



Minnesota History: Building A Legacy

Report to the Governor and the Legislature on Funding for
History Programs and Projects supported by the
Legacy Amendment's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund



That's Dakota
for hello, friend!

Hau Koda!
Come on in to
a Dakota tipi!

This area
is free!

Letter from MNHS CEO and Director



In today's divided world, understanding history can build bridges—bridges to better conversations, to deeper insights and to stronger communities.

The Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund (ACHF) has played a significant role in rejuvenating the field of history in Minnesota. Legacy funding has helped to create partnerships that have a wide-reaching impact. Together, we are building stronger communities. For example:

- Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps provides training for young people in the preservation trades while restoring important historical structures, and the Duluth Ethnographic Study of American Indian Heritage is documenting the history of the area's indigenous people so it can be shared more widely. Read more about these projects in [Featured Stories](#).
- Another example of community building is the Ojibwemowin Advisory Committee Project, which has defined next steps for preserving Red Lake history and the Ojibwe language so they can be shared with future generations.
- A number of county historical societies have created innovative partnerships with local history organizations in an effort to pool resources. As a result, they are providing enhanced public programming to serve more citizens and a broader array of community members.

These are just a few examples of how ACHF funds are making a difference. This year's report highlights 255 grants, totaling more than \$6 million, awarded in 2016. These grants were awarded to 189 organizations in 62 counties across Minnesota and will enable local historical organizations to continue building programs and partnerships that foster community.

We appreciate the strong support that history has received from Legacy funding. This is also an investment in our future.

D. Stephen Elliott, Director and CEO

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Cover image: Children explore a modern take on a traditional Dakota tipi in the exhibit *Then Now Wow*. The exhibit was made possible by the Minnesota State Legislature, which appropriated \$2,500,000 in ACHF funds to MNHS "for an exhibit on the regional, local, and cultural diversity of Minnesota's history and cultural heritage," Laws of Minnesota, 2009, Chapter 172, Article 4, Section 2(e).

Introduction

On November 4, 2008, Minnesota voters approved the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment to preserve and enhance some of the most important elements of our state. This amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, often referred to as the “Legacy Amendment,” created four funds, one of which is the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund (ACHF).

The Legacy Amendment mandates that a portion of the ACHF be used “to preserve Minnesota’s history and cultural heritage” (Minnesota Constitution, Article XI, Sec. 15). Each January, the Minnesota Historical Society (MNHS) is required to submit an annual report to the governor and legislature detailing expenditures it has made from the ACHF.

This report details all ACHF grants awarded in CY16 and projects and programs funded through MNHS for FY17.

ACHF history projects are benefiting Minnesotans statewide by:

- Preserving our state’s most valuable historical and cultural resources for future generations
- Sharing our state’s stories and treasured resources with ever-growing audiences including students, teachers, scholars, researchers, genealogists and the general public
- Connecting Minnesotans of all ages to each other and to history—history that is becoming more accessible than ever before

Appropriations

The Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund receives 19.75% of overall Legacy funding. In 2015, the legislature appropriated \$29 million from the ACHF to MNHS for the two-year period July 2015–June 2017. That appropriation breaks down to \$13.985 million for fiscal year 2016 and \$15.015 million for fiscal year 2017.

The legislature divided the fiscal year 2016–2017 appropriation to MNHS into the following six categories:

Category	FY16 Appropriation	FY17 Appropriation
Statewide Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants	\$5,525,000	\$6,000,000
Statewide History Programs	\$5,525,000	\$6,000,000
Statewide History Partnerships	\$2,060,000	\$2,140,000
Statewide Survey of Historical and Archaeological Sites	\$300,000	\$300,000
Minnesota Digital Library	\$300,000	\$300,000
Historic Recognition Grants Program	\$275,000	\$275,000
Total	\$13,985,000	\$15,015,000

1,963 grants have been awarded to 724 organizations across Minnesota through the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants Program

The Minnesota Historical Society (MNHS) invests Legacy history funds in

**ALL 87
MINNESOTA
COUNTIES**

**100% Return
on Investment**

For every \$1 of Legacy history funds invested, Minnesota receives a return on investment of \$2, which directly benefits state and local economies¹

\$2.74 PER PERSON, PER YEAR

Less than the cost of a cup of coffee—that's how much each Minnesotan pays annually for the programs, partnerships and grants detailed in this report²

**600,000
MINNESOTA STUDENTS**
have benefited from investments in Legacy-funded statewide history programs³

1 out of 2

One out of every two dollars requested for historical and cultural heritage grants were awarded⁴

In November 2008, **56% of Minnesotans**

voted to increase their taxes to preserve Minnesota's legacy, including history and cultural heritage⁵

¹ "An Economic Analysis of Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund Monies: An Update" prepared by the University of Minnesota Extension Center for Community Vitality, December 2012

² Based on U.S. Census 2015 Minnesota population estimate of 5,489,594 and 2017 appropriation of \$15,015,000

³ Based on cumulative attendance for History Day, History Live!, *Then Now Wow* field trips and ACHF transportation and curriculum sales

⁴ Based on overall requested amounts for CY16 of \$13.4 million, and grants awarded of \$6 million

⁵ Minnesota Legislative Reference Library, State Constitutional Amendments Considered, www.leg.state.mn.us/lrl/mngov/constitutionalamendments.aspx

Historic Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC)

Legislation specifies that the HRAC, a volunteer citizen panel that guides decisions for the ACHF-funded Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants Program, has balanced statewide membership and includes representatives of local, county and statewide historic and cultural organizations and programs.

It further requires that the HRAC shall include, but is not limited to, members representing the interests of historic preservation, local history, archaeology, archival programs and other cultural programs related to the history of Minnesota.

The HRAC consists of 13 members serving two-year terms and two ex-officio members. They represent a variety of disciplines and are from diverse areas of the state. The committee roster for 2016:

Kristi Link Fernholz, Appleton (Chair)

- Senior Planner, Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission
- Active with Minnesota Valley National Scenic Byway
- Qualified in grants management, regional government, graphic arts and interpretation

Milissa Brooks-Ojibway, Duluth

- Collections Manager, Glensheen, The Historic Congdon Estate
- Associate of Arts degree in liberal arts, Fon du Lac Community College
- Qualified in grant writing and implementing, collection policies and object care

Mike Brubaker, Becker

- Executive Director, Sherburne History Center
- M.A., Utah State University
- Qualified in local history, genealogy, archives, exhibits and collections management

Suzanne Blue, Red Wing

- Entrepreneur
- Community leader
- Qualified in business development, historic preservation, governance

Mark Edevold, Bagley

- M.A. Anthropology
- Formerly, executive director, Beltrami County Historical Society and mayor of Bagley
- Qualified in archaeology, construction, facility management

Ann Grandy, Glenwood

- Collections Manager, Pope County Historical Society
- Master of Liberal Arts, History, Harvard Extension School
- Qualified in collection management, exhibits, research

David Hakensen, Minnetonka

- Manager, Fleishman Hillard
- Qualified in crisis communications, media coaching, mergers and acquisition messaging

Sara M. Hanson, White Bear Lake

- Executive Director, White Bear Lake Historical Society
- M.A., Public History, St. Cloud State University
- Qualified in local history, research and collections

Ginny Lackovic, Minneapolis

- Registered Architect, HGA Architects and Engineers
- Involved in restoration work on the Minnesota State Capitol, St. Paul Union Depot and Pantages Theatre in Minneapolis
- Qualified in historic architecture

Andrea LaVasseur, Bemidji

- M.A. Anthropology
- U.S. Forest Service program manager, retired
- Qualified in anthropology, project management, federal and tribal government

Kathryn Ohland, St. Paul

- M.S. Architecture, Preservation & Conservation, University of Minnesota
- Architectural historian
- Qualified in historic preservation

Amy Spong, St. Paul

- Historic Preservation Specialist, City of St. Paul
- Formerly, grants administrator of Colorado State Historical Fund
- Qualified in historic preservation, project management, grant making, local government

Michael Worcester, Cokato

- Director, Cokato Historical Museum and Akerlund Studio
- Formerly, Board Member of Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums
- Qualified in local history, project management, museum collections care and management

Ex Officio Members:

Phyllis Rawls Goff

President, MNHS Executive Council

Kirby M. Law

Treasurer, MNHS Executive Council

The Minnesota Historical Society Executive Council

All grant recommendations for the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants Program are reviewed and approved by the Minnesota Historical Society governing board, the Executive Council.

Below is the list of members who served in calendar year 2016:

Officers:

Phyllis Rawls Goff, President
William D. Green, Vice President
D. Stephen Elliott, Secretary
Kirby M. Law, Treasurer

Members of the Executive Council:

Cawo Abdi	Jean M. Larson
Eric Ahlness	Monica Little
Kathleen Blatz	Kirby M. Law
Suzanne Blue	Charles Mahar
Kurt V. BlueDog	Dean M. Nelson
Barbara Burwell	Peter R. Reis
Brenda J. Child	Peter M. Reyes Jr.
Grant W. Davis	Daniel Schmechel
Michael Farnell	William R. Stoeri
Thomas Forsythe	Bo Thao-Urabe
Martha Kaemmer	Karen Wilson Thissen
Phyllis Rawls Goff	Ben Vander Kooi
William D. Green	Eleanor Winston
David R. Hakensen	Warren Zaccaro
Dennis L. Lamkin	

Ex Officio Members:

Mark Dayton, Governor
Tina Smith, Lieutenant Governor
Steve Simon, Secretary of State
Lori Swanson, Attorney General
Rebecca Otto, State Auditor

Minnesota History Coalition

The Minnesota History Coalition is an advisory group composed of representatives of various history organizations in Minnesota. Using public input and members' expertise, the History Coalition developed recommendations for the legislature on how the FY16-17 ACHF appropriation for history projects and programs could best serve Minnesotans.

