing Boys of Sioux Falls: \$2,718. Arts Challenge grant supports the organization's year-round season of performances and activities.
- Sioux Empire Community Theatre: \$13,377. Arts Challenge grant supports the theater's season of community-based productions.
- Sioux Falls Arts Council: \$1,473. Arts Challenge grant supports the year-round activities of the local arts council.

- Sioux Falls Jazz & Blues Society: \$34,334. Arts Challenge grant supports the organization's annual summer JazzFest, a jazz concert series throughout the year, and educational outreach activities such as the Jazz Diversity Project.
- Sioux Falls School District: \$2,800. Project grant supports the district's efforts to motivate more than 2,500 middle school band, orchestral, and vocal students to engage in lifelong music making through a program involving founding members of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra.
- South Dakota Friends of Traditional Music: \$3,100. Project grant supports the Sioux River Folk Festival, an annual public event at Newton Hills State Park near Canton.
- South Dakota Symphony Orchestra: \$36,768. Arts Challenge grant supports the symphony's season of orchestral music, special concerts, and education and touring programs.
- Anne Sullivan PTO: \$600 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency.
- Eugene Field A+ Elementary School: \$1,200 + travel. AISC grant supports a two-week artist residency.
- Harvey Dunn Elementary: \$1,200 + travel. AISC grant supports a two-week artist residency.
- John Harris Elementary School: \$1,200 + travel. AISC grants support two, one-week artist residencies.
- LifeScope: \$5,000. AISC grant supports a five-week artist residency at the school.
- R.F. Pettigrew Elementary: \$1,200 + travel. AISC grant supports a two-week artist residency.
- Saint Mary School: \$1,200 + travel. AISC grant supports a two-week artist residency.
- Sioux Falls Christian Elementary School: \$1,000 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week residency.
- Sioux Falls Lutheran School: \$1,200 + travel. AISC grant supports a two-week artist residency at the school.

Sisseton

- Sisseton Arts Council: \$4,000. Project grant supports the council's season of events and activities.
- Sisseton School District: \$3,600 + travel. AISC grants support six weeks of artist residencies in schools.
- Sisseton Arts Council: \$2,400 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-month artist residency in the community.

South Shore

- Our Savior's Lutheran Church: \$3,100: Project grant supports the South Dakota Fiddle Festival, an annual three-day event taking place over the second full weekend in September in Yankton.

Spearfish

- Buttke, Jami Lynn: \$3,000. Touring Arts grant supports the artist's tour of South Dakota nonprofit organizations.
- Matthews Opera House and Arts Center: \$25,194. Arts Challenge grant supports a wide variety of arts programming throughout the year, including community theatre productions, an art gallery, touring performing artists, seasonal art festivals and shows, a foreign film series, and other activities.

- Scholz, Markie / Dragons Are Too Seldom Puppet Productions: \$5,000. Artist Fellowship supports the artist's efforts to develop her skills to translate live shows into digital videos for a wider audience.
- Scholz, Markie / Dragons Are Too Seldom Puppet Productions: \$8,000. Touring Arts grant supports the artist's tour of South Dakota nonprofit organizations.
- Termes, Dick / Termespheres & Lectures: \$7,000. Touring Arts grant supports the artist's tour of South Dakota nonprofit organizations.
- Matthews Opera House and Arts Center: \$2,400 + travel: AISC grants support four weeks of artist residencies.

Sturgis

- Sturgis Center for the Arts: \$3,467. Arts Challenge grants supports the center's mission to provide an environment of learning and appreciation of the arts by providing music lessons, art classes, and theater workshops to students of all ages.

Timber Lake

- Timber Lake Middle School: \$1,000 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week, artist residency.
- Timber Lake Area Historical Society: \$600 + travel: AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency.

Valley Springs

- Valley Springs Elementary PTA: \$600 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency.