Minnesota History Coalition Members:

Council for Minnesota Archaeology
Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums
Minnesota Archaeological Society
Minnesota Association of Museums
Minnesota Digital Library
Minnesota Genealogical Society
Minnesota Historical Society
Minnesota History Advocates for Research
Minnesota State Historical Records Advisory Board
Minnesota's Historic Northwest
Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps
Preservation Alliance of Minnesota

Accountability

The Minnesota Legislature has reiterated the mandate that every project and program supported by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund report "actual measurable outcomes, and a plan for measuring and evaluating the results."

MNHS staff and partners are now strongly positioned to ensure that ACHF projects and programs use best practices, current scholarship, and when appropriate, incorporate state-of-the-art technology for demonstrating measurable outcomes. During FY16-17, MNHS continued to evaluate the impact of ACHF projects and programs to ensure that they demonstrate measurable outcomes as well as economic value for citizens. These results will be shared on two websites explained below.

Transparency

The Minnesota Historical Society has an obligation to the citizens of Minnesota to ensure that ACHF funds entrusted to our care are invested in ways that are transparent and will produce the greatest measurable impact on lives, enabling our state to thrive.

To meet this goal, MNHS has assisted in the building of, and has itself built, websites that inform the public about all ACHF initiatives funded through MNHS.

The first, Minnesota's Legacy, www.legacy.leg.mn, was created by the Legislative Coordinating Commission and contains information on all Legacy-funded projects. The second, "Minnesota History: Building a Legacy," legacy.mnhs.org, is maintained by MNHS and provides more in-depth project descriptions, photos, videos and information on opportunities to participate in history-related ACHF initiatives.

Through the end of the biennium, MNHS will continue to post the most current information about history-related ACHF initiatives on both websites, ensuring transparency and responsible stewardship of the funds.

Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund History Appropriations Language

Session Law Reference: Laws of Minnesota 2015, 1st Special Session, chapter 2, article 4, section 2, subdivision 4

Subd. 4. Minnesota Historical Society. FY2016: \$13,985,000; FY2017: \$15,015,000

(a) These amounts are appropriated to the governing board of the Minnesota Historical Society to preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's history and its cultural and historical resources. Grant agreements entered into by the Minnesota Historical Society and other recipients of appropriations in this subdivision must ensure that these funds are used to supplement and not substitute for traditional sources of funding. Funds directly appropriated to the Minnesota Historical Society must be used to supplement and not substitute for traditional sources of funding. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, for historic preservation projects that improve historic structures, the amounts are available until June 30, 2019. The Minnesota Historical Society or grant recipients of the Minnesota Historical Society using arts and cultural heritage funds under this subdivision must give consideration to Conservation Corps Minnesota and Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps, or an organization carrying out similar work, for projects with the potential to need historic preservation services.

(b) Historical Grants and Programs

(1) Statewide Historic and Cultural Grants

\$5,525,000 the first year and \$6,000,000 the second year are for history programs and projects operated or conducted by or through local, county, regional, or other historical or cultural organizations or for activities to preserve significant historic and cultural resources. Funds are to be distributed through a competitive grant process. The Minnesota Historical Society shall administer these funds using established grant mechanisms, with assistance from the advisory committee created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), item (ii).

(2) Statewide History Programs

\$5,525,000 the first year and \$6,000,000 the second year are for programs and purposes related to the historical and cultural heritage of the state of Minnesota conducted by the Minnesota Historical Society.

(3) History Partnerships

\$2,060,000 the first year and \$2,140,000 the second year are for partnerships involving multiple organizations, which may include the Minnesota Historical Society, to preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's history and cultural heritage in all regions of the state.

(4) Statewide Survey of Historical and Archaeological Sites

\$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the second year are for a contract or contracts to be awarded on a competitive basis to conduct statewide

surveys of Minnesota's sites of historical, archaeological and cultural significance. Results of the surveys must be published in a searchable form and available to the public on a cost-free basis. The Minnesota Historical Society, the Office of the State Archaeologist and the Indian Affairs Council shall each appoint a representative to an oversight board to select contractors and direct the conduct of the surveys. The oversight board shall consult with the Departments of Transportation and Natural Resources.

(5) Digital Library

\$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the second year are for a digital library project to preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota images, documents, and historical materials. The Minnesota Historical Society shall cooperate with the Minitex interlibrary loan system and shall jointly share this appropriation for these purposes.

(6) Historic Recognition Grants Program

\$275,000 the first year and \$275,000 the second year are for a competitive grants program to provide grants for projects carried out by nonprofit organizations or public entities that preserve, recognize and promote the historic legacy of Minnesota, with a focus on commemoration of Minnesota's role in the American Civil War. The Minnesota Historical Society shall work collaboratively with the Governor's Civil War Commemorative Task Force to determine project priorities. Funds may be used for projects administered or delivered by the Minnesota Historical Society in cooperation with the task force.

FEATURED STORIES



Students explore Minnesota's mining history in the exhibit *Then Now Wow*.

***Then Now Wow* Exhibit Continues to Wow!**

Since *Then Now Wow* opened in November 2012, more than 750,000 visitors have explored the interactive exhibit that showcases “wow” moments from Minnesota’s history. Students on field trips and families with children have especially benefited from the hands-on approach to learning. From exploding dynamite in an Iron Range mine to exploring a Dakota tipi to taking a virtual ride on a Soo Line boxcar through southwestern Minnesota, this exhibit shares the stories of Minnesota in engaging ways.

The 14,000 square foot exhibit was initially funded by a \$2.5 million special appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund (ACHF) in 2009. Since then, corporate and private donations have poured in, allowing MNHS to enhance the exhibit.

In 2014, MNHS launched an innovative ACHF-funded mobile application for the exhibit called *Play the Past*, specifically geared toward students. The app, which is pre-installed on in-gallery mobile devices, promotes interaction with the physical exhibit by encouraging students to answer questions, solve problems and collect digital artifacts in the exhibit. Everything the students collect is stored in a “digital backpack” that

they can open back in the classroom and use for deeper research and investigation.

“Children today have grown up with technology as an integral part of their everyday lives,” said Wendy Jones, director of education at MNHS. “They learn differently, so we have created this program to allow students to engage with the displays in ways they learn best.”

Additional ACHF funding in 2016 will allow the Minnesota History Center to improve the exhibit, including the installation of a handicap lift for the boxcar and making investments in the *Play the Past* mobile app and devices. Other funds will be used to create a comprehensive strategy to increase overall attendance, especially with diverse families, through audience research and new programs.

“Minnesota’s stories are as diverse as the people who live here,” said Jones. “We want our programs to meet the needs of our many communities, like Hmong and Somali families and children with autism. The research we’re doing will help us develop programs to promote inclusivity and engagement at the Minnesota History Center.”



Preservation student Edward Harthorn of St. Paul applies a final coat of paste wax over the newly refinished Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Duluth.

Teaching Trades Preserves History, While Building Lifelong Skills

Visit the Duluth Civic Center and you can't miss the grandeur of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, which commemorates soldiers from St. Louis County who served in the Civil War. While the granite and bronze statue glistens today, this was not the case before Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps got involved. In July 2016, eight Northern Bedrock crew members worked alongside an expert conservator to restore the 1919 statue, thanks to a Historic Recognition Grants Program.

"There's an ongoing and growing need for maintenance and repair on historic structures and buildings," said Rolf Hagberg, executive director of Northern Bedrock. "On the flip side, the pool of crafts people who have the skills to make the repairs is diminishing. Our goal is to get young people, ages 18 to 25, interested in this work by giving them exposure to a variety of trades and crafts." ACHF has supported a partnerships between Northern Bedrock and MNHS since 2014 which is ensuring this program can succeed.

The idea is simple: Bring in technical specialists who are experts in their fields, such as stone masonry or building log structures. Allow these experts to teach their craft to the Northern Bedrock crew members and project hosts, providing much needed support for restoring local historic buildings and structures.

In the past year, a Northern Bedrock crew worked with the Historical Society of Pope County in Glenwood to restore their first courthouse, a one-room log structure. A specialist taught the crew how to jack up one part of the building, knock out the rotted logs and place new logs to fit. Another project involved restorative lath and plaster work in the former St. Peter's Church in Duluth, now home to the Great Lakes Academy of Fine Arts. The team also restored headstones in several cemeteries across the state. These are a few of many historic preservation projects the organization has completed since its inception in 2011.

"Our partnership with the Minnesota Historical Society has helped us connect with historical preservation specialists to build our business plan and determine where to put our resources to make the biggest difference," added Hagberg.

The strategy is working. Not only are buildings being restored, young people are gaining a passion for preservation work. "When I came into this organization I hadn't done much trade work," said Dylan Klein, who serves as a Northern Bedrock crew leader. "Through the process, I found out that I really enjoy this work." Klein is now seriously contemplating a career in the preservation trades, an outcome that everyone considers a win-win.



Clockwise from top left: Nimo Farah, Saida Hassan, Osman Ali.

Oral Histories Document Personal Experiences and Reflections of Minnesota's Somali Community

Through a partnership with Macalester College and funded through ACHF, 48 new oral histories from Minnesota's Somali community have been added to the MNHS collections.

"The Somali community was identified as an underrepresented group in the MNHS collection," said MNHS Oral Historian Ryan Barland. "And one of the best ways to engage with them and fill that gap was with an oral history project." Guiding the project is Ahmed Samatar, an international studies professor at Macalester who specializes in Somali studies.

The oral histories cover individuals across Minnesota including Rochester, Moorhead, Mankato and the Twin Cities. Project leaders relied on the Somali community to identify subjects to document. "There are a number of politicians, community activists, the people you'd normally expect to be considered a leader," Barland said. "But there are also regular people who the community knew had a compelling story that should be told."

Stories include Abdi Warsame, the first-ever Somali on the Minneapolis City Council, and Osman Ali,

founder of the Somali Museum of Minnesota. While each oral history explores an individual's unique experiences, common themes appeared across the interviews, including time in refugee camps, hopes for the future of the Somali community in Minnesota and the importance of remembering and preserving Somali heritage and history.

Many interviewees also noted that they wear several identities. Nimo Farah, a community organizer and poet in the Twin Cities, said, "I'll always be Somali. But I've spent most of my life in America, so I do deeply consider myself American. I consider myself a Minnesotan because I found so many different communities here. I consider myself a Muslim woman. I consider myself a black woman. ... I think the intersection of all those things is me, and I get to choose however I want to."

The oral histories will be published and made available through the MNHS library, educational resources and online on the "Voices of Minnesota" and "Becoming Minnesotan: Stories of Recent Immigrants and Refugees" websites.



Dugout canoe pulled from Lake Minnetonka, 1934.

Rare Dugout Canoes Showcased Across Minnesota

In 1934, a Minnesota family was extending a dock at Lake Minnetonka when they found a dugout canoe buried in the silt. The canoe eventually landed in the care of the West Hennepin History Center, where it remained in relative obscurity until researchers from Maritime Heritage Minnesota (MHM) learned of its existence.

Wanting to know more, MHM undertook a multiyear research project to analyze the canoe and 12 others across the state, from Beltrami County in the north, to Chippewa County in the west and to Steele County in the south. Funded through an ACHF grant, as well as the George W. Nielsen Foundation and the Mankato Area Foundation, the research garnered international attention when radiocarbon analysis revealed that the canoe was almost 1,000 years old.

Radiocarbon analysis also showed that the 13 canoes studied came from five time periods, seven

Native American cultures (along with one "modern" European example), and eight geographical areas. Each is unique and a rare archaeological artifact. Since then, additional ACHF grants have funded the construction of special storage cases for the Lake Minnetonka canoe, as well as canoes on exhibit at the Chippewa County Historical Society and McLeod County Historical Society.

In 2016, MHM earned an American Association for State and Local History Leadership in History award for their work. "These dugout canoes represent the oldest watercraft in Minnesota," said Ann Merriman, Ph.D, of MHM. "Our shared, rich maritime history is important, and the preservation of these significant artifacts is paramount." Thanks to ACHF funds, these rare canoes are being preserved and made accessible for future generations.



Detail from 1883 panoramic map of burial ground and wigwams on Minnesota Point.

Ethnography Study Highlights Duluth's Rich American Indian History

Two ACHF grants allowed the Duluth Indigenous Commission to prepare and conduct an ethnographic study of indigenous contributions to the area. "The Duluth Ethnography Project led by consultant Bruce White is the first documentation project of its kind at this scale," said David Grabitske, state history services manager. "The City of Duluth through its Indigenous People's Commission has created a model for other municipalities to preserve all historically significant places."

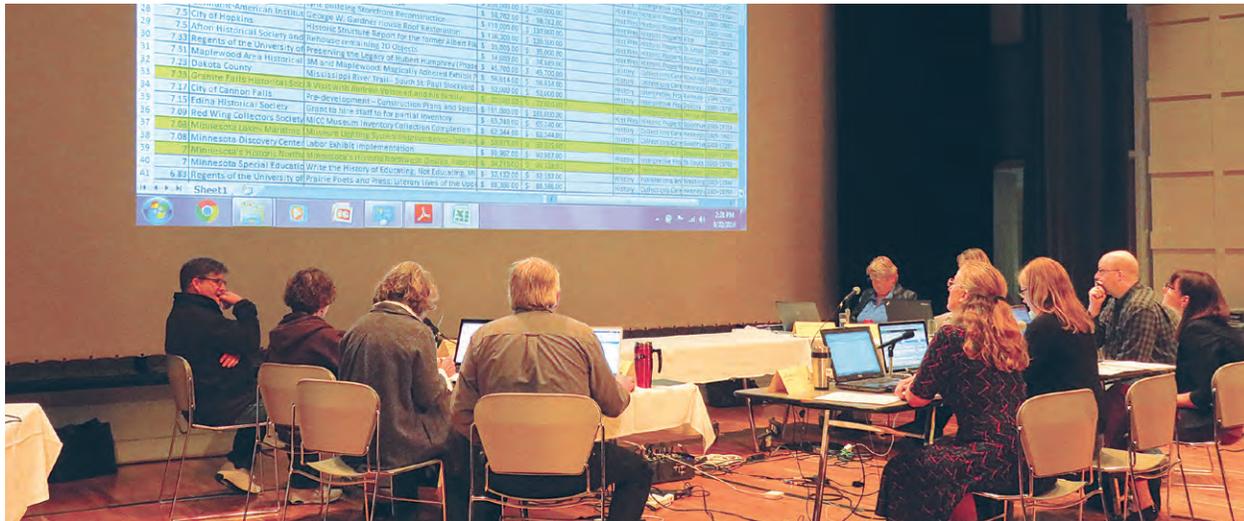
In the report, published in July 2015, researchers compiled historical information on indigenous place names, significant local sites and historic figures, and native archaeological sites in the Duluth area. Researchers noted information on known archaeological sites, including Roussain Cemetery and several vistas along Lake Superior, and offered recommendations for future preservation. They also identified several potential undiscovered

archaeological sites, including Minnesota Point, the Fond du Lac neighborhood and along the former shoreline of Glacial Lake Duluth.

The study includes oral histories with 12 American Indian community members, who discussed several topics, including local indigenous organizations and issues of racism. The report recommends that additional oral histories be conducted to continue to document the community.

The city hopes to use the study to inform planning and decision-making work with American Indian communities and for public information and interpretation projects that increase awareness of Duluth's indigenous heritage. As a first project, the Indigenous Commission used the study to create a digital interactive map exploring important local American Indian sites at www.duluthmn.gov/community-planning/ethnographic-study/.

CY16 REPORT OF MINNESOTA HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE GRANTS



Historic Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC) meeting, Sept. 22-23, 2016

The ACHF-funded Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants Program provides a valuable opportunity for nonprofit and educational organizations, government units and tribal organizations across Minnesota to preserve and share the state’s history and cultural heritage.

The Minnesota Historical Society administers the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants Program and awards grants based on the recommendations of the Historic Resources Advisory Committee.

Through a competitive process, 1,963 grants totalling nearly \$37 million have been awarded to 724 organizations in every county in Minnesota since the Legacy Amendment was passed in 2008.

Since the last report was published in January 2016, 255 grants, totaling over \$6 million have been awarded in 62 counties to 189 organizations across Minnesota.

Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants are available in two tiers:

- Small or Structured Grants of \$10,000 or less
- Large Grants of more than \$10,000

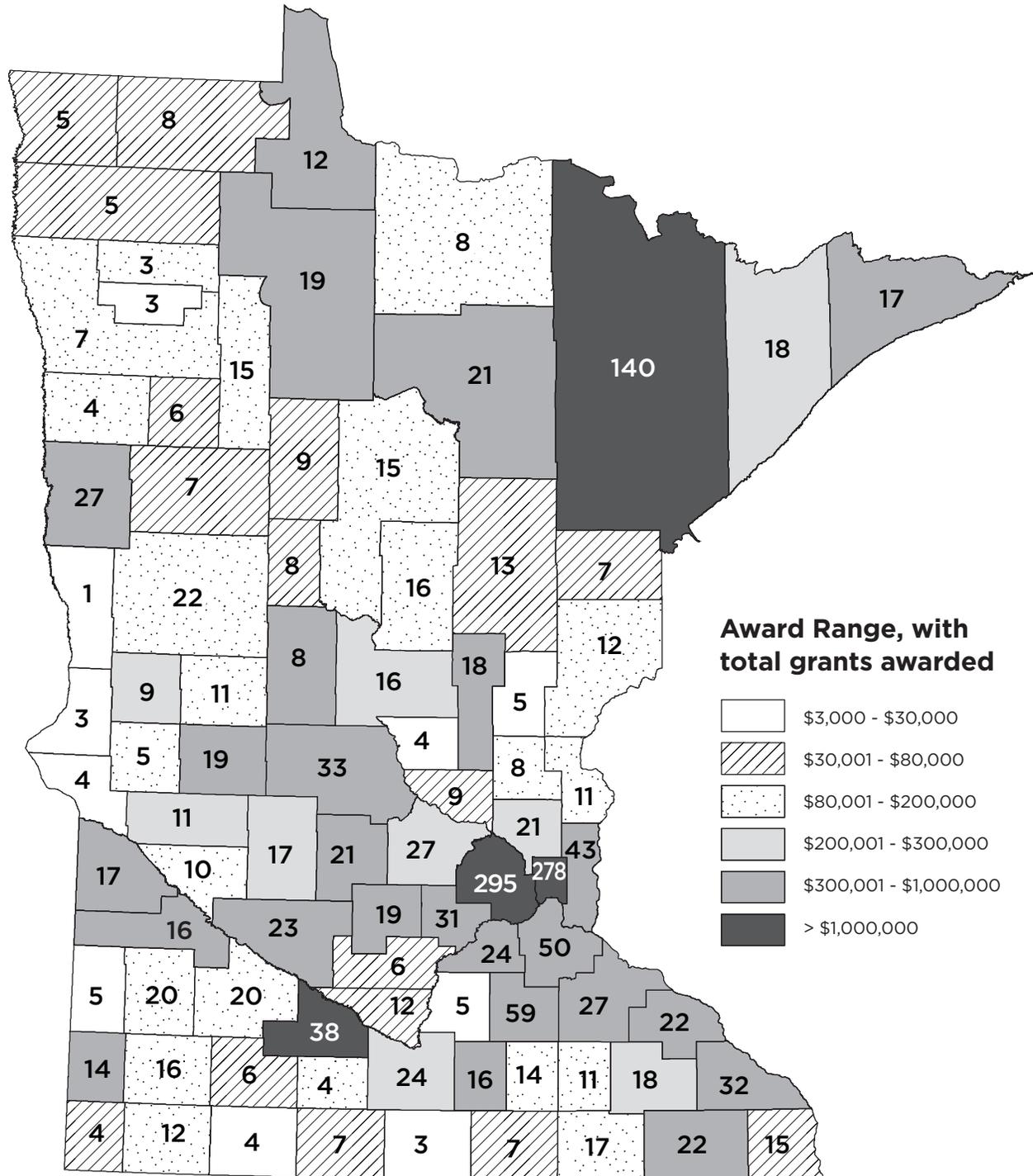
Ten percent of grants funding is used to administer and ensure the success of the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants Program. The funds allow MNHS to lead statewide grant-writing workshops and webinars, assist applicants with technical information critical to submitting a successful grant application, and support recipients throughout the life of their project. To assure transparency and measurable outcomes of projects, grants staff members conduct onsite visits required by the Minnesota Office of Grants Management and, throughout the grant life cycle, monitor the progress of all awarded grants.

All grants awarded between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2016 are listed on pages 15-33. As more grants are awarded throughout the year, information will be available at legacy.mnhs.org.

FY16-17 Appropriations Language: Statewide Historic and Cultural Grants \$5,525,000 the first year and \$6,000,000 the second year are for history programs and projects operated or conducted by or through local, county, regional, or other historical or cultural organizations or for activities to preserve significant historic and cultural resources. Funds are to be distributed through a competitive grant process. The Minnesota Historical Society shall administer these funds using established grant mechanisms, with assistance from the advisory committee created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), item (ii).

Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants July 1, 2009-Dec. 31, 2016

Amount invested: \$36,959,160
Total grants awarded to date: 1,963



Senate District 01, House District 01A

**Marshall County Historical Society
HVAC System Evaluation, \$8,800**

To hire a qualified HVAC engineer to evaluate how well the current system controls the museum environment.
Warren, Marshall County

**Roseau County Historical Society
Website Development, \$4,025**

To hire a qualified professional to update Roseau County Historical Society's website, allowing greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Roseau, Roseau County*

**Roseau County Historical Society
Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner with Computer, \$9,070**

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public.
Roseau, Roseau County

Senate District 01, House District 01B

**Polk County Historical Society
History of Crookston, in the Heart of the Red River Valley MNopedia Articles, \$8,765**

To create 15 Polk County entries for the MNopedia project for online research. *Crookston, Polk County*

Senate District 02, House District 02A

**Clearwater County Historical Society
Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer, \$9,385**

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public.
Bagley, Clearwater County

**Minnesota's Historic Northwest
Design, Fabrication and Installation of Fur Trade Traveling Exhibit, \$94,718**

To hire qualified consultants to develop a traveling exhibit on the fur trade in northwest Minnesota. *Bagley, Clearwater; Becker; Beltrami, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake and Roseau counties*

**Minnesota's Historic Northwest
WWI MNopedia Entries from Northwest Minnesota, \$7,800**

To create 30 entries on World War I in Northwest Minnesota for the MNopedia project for online research. *Bagley, Clearwater, Becker, Beltrami, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake and Roseau counties*

Senate District 02, House District 02B

**City of Mahnomen
Mahnomen City Hall ADA and Water Infiltration Feasibility and Predevelopment: Feasibility Research Report, \$7,550**

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a feasibility study of the Mahnomen City Hall, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Mahnomen, Mahnomen County*

Senate District 03, House District 03A

**Koochiching County Historical Society
Rehouse Library Collection, \$10,000**

To provide better organization of archival/library materials, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *International Falls, Koochiching County*

**City of Ranier
Ranier Community Building National Register Evaluation, \$8,000**

To hire qualified consultants to evaluate the Ranier Community Building for possible inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. *Ranier, Koochiching County*

**Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps
Halfway Ranger Station Historic District, Ranger Dwelling: Bat Relocation, Cleanup and Interior Restoration, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified professional for bat relocation and abatement in a National Register-listed building. *Fall Lake Township, Lake County*

**Ely-Winton Historical Society
Museum Security System Update, \$4,550**

To hire qualified technicians to install a security system to protect the collections from theft or fire. *Ely, St. Louis County*

City of Tower

Duluth and Iron Range Railroad Passenger Station Drainage Evaluation, \$7,500

To hire a qualified engineer to conduct an evaluation of the Duluth and Iron Range Railroad Passenger Station, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Tower, St. Louis County*

Tower-Soudan Historical Society

Development of Architectural Construction Documents for the Tower Fire Hall, \$10,000

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for the Tower Fire Hall, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Tower, St. Louis County*

Senate District 03, House District 03B

Proctor Area Historical Society

Minnesota History and Museum Bookshelf Acquisition, \$1,105

To add Minnesota history and museum administration books to Proctor Historical Society's holdings to make this information more accessible to the public. *Proctor, St. Louis County*

Proctor Area Historical Society

General Conservation Assessment and Long-Range Preservation Plan, \$6,391

To hire a qualified museum consultant to conduct a general preservation needs assessment survey and long-range collections preservation plan. *Proctor, St. Louis County*

Proctor Area Historical Society

StEPs Certification, \$290

To provide Proctor Historical Society with professional continuing education through a national museum training program. *Proctor, St. Louis County*

Senate District 04, House District 04A

Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County

Summer Collections Backlog Project, \$9,935

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Moorhead, Clay County*

Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County

Clay County MNopedia Entries, \$7,050

To create 16 Clay County entries for the MNopedia project for online research. *Moorhead, Clay County*

Senate District 05, House District 05A

Beltrami County Historical Society

Create Beltrami County MNopedia Articles for Online Access, \$4,765

To create 15 Beltrami County entries for the MNopedia project for online research. *Bemidji, Beltrami County*

City of Bemidji

Bemidji Carnegie Library: Rehabilitation, \$345,957

To hire qualified professionals to repair the Bemidji Carnegie Library, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Bemidji, Beltrami County*

Senate District 05, House District 05B

Itasca County Historical Society

AMM/MAM Conference Scholarship, \$2,806

To provide professional development for staff at the regional Association of Midwest Museums/Minnesota Association of Museums Conference in Minneapolis. *Grand Rapids, Itasca County*

Itasca County Historical Society

Museum Lighting Assessment to Meet Preservation Standards, \$8,562

To hire a qualified museum lighting professional to develop a museum lighting plan. *Grand Rapids, Itasca County*

Senate District 06, House District 06A

Minnesota Discovery Center

Temporary Exhibit: 1916 Mesabi Range Strike, \$5,342

To hire qualified professionals to develop an exhibit on the 1916 Mesabi Range strike. *Chisholm, St. Louis and Itasca counties*

Minnesota Discovery Center

Labor Exhibit Implementation, \$90,966

To hire qualified consultants to develop and install an exhibit on Iron Range labor history. *Chisholm, St. Louis, Aitkin, Crow Wing, Itasca, Koochiching and Lake counties*

Senate District 06, House District 06B

City of Virginia

Olcott Park Fountain Conservation Assessment and Long-Range Preservation Plan, \$4,290

To hire a qualified museum conservator to conduct a general preservation needs assessment survey and long-range collections preservation plan. *Virginia, St. Louis County*

City of Virginia

Olcott Park Fountain National Register Nomination, \$7,000

To hire a qualified historian to complete the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Olcott Park Fountain. *Virginia, St. Louis County*

**Laurentian Arts and Culture Alliance
Lyric Building: Storefront Reconstruction,
\$110,000**

To hire qualified professionals to repair the storefront of the Lyric Building, listed in the National Register of Historic Places and home of Laurentian Arts and Culture Alliance. *Virginia, St. Louis County*

Senate District 07, House District 07A

**Armory Arts and Music Center
Duluth Armory Interpretive Concept Plan, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to write an interpretive plan for the Duluth Armory. *Duluth, St. Louis County*

**Armory Arts and Music Center
Duluth Armory: Drill Hall Floor Repair, \$250,000**

To hire qualified professionals to repair the drill hall floor in the Duluth Armory, listed in the National Register of Historic Places and home of the Armory Arts and Music Center. *Duluth, St. Louis County*

**Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial Inc.
Duluth African American Oral History Project,
\$6,160**

To conduct 15 oral history interviews about the history of African Americans in Duluth. *Duluth, St. Louis County*

**Regents of the University of Minnesota
(Duluth Campus)
Minnesota Foundational Environmental Laws Oral
History Project, \$7,000**

To conduct ten oral history interviews about the history of environmental laws in Minnesota. *Duluth, St. Louis County*

Senate District 07, House District 07B

**Duluth Children's Museum
AMM/MAM Conference Scholarship, \$1,704**

To provide professional development for two staff members at the regional Association of Midwest Museums/Minnesota Association of Museums Conference in Minneapolis. *Duluth, St. Louis County*

Senate District 08, House District 08B

**Minnesota Lakes Maritime Society
Museum Lighting System Improvements:
Implementation, \$59,975**

To hire qualified technicians to upgrade Minnesota Lakes Maritime Society's lighting system. *Alexandria, Douglas County*

**City of Henning
Trinity Lutheran Church National Register
Nomination, \$8,588**

To hire a qualified historian to complete the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for Trinity Lutheran Church. *Henning, Otter Tail County*

Senate District 09, House District 09A

**Regents of the University of Minnesota
(Department of Anthropology)
Native Perspectives on the Fur Trade: Searching
for Historic-Period Ojibway and Dakota Sites in
Wadena, \$6,270**

To hire a qualified archaeologist to conduct a survey of Dakota and Ojibwe sites in Wadena. *Leaf River Township, Wadena County*

Senate District 09, House District 09B

**Friends of Linden Hill, Inc.
HVAC Assessment for Weyerhaeuser Mansion,
\$7,800**

To hire a qualified and experienced HVAC engineer to evaluate how well the current system controls the museum environment. *Little Falls, Morrison County*

**Minnesota Military Museum
1930s Camp Ripley Motion Picture Digitization
Project, \$6,280**

To digitize archival 1930s motion pictures from Camp Ripley, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource. *Little Falls, Morrison County*

**Minnesota Military Museum
Conservation Assessment and Long-Range
Preservation Plan, \$6,640**

To hire a qualified museum consultant to conduct a general preservation needs assessment survey and long-range collections preservation plan. *Little Falls, Morrison County*

Todd County Historical Society

Acquire Primary Resources on Microfilm, \$6,188

To add 76 rolls of microfilmed newspapers to make primary records more accessible to the public. *Long Prairie, Todd County*

Senate District 10, House District 10A

Crow Wing County

Crow Wing County Historical Museum and Research Library: Structural Support, \$9,757

To hire qualified professionals to improve structural support for the Crow Wing County Jail and Sheriff's Residence, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Brainerd, Crow Wing County*

Senate District 11, House District 11A

Carlton County

Shaw Memorial Library: Architectural Plans and Specifications for Rehabilitation, \$25,000

To contract with qualified professionals to prepare planning documents that will help preserve the Shaw Memorial Library, listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and used by Carlton County Historical Society. *Cloquet, Carlton County*

Senate District 11, House District 11B

Pine County Historical Society

Inventory of Collections: Phase 3, \$8,650

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Askov, Pine County*

Pine County Historical Society

General Conservation Assessment & Long-Range Preservation Plan, \$4,800

To hire a qualified museum consultant to conduct a general preservation needs assessment survey and long-range collections preservation plan. *Askov, Pine County*

Pine County Historical Society

AMM/MAM Conference Scholarship, \$2,460

To provide professional development for three staff members at the regional Association of Midwest Museums/Minnesota Association of Museums Conference in Minneapolis. *Askov, Pine County*

Senate District 12, House District 12A

Graceville Public Library

Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner, \$10,000

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public. *Graceville, Big Stone and Traverse counties*

Senate District 12, House District 12B

Pope County

Fremad Building Conditions Assessment, \$10,000

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a conditions assessment of the Fremad Building, Glenwood, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Glenwood, Pope County

Pope County Historical Society

Lake Amelia Grist Mill Painting and Frame Restoration, \$5,750

To hire a qualified conservator to restore a significant object in the museum's collections.

Glenwood, Pope County

Pope County Historical Society

Artifact Storage Condition Improvement, \$112,665

To provide better storage conditions, allowing for greater public access to objects in the collection. *Glenwood, Pope County*

Pope County

Melrose Area Historical Society

Evaluation of Museum Lighting, \$9,300

To hire a qualified museum lighting professional to develop a museum lighting plan. *Melrose, Stearns County*

The Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan Architectural and Structural Drawings for the Chancel Wall Reconstruction, \$5,000

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Sauk Centre, Stearns County*

Senate District 13, House District 13A

St. Cloud State University

Digging Fort Fair Haven: Archaeological Excavations, \$9,882

To conduct an excavation of the Fort Fair Haven site in southeast Stearns County. *Fair Haven Township, Stearns County*

Senate District 14, House District 14A

**Stearns History Museum
Archival Inventory Project, \$93,000**

To provide better organization of the museum's archival collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *St. Cloud, Stearns County*

Senate District 14, House District 14B

**City of St. Cloud
Southeast St. Cloud Local Historic District
Designation Study, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified historian to complete local historic designations for four sites in St. Cloud. *St. Cloud, Sherburne County*

**St. Cloud State University
Investigating the Cultural Geography of St. Cloud
State University, \$9,000**

To hire a qualified historian to research the cultural history of St. Cloud State University.
St. Cloud, Stearns County

Senate District 15, House District 15A

**Milaca Area Historical Society
Microfilming Unfilmed Issues of the *Mille Lacs
County Times*, \$2,660**

To microfilm *Mille Lacs County Times* newspapers to make primary records more accessible to the public.
Milaca, Mille Lacs County

Senate District 15, House District 15B

**Sherburne County Historical Society
Sherburne County Quilt Documentation Project:
Phase 2, \$3,082**

To document quilts in Sherburne County, allowing for greater public access to these historic resources. *Becker, Sherburne County*

**Sherburne County Historical Society
Rehousing Storage Project, \$2,098**

To provide appropriate storage materials for museum collections. *Becker, Sherburne County*

Senate District 16, House District 16A

**City of Dawson
Acquisition of Microfilm Reader/Printer, \$9,385**

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public.
Dawson, Lac qui Parle County

City of Madison**Madison City Hall Conditions Assessment, \$8,100**

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a conditions assessment of Madison City Hall, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Madison, Lac qui Parle County*

**Lac qui Parle County Historical Society
Museum Security System Upgrade, \$9,995**

To hire qualified technicians to install an upgraded security system to protect the collections from theft or fire. *Madison, Lac qui Parle County*

**Lac qui Parle County Historical Society
Museum Lighting: Phase 2, \$72,225**

To hire qualified technicians to upgrade Lac qui Parle County Historical Society's lighting system. *Madison, Lac qui Parle County*

**Lyon County Historical Society
AMM/MAM Conference Scholarship, \$1,923**

To provide professional development for two staff members at the regional Association of Midwest Museums/Minnesota Association of Museums Conference in Minneapolis. *Marshall, Lyon County*

**Lyon County Historical Society
Research for New Permanent Exhibit Gallery at
the Lyon County Museum, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to research the history of Lyon County in preparation for a future exhibit.
Marshall, Lyon County

**Lyon County Historical Society
Marshall-Lyon County Library National Register
Evaluation, \$6,859**

To hire qualified consultants to evaluate the Marshall-Lyon County Library, now used as the Lyon County Historical Society, for possible inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. *Marshall, Lyon County*

**Lyon County Historical Society
Natural Disasters Oral History Project, \$10,000**

To conduct 10 oral history interviews about the histories of two major natural disasters in Lyon County. *Marshall, Lyon County*

**Southwest Minnesota Regional Research Center
Microfilming Lyon County Township Records,
\$4,995**

To microfilm township records for six Lyon County townships to make primary records more accessible to the public. *Marshall, Lyon County*

**Society for the Study of Local and Regional History
The Women of Southwest Minnesota and the
Great War: Writing Phase 2, \$3,850**

To hire qualified professionals to produce a manuscript on the history of women in southwestern Minnesota during World War I. *Marshall, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone and Rock counties*

**Granite Falls Historical Society
Andrew J. Volstead House: Interpretive Plan,
\$22,800**

To hire a qualified consultant to write an interpretive plan for the Andrew J. Volstead House, a National Historic Landmark. *Granite Falls, Yellow Medicine and Chippewa counties*

Senate District 16, House District 16B

**Brown County Historical Society
Exhibit Installation: WWI Brown County and the
First Amendment, \$8,982**

To hire qualified consultants to develop and install an exhibit on World War I in Brown County. *New Ulm, Brown County*

**New Ulm Public Library
New Ulm Journal Microfilm Acquisition, \$9,585**

To add 106 rolls of microfilmed New Ulm newspapers to the library's holdings, making primary records more accessible to the public. *New Ulm, Brown County*

**Wanda Gag House Association
Architectural Services, \$10,000**

To contract with a qualified architect to prepare construction documents for the preservation of the Wanda Gag House, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *New Ulm, Brown County*

**Wanda Gag House Association
AASLH StEPs Assessment Program for the Wanda
Gag House Association, \$7,675**

To provide Wanda Gag House Association with professional continuing education through a national museum training program. *New Ulm, Brown County*

**Lower Sioux Indian Community
Publication of Book on Cultural and Medicinal
Plants: Phase 2, \$10,000**

To hire qualified professionals to produce a field guide on the cultural history of plants in the Lower Sioux Indian Community. *Redwood County*

Senate District 17, House District 17A

**Chippewa County Historical Society
Digital Conversion of Audio Cassette Tapes,
\$6,564**

To digitize a collection of oral history cassette recordings, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource. *Montevideo, Chippewa County*

**Sacred Heart Area Historical Society
Collections and Storage Lighting Evaluation and
Redesign of Sacred Heart Area Museum, \$8,110**

To hire a qualified museum lighting professional to develop a museum lighting plan. *Sacred Heart, Renville County*

**Sacred Heart Area Historical Society
AMM/MAM Conference Scholarship, \$1,167**

To provide professional development for one staff member at the regional Association of Midwest Museums/Minnesota Association of Museums Conference in Minneapolis. *Sacred Heart, Renville County*

**Sacred Heart Area Historical Society
Hotel Sacred Heart: Building Reuse Feasibility
Study, \$80,125**

To hire a qualified consultant to conduct an architectural study of Hotel Sacred Heart, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Sacred Heart, Renville County*

**Swift County Historical Society
HVAC System Installation, \$96,400**

To hire qualified technicians to upgrade Swift County Historical Society's heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) system. *Benson, Swift County*

Senate District 17, House District 17B

**Kandiyohi County Historical Society
World War I Traveling Exhibit Plan, \$9,920**

To hire a qualified consultant to write an exhibit plan about World War I for an upcoming traveling exhibit. *Willmar, Kandiyohi, Big Stone, Chippewa, Lac qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Redwood, Renville, Swift and Yellow Medicine counties*

Senate District 18, House District 18A

**McLeod County Historical Society
C-14 & Archaeological Examination of Dugout
Canoe: Phase 3, \$4,628**

To hire a qualified archaeologist to conduct an examination of McLeod County Historical Society's dugout canoe. *Hutchinson, McLeod and Meeker counties*

**McLeod County Historical Society
McLeod County World War I Anniversary:
Exhibit Planning & Design, \$9,950**

To hire a qualified consultant to write an exhibit plan and designs for McLeod County Historical Society's upcoming World War I exhibit. *Hutchinson, McLeod County*

**McLeod County Historical Society
Museum Building ADA Accessibility Compliance
Facility Upgrade, \$112,100**

To improve public accessibility at McLeod County Historical Society and better comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. *Hutchinson, McLeod County*

**Cokato Historical Society
Museum Lighting Redesign Project, \$7,000**

To hire a qualified museum lighting professional to develop a museum lighting plan. *Cokato, Wright County*

Senate District 18, House District 18B

**Historic Hutchinson
The Writing on the Wall: Historic Graffiti at the
Depot, \$8,540**

To hire a professional to assess and write a report for historically significant graffiti at the former Great Northern railroad depot in Hutchinson, which will allow greater public access to this resource. *Hutchinson, McLeod County*

**Sibley County Historical Society
Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner,
\$10,000**

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public. *Henderson, Sibley County*

Senate District 19, House District 19A

**Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota
Development and Graphic Design of Mni Wiconi
Interpretive Graphics, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to write an exhibit plan on the importance of water in Dakota history in Minnesota. *Mankato, Blue Earth County*

**Minnesota State University, Mankato
(Department of Anthropology)
Johnson Island Site National Register Evaluation,
\$9,992**

To complete an evaluation to determine eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for the Johnson Island site, Swan Lake, Nicollet County. *Courtland Township, Nicollet and Blue Earth counties*

**Gustavus Adolphus College
(Hillstrom Museum of Art)
General Conservation Assessment and Long-
Range Preservation Plan, \$6,005**

To hire a qualified museum consultant to conduct a general preservation needs assessment survey and long-range collections preservation plan. *St. Peter, Nicollet County*

Senate District 19, House District 19B

**Greater Mankato Diversity Council
Research on the Cultural History of Mankato,
1852-2015, \$9,910**

To hire a qualified historian to research Mankato's cultural history. *Mankato, Blue Earth and Nicollet counties*

**Blue Earth County Historical Society
AMM/MAM Conference Scholarship, \$1,301**

To provide professional development for two staff members at the regional Association of Midwest Museums/Minnesota Association of Museums Conference in Minneapolis. *Mankato, Blue Earth County*

**Minnesota State University, Mankato
(Library Services)**

***The Reporter* Digitization, 1998-2008, \$6,175**

To digitize issues of the student newspaper, *The Reporter*, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource. *Mankato, Blue Earth County*

Senate District 20, House District 20B

**Minnesota State University, Mankato (Department
of Anthropology)
Malecha Site (21LE113) National Register
Evaluation, \$9,991**

To hire a qualified historian to complete an evaluation to determine eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for the Malecha Site, LeSueur County. *Lanesburgh Township, Le Sueur and Blue Earth counties*

Northfield Arts Guild

Northfield Arts Guild Oral History, \$8,650

To conduct 15-20 oral history interviews about the history of the Northfield Arts Guild. *Northfield, Rice and Dakota counties*

**All Saints Episcopal Church
Conditions Assessment, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a conditions assessment of All Saints Episcopal Church, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Northfield, Rice County*

**Carleton College
The Presidency of John Nason, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified professional to produce a manuscript on the early years of John Nason's presidency at Carleton College. *Northfield, Rice County*

**Carleton College
Print Manuscript: A History of Religion, the Chapel,
and the Chaplaincy at Carleton, \$6,700**

To hire qualified professionals to publish a book on the history of the chaplaincy at Carleton College. *Northfield, Rice County*

**Northfield Historical Society
1876 Bank Raid Exhibit: Research and Script
Writing Phase 2, \$9,980**

To hire qualified consultants to develop an exhibit script on the 1876 bank raid in Northfield. *Northfield, Rice County*

**Northfield Historical Society
Laura Baker Services Association Collection
Inventory and Rehousing, \$10,000**

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Northfield, Rice County*

**Northfield Historical Society
Textile Storage and Catalog Record Improvement:
Phase 1, \$9,952**

To provide better storage conditions, allowing for greater public access to objects in the collection. *Northfield, Rice County*

**Project Friendship
Oral History of Project Friendship, \$10,000**

To conduct oral history interviews about the history of Project Friendship, Northfield. *Northfield, Rice County*

**Save the Northfield Depot
Northfield Depot National Register Evaluation,
\$3,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to evaluate the Northfield Depot for possible inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. *Northfield, Rice County*

Senate District 21, House District 21A

**Science Museum of Minnesota
Archaeobotany at the Energy Park Site: Plant Use
at a 12th-13th Century Native American Village,
\$9,969**

To hire qualified archaeologists to conduct a survey of plant and soil samples at a 12th-13th century American Indian village near Red Wing. *Red Wing, Goodhue and Ramsey counties*

**City of Cannon Falls
Third Street Bridge: Predevelopment Construction
Plans and Specifications, \$161,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for the Third Street Bridge, Cannon Falls, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Cannon Falls, Goodhue County*

**Goodhue County Historical Society
Inventory of Three-Dimensional Collection,
\$77,792**

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Red Wing, Goodhue County*

**Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation
MICC Museum Inventory Collection Completion,
\$62,344**

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Red Wing, Goodhue County*

**The Anderson Center for Interdisciplinary Studies
Conditions Assessment of Historic Tower, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a conditions assessment of the historic tower at Tower View, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Red Wing, Goodhue County*

Senate District 21, House District 21B

**Wabasha County
Zumbro Parkway Bridge: Predevelopment
Construction Plans and Specifications, \$35,000**

To contract with qualified professionals to prepare planning documents that will help preserve the Zumbro Parkway Bridge (Bridge No. 3219), listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Zumbro Falls, Wabasha County*

Senate District 22, House District 22A

Balaton Area Historical Society Museum Lighting Redesign: Preserving and Protecting our Heritage for Future Generations, \$8,458

To hire a qualified museum lighting professional to develop a museum lighting plan. *Balaton, Lyon County*

Fulda Heritage Society Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul and Pacific Depot: Condition Assessment, \$38,500

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul and Pacific Depot in Fulda, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Fulda, Murray County*

Murray County Historical Society Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner, \$9,985

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer/scanner to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public. *Slayton, Murray County*

Murray County Historical Society Murray County MNopedia Articles, \$4,200

To create five Murray County entries for the MNopedia project for online research. *Slayton, Murray County*

Murray County Historical Society Dinehart-Holt House: Historic Structure Report, \$62,000

To hire a qualified consultant to develop a Historic Structure Report that will help preserve the Dinehart-Holt House, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Slayton, Murray County*

Pipestone County Split Rock Bridge: Predevelopment Construction Plans and Specifications, \$93,500

To contract with qualified professionals to prepare construction documents for the preservation of Split Rock Bridge, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Eden Township, Pipestone County*

City of Pipestone Conditions Assessment for the Pipestone Historic Water Tower, \$10,000

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a conditions assessment of the Pipestone Historic Water Tower, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Pipestone, Pipestone County*

Pipestone Indian Shrine Association Final Design and Construction Documents for the Superintendent's Residence of the Former Pipestone Indian Boarding School, \$10,000

To contract with qualified professionals to prepare final design and construction documents for the preservation of the superintendent's residence at the former Pipestone Indian Boarding School, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Pipestone, Pipestone County*

City of Beaver Creek Bridge No. L-4646: Predevelopment Construction Plans and Specifications, \$40,100

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for Bridge No. L-4646 (Spring Brook Bridge), listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Beaver Creek, Rock County*

Senate District 22, House District 22B

Heritage Village (Mountain Lake) Krieser Home National Register Evaluation, \$3,584

To hire a qualified historian to complete an evaluation to determine eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for a structure in Mountain Lake. *Mountain Lake, Cottonwood County*

Cottonwood County Historical Society Cottonwood County MNopedia Entries, \$4,960

To create 26 Cottonwood County entries for the MNopedia project for online research. *Windom, Cottonwood County*

Nobles County Historical Society Archaeological Survey of Trappers Dugouts: Phase 1, \$6,350

To digitize a collection of photo negatives, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource. *Bigelow, Nobles County*

Nobles County Historical Society Digital Conversion of Large Format Negatives, \$6,305

To digitize a collection of photo negatives, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource. *Worthington, Nobles County*

Nobles County Historical Society National Guard Armory National Register Nomination, \$6,000

To hire a qualified historian to complete the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the National Guard Armory in Worthington. *Worthington, Nobles County*

Senate District 23, House District 23B

Waseca County Historical Society Hofmann Apiaries Construction Drawings, Scope of Work and Specifications, \$10,000

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for reuse of Hofmann Apiaries, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Janesville, Waseca County

Watonwan County

West Bridge: Predevelopment Construction Plans and Specifications, \$108,000

To contract with qualified professionals to prepare planning documents that will help preserve West Bridge, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Madelia, Watonwan

Senate District 24, House District 24A

City of Owatonna Owatonna City and Fireman's Hall: Roof & Masonry Assessment, \$28,500

To contract with qualified professionals to prepare construction documents for the preservation of the Owatonna City and Fireman's Hall, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Owatonna, Steele County*

Steele County Historical Society Collections Cataloging: School House, \$7,455

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Owatonna, Steele County*

Waseca County Historical Society Acquire a Digital Microfilm Reader/Printer/ Scanner, \$9,387

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer/scanner to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public. *Waseca, Waseca County*

Senate District 24, House District 24B

Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour and Guild House: Historic Structure Report, \$58,762

To hire a qualified consultant to develop a Historic Structure Report that will help preserve the Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior and Guild Hall, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Faribault, Rice County*

Rice County Historical Society Alexander Faribault House: Predevelopment— Working Drawings/Architectural Plans and Specifications, \$23,780

To contract with qualified professionals to prepare construction documents for the preservation of the Alexander Faribault House, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Faribault, Rice County*

Steele County Historical Society Daniel S. Piper House: Engineering Report for Stabilization, \$10,000

To hire a qualified engineer to develop an engineering report for the Daniel S. Piper House, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Medford, Steele County*

Senate District 25, House District 25A

Kasson Alliance for Restoration Inc Kasson Public School: Historic Structure Report, \$45,000

To hire a qualified consultant to develop a Historic Structure Report that will help preserve the Kasson Public School, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Kasson, Dodge County*

Dodge County Historical Society Planning for Redesign of Museum Lighting, \$7,176

To hire a qualified museum lighting professional to develop a museum lighting plan. *Mantorville, Dodge County*

Dodge County Historical Society Construction Documents: Wasioja Civil War Recruiting Station, \$6,500

To hire a qualified architect to develop architectural drawings for reuse of the Wasioja Civil War Recruiting Station, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Wasioja, Dodge County*

Senate District 27, House District 27B

Hormel Historic Home AMM/MAM Conference Scholarship, \$940

To provide professional development for staff at the regional Association of Midwest Museums/Minnesota Association of Museums Conference in Minneapolis. *Austin, Mower County*

Senate District 28, House District 28A

Polish Cultural Institute

Collections Inventory: Phase 6, \$9,963

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Winona, Winona County*

Polish Cultural Institute

General Conservation Assessment and Long-Range Preservation Plan, \$4,800

To hire a qualified museum consultant to conduct a general preservation needs assessment survey and long-range collections preservation plan. *Winona, Winona County*

Polish Cultural Institute

Collections Inventory: Phase 7, \$9,990

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Winona, Winona County*

Winona County Historical Society

AMM/MAM Conference Scholarship, \$5,247

To provide professional development for staff at the regional Association of Midwest Museums/Minnesota Association of Museums Conference in Minneapolis. *Winona, Winona County*

Winona County Historical Society

Implementation of Environmental Monitoring Program, \$2,114

To monitor, assess, and make necessary changes to environmental controls at the museum. *Winona, Winona County*

Winona County Historical Society

Archives and Library Basic Processing Project, \$102,675

To provide better organization of the archival materials, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Winona, Winona County*

Senate District 28, House District 28B

City of Lanesboro

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Hall: Rehabilitation, \$179,400

To hire qualified professionals to repair the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Hall, listed in the National Register of Historic Places and used as the Sons of Norway Heimbygda Lodge. *Lanesboro, Fillmore County*

Lanesboro Historical Preservation Association

Progress and Discovery: Collection Inventory III, \$8,900

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Lanesboro, Fillmore County*

Houston County

Houston County Courthouse and Jail:

Construction Planning and Reuse Study, \$76,220

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings and reuse study for the Houston County Courthouse and Jail, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Caledonia, Houston County*

Giants of the Earth Heritage Center

Interpretive Plan, \$10,000

To hire a qualified consultant to write an interpretive plan for Giants of the Earth's museum. *Spring Grove, Houston County*

Giants of the Earth Heritage Center

Ballard House National Register Nomination, \$10,000

To hire a qualified historian to complete the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Ballard House, Spring Grove. *Spring Grove, Houston County*

Senate District 29, House District 29B

Wright County Historical Society

Planning for Redesign of Museum Lighting, \$7,938

To hire a qualified museum lighting professional to develop a museum lighting plan. *Buffalo, Wright County*

Wright County Historical Society

Acquire Digital Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner, \$9,014

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public. *Buffalo, Wright County*

Independent School District #882

Digital Conversion: The History of Monticello Football, \$5,341

To digitize a collection of video recordings of Monticello football games, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource. *Monticello, Wright County*

Senate District 32, House District 32A**North Chisago Historical Society
Newspaper Microfilm Acquisition, \$6,350**

To add 78 rolls of microfilmed newspapers to make primary records more accessible to the public. *Rush City, Chisago County*

Senate District 33, House District 33A**Maritime Heritage Minnesota
Lake Minnetonka Nautical Archaeology Project:
Anomaly Assessment, \$9,960**

To conduct a marine archaeology assessment of Lake Minnetonka. *Hennepin and Carver Counties*

**North Hennepin Pioneer Society
National Register Eligibility for the Burschville
School, \$7,500**

To hire qualified consultants to evaluate the Burschville School, Corcoran, for possible inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. *Corcoran, Hennepin County*

Senate District 33, House District 33B**The Museum of Lake Minnetonka
Establish an Archive with an Appropriate Storage
Environment, \$9,157**

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Excelsior, Hennepin County*

Senate District 35, House District 35A**Anoka County Historical Society
AMM/MAM Conference Scholarship, \$873**

To provide professional development for staff at the regional Association of Midwest Museums/Minnesota Association of Museums Conference in Minneapolis. *Anoka, Anoka County*

**Anoka County Historical Society
Creation of MNopedia Articles, \$6,090**

To create 19 Anoka County entries for the MNopedia project for online research. *Anoka, Anoka County*

**Anoka County Historical Society
Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner, \$9,999**

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer/scanner to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public. *Anoka, Anoka County*

**Anoka County Historical Society
Minnesota History Bookshelf, \$733**

To add 26 Minnesota history books to Anoka County Historical Society's holdings to make this information more accessible to the public. *Anoka, Anoka County*

Senate District 38, House District 38B**White Bear Lake Area Historical Society
Campbell Photo Collection Project, \$1,378**

To digitize a collection of glass plate negatives, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource. *White Bear Lake, Ramsey and Washington counties*

**City of White Bear Lake
White Bear Lake Armory National Register
Evaluation, \$5,000**

To hire a qualified historian to complete an evaluation to determine eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for the White Bear Lake Armory. *White Bear Lake, Ramsey County*

**White Bear Lake Area Historical Society
White Bear Town Hall Architect Research, \$3,084**

To research the history of the White Bear Town Hall in order to verify whether the architect was Cass Gilbert. *White Bear Lake, Ramsey County*

**White Bear Lake Area Historical Society
White Bear Lake Armory HVAC Design Services,
\$10,000**

To contract with qualified professionals to prepare HVAC design documents that will help preserve the White Bear Lake Armory. *White Bear Lake, Ramsey County*

**White Bear Lake Area Historical Society
White Bear Township Historical Marker Project,
\$1,550**

To hire qualified consultants to research and develop interpretive signage on the historic White Bear Town Hall. *White Bear Lake, Ramsey County*

Senate District 39, House District 39A**Marine Library Association
Minnesota History and Historic Preservation
Bookshelves, \$997**

To add 36 Minnesota history and historic preservation books to the Marine Community Library's holdings to make this information more accessible to the public. *Marine on St. Croix, Washington County*

Grants awarded Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2016. Project locations reflect where grant work is being accomplished.

Senate District 39, House District 39B

**Minnesota Special Education Leaders Foundation
Researching Minnesota's Special Education
History from 2000 to 2010, \$9,995**

To hire a qualified historian to research the recent history of special education in Minnesota. *Lake Elmo, Washington County*

**Minnesota Special Education Leaders Foundation
Writing the *History of Educating, Not Educating, Minnesota's Children with Disabilities 1840-1960*, \$32,132**

To hire qualified professionals to produce a manuscript on the history of special education in Minnesota. *Lake Elmo, Washington County*

Senate District 41, House District 41A

**Springbrook Nature Center Foundation
Tornado Exhibit—Oral History Interviews, \$1,500**

To conduct 10 oral history interviews about the history of the impact of the 1986 Fridley tornado on Springbrook Nature Center. *Fridley, Anoka County*

Senate District 42, House District 42B

**Heritage Organization of Romanian Americans
in Minnesota****Romanian Immigration to Minnesota During
Communism (1945-1989): Documentary, \$52,920**

To hire qualified professionals to produce a documentary on the history of Romanian immigration to Minnesota, 1945-1989. *Vadnais Heights, Ramsey County*

**Shoreview Historical Society
Archaeological Survey of Vadnais Lake:
Reconnaissance Phase I, \$9,750**

To hire a qualified archaeologist to conduct a reconnaissance survey of Vadnais Lake. *Vadnais Heights, Ramsey County*

Senate District 43, House District 43A

**City of Maplewood
Gladstone Savanna Interpretive Signs, \$10,000**

To hire qualified consultants to research and develop interpretive signage on the Gladstone Savanna in Ramsey County. *Maplewood, Ramsey County*

**Maplewood Area Historical Society
3M and Maplewood: Magically Adhered Exhibit
Production, \$56,614**

To hire qualified consultants to develop and install an exhibit on the history of 3M in Maplewood. *Maplewood, Ramsey County*

Senate District 44, House District 44B

**Minnetonka Historical Society
Collections Management Policy & Procedures,
\$3,800**

To hire a qualified consultant to prepare a collections management policies and procedures document. *Minnetonka, Hennepin County*

Senate District 45, House District 45B

**Golden Valley Historical Society
Design, Fabrication, and Installation of Permanent
Exhibits, \$139,950**

To hire qualified consultants to develop and install permanent exhibits at Golden Valley Historical Society. *Golden Valley, Hennepin County*

**Golden Valley Historical Society
Collections Inventory, \$9,986**

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Golden Valley, Hennepin County*

**Robbinsdale Historical Society
Terrace Theatre National Register Nomination,
\$10,000**

To hire a qualified historian to complete the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Terrace Theatre in Robbinsdale. *Robbinsdale, Hennepin County*

Senate District 46, House District 46A

**Beth El Foundation of Minnesota
Beth El Synagogue 1920-Present: Jewish Tradition
Enriching Minnesota Life: Exhibit Planning
Phase 2, \$9,940**

To hire a qualified consultant to write an exhibit plan on Jewish tradition in Minnesota. *St. Louis Park, Hennepin, Ramsey and St. Louis counties*

Senate District 46, House District 46B

**City of Hopkins
Albert Pike Masonic Lodge: Historic Structure
Report, \$35,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to develop a Historic Structure Report that will help preserve the former Albert Pike Masonic Lodge, eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *Hopkins, Hennepin County*

**Hopkins Historical Society
Collections Management Policy & Procedures,
\$3,800**

To hire a qualified consultant to prepare a collections management policies and procedures document. *Hopkins, Hennepin County*

**St. Louis Park Historical Society
St. Louis Park Microfilm: Phase 2, \$3,402**

To add 42 rolls of microfilmed newspapers to make primary records more accessible to the public. *St. Louis Park, Hennepin County*

Senate District 47, House District 47A

**City of Norwood Young America
Norwood Young America Pavilion National
Register Evaluation, \$6,300**

To hire qualified consultants to evaluate the Norwood Young America Pavilion for possible inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. *Norwood Young America, Carver County*

**Carver County Historical Society
AMM/MAM Conference Scholarship, \$1,947**

To provide professional development for two staff members at the regional Association of Midwest Museums/Minnesota Association of Museums Conference in Minneapolis. *Waconia, Carver County*

**Carver County Historical Society
Collections Management and Assessment:
Phase 1, \$9,729**

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Waconia, Carver County*

**Carver County Historical Society
Newspaper Microfilm Conversion: Phase 1, \$7,612**

To microfilm four years of weekly Carver County newspapers to make primary records more accessible to the public. *Waconia, Carver County*

Senate District 47, House District 47B

**Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Foundation
Creating a Long-Range Conservation Plan for
Arboretum Art and Sculpture Collection, \$5,736**

To hire a qualified museum consultant to conduct a general preservation needs assessment survey and long-range collections preservation plan. *Chaska, Carver County*

Senate District 48, House District 48B

**City of Eden Prairie
Cummins-Phipps-Grill House Plans & Specs for
Upstairs Repair Project, \$9,650**

To contract with qualified professionals to prepare planning documents that will help preserve the Cummins-Phipps-Grill House, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Eden Prairie, Hennepin County*

Senate District 49, House District 49B

**PACER Center
Research Minnesota's History of Parent
Involvement in Educating Children with
Disabilities, \$9,981**

To hire a qualified consultant to research the history of parent advocacy in Minnesota for children with disabilities, in preparation for a future book. *Bloomington, Hennepin County*

**Edina Historical Society
Interpretive Planning: Recommendation and
Implementation Phase 2, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to write Phase 2 of an interpretive plan for Edina Historical Society. *Edina, Hennepin County*

**Edina Historical Society
Partial Collections Inventory, \$65,240**

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Edina, Hennepin County*

Senate District 50, House District 50A

**Northwestern Health Sciences University
Digitize Student Yearbooks, \$1,435**

To digitize the student yearbooks, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource. *Bloomington, Hennepin County*

Senate District 51, House District 51B

Caponi Art Park**Development of Caponi Art Park Collection:
Phase 5, \$3,850**

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Eagan, Dakota County*

Senate District 52, House District 52B

Macalester College**Geophysical Survey of Archaeological Resources
at the Katharine Ordway Natural History Study
Area, \$7,103**

To hire a qualified archaeologist to conduct a geophysical survey of the Katharine Ordway Natural History Study Area, Inver Grove Heights. *Inver Grove Heights, Dakota and Ramsey counties*

Senate District 54, House District 54A

Dakota County**Mississippi River Trail—South St. Paul Stockyards
Interpretive Design, \$52,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to write an interpretive plan for the South St. Paul Stockyards Interpretive Node. *South St. Paul, Dakota County*

Dakota County Historical Society**1917-1918 Exhibits Research, \$8,180**

To hire a qualified historian to research Minnesota history during 1917-1918 in preparation for upcoming exhibits. *South St. Paul, Dakota County*

Senate District 54, House District 54B

City of Hastings**William G. LeDuc House: Roof Replacement,
\$107,550**

To hire qualified professionals to replace the roof on the William G. Le Duc House, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Hastings, Dakota County*

Denmark Township Historical Society**Architectural Design and Construction Documents
for the Rehabilitation of District No. 34 School,
\$9,999**

To contract with qualified professionals to prepare construction documents for the preservation of District No. 34 School, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Denmark Township, Washington and Dakota counties*

Afton Historical Society and Museum**Rehouse Remaining 2D Objects, \$34,684**

To provide better organization of the archival materials, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Afton, Washington County*

Afton Historical Society and Museum**Create Disaster Recovery Plan, \$4,375**

To hire a qualified museum consultant to develop a disaster plan for the Afton Historical Society and Museum. *Afton, Washington County*

Senate District 55, House District 55A

Scott County Historical Society**Develop a Disaster and Emergency Response Plan,
\$4,478**

To hire a qualified museum consultant to develop a disaster plan for the Scott County Historical Society. *Shakopee, Scott County*

Scott County Historical Society**Youth Archaeology Workshop Series, \$4,485**

To hire a qualified archaeologist to conduct children's archaeology workshops at Scott County Historical Society. *Shakopee, Scott County*

Scott County Historical Society**AMM/MAM Conference Scholarship, \$1,344**

To provide professional development for three staff members at the regional Association of Midwest Museums/Minnesota Association of Museums Conference in Minneapolis. *Shakopee, Scott County*

Scott County Historical Society**Partial Inventory of the LeRoy Lebens Photograph
Collection, \$63,000**

To hire qualified professionals to begin an inventory of a photograph collection held by Scott County Historical Society. *Shakopee, Scott County*

Senate District 59, House District 59B

**City of Minneapolis (Community Planning &
Economic Development)****Historic Nicollet Mall Sculpture Clock:
Conservation, \$92,948**

To hire a qualified conservator to restore a significant object in the city's collections. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

**Minnesota Center for Book Arts
Developing a Collections Plan for a Rubber Stamp
Collection, \$9,900**

To hire professionals to assess and write a collections plan for a historically significant collection, which will allow greater public access to this resource. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

**Minnesota Council on Foundations
Oral History Collection: Phase 3, \$10,000**

To conduct 8-14 oral history interviews about the history of philanthropy in Minnesota. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

**Phyllis Wheatley Community Center
Rise and Fall of Minnesota Ombudsman for
Corrections, \$9,700**

To conduct 10-15 oral history interviews about the history of the Minnesota Ombudsman for Corrections. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

Senate District 60, House District 60A

**Minneapolis Riverfront Partnership
The Red River Oxcart Trail Bike Tour II, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified historian to complete production of a heritage tourism bike tour. *Minneapolis, Hennepin and Anoka counties*

Senate District 60, House District 60B

**Regents of the University of Minnesota
(Bell Museum of Natural History)
History of the Bell Museum and Planetarium:
Research, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified historian to research the history of the Bell Museum and Planetarium. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

**Regents of the University of Minnesota
(Humphrey School of Public Affairs)
Preserving the Legacy of Hubert Humphrey:
Phase 1, \$45,700**

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

**Regents of the University of Minnesota
(Institute on Community Integration)
Publish Evelyn Deno's Anthology of the 1957
Minnesota Law Requiring Special Education,
\$9,960**

To hire qualified professionals to publish a book on the history of Minnesota's law requiring special education. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

**Regents of the University of Minnesota
(U of M Libraries)
Prairie Poets and Press: Literary Lives of the Upper
Midwest, \$88,386**

To provide better organization of archival materials, allowing for greater public access to historic resources. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

**Regents of the University of Minnesota
(University of Minnesota Press)
Border Country: The Northwoods Canoe Journals
of Howard Greene