Vermillion

- Banasiak, John: \$5,000. Artist Fellowship supports the artist's planned nighttime photographic work in the back allies and side streets of small towns in southeastern South Dakota.
- Discovery Mime / Movement Theatre: \$4,600. Touring Arts grant supports the company's tour of South Dakota nonprofit organizations.
- Missouri Valley Growth: \$3,625. Project grant supports the South Dakota Shakespeare Festival, which will produce its sixth season of free Shakespeare performances and arts education programming throughout southeastern South Dakota.
- National Music Museum: \$27,490. Arts Challenge grant supports the museum's mission to serve the people of South Dakota and the nation as an international center for collecting and conserving musical instruments of all cultures and bringing people together to study, enjoy, and understand our diverse musical heritage.
- Rawlins Piano Trio: \$1,500. Touring Arts grant supports the ensemble's tour of South Dakota nonprofit organizations.
- Schretenthaler, Leah: \$1,000. Artist Project grant supports the artist's Body Weight Project, examining individuals' insecurities through photography and interview texts for regional exhibition.
- South Dakota Public Broadcasting: \$13,000. Statewide Services grant promotes awareness of SDPB's partnership with the Arts Council through underwriting announcements of support for arts programming and promotion of arts events through the "Events Calendar" on SDPB Radio and the organization's online platforms.
- Vermillion Area Arts Council: \$2,300. Project grant supports Messy Hands Summer Art Camp, a visual arts opportunity for area youth 4 to 14 years old.

- Vermillion Children’s Choir: \$1,700. Project grant supports the choir’s efforts to increase participation as well as public awareness of its events in the greater Vermillion area.
- Vermillion Community Theatre: \$1,000. Project grant supports the August 2016 production of “The Wizard of Oz.”
- University of South Dakota Foundation: \$3,000. Project grant supports a collaborative endeavor between the photography departments of USD and Minot State to choose 30 photographs from the work of 15 S.D. photographers and 15 N.D. photographers for exhibition in each state.
- Vermillion Community Theatre: \$1,000 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency.
- Dakota Hospital Foundation: \$2,400 + travel. AISC grants support four weeks of artist residencies.

Wagner

- Wagner Community School: \$2,200 + travel. AISC grants support three, one-week artist residencies.

Wakpala

- Kevin Lock: \$9,000. Touring Arts grant supports the artist’s tour of South Dakota nonprofit organizations.

Wall

- Wall School District: \$2,000 + travel. AISC grants support two, one-week artist residencies in the schools.

Watertown

- North Country Fiber Fair: \$2,000. Project grant supports instructional workshops with featured knitting instructor Margaret Radcliffe and spinning instructor Kate Larson during this year’s annual event at the Codington County Extension Complex.
- Northern Prairie Arts: \$1,200 + travel. AISC grants support two, one-week artist residencies in community.
- Town Players: \$4,802. Arts Challenge grant supports Town Players’ yearly season of productions.
- Watertown Artwalk: \$1,000. Project grant supports the organization’s efforts to increase the number of sculptures in downtown Watertown.

Webster

- Webster Area School: \$1,000 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency.

Worthing

- Olde Towne Dinner Theatre: \$11,730. Arts Challenge grant supports a yearly season of theatrical programming with the goal of enriching, entertaining, and educating the Sioux Falls region through performance, benevolence, and volunteer opportunities.

Yankton

- Lewis and Clark Theatre Company: \$1,446. Arts Challenge grant supports year-round theatrical programming of the company.
- Yankton Area Arts: \$10,581. Arts Challenge grant supports diverse yearly programming including arts presentations, visual art exhibitions, children's workshops, and support to artists and other organizations.
- Yankton Children's Choir: \$2,000. Project grant supports operating expenses for the 2016-2017 season.
- Sacred Heart School: \$600 + travel. AISC grant supports a one-week artist residency.
- SD Human Services Center: \$2,200 + travel. AISC grants support three weeks of artist residencies.

Statewide

- Governor's Biennial Art Exhibition: \$7,000. Statewide Services grant supports a juried art exhibition featuring South Dakota artists that tours the state every two years. Members of the statewide consortium of organizations that produce and host the exhibition are the South Dakota Art Museum / SDSU, Brookings; the Dahl Art Center, Rapid City; the Washington Pavilion Visual Art Center, Sioux Falls; and the USD University Art Gallery. Additional sites sometimes host the show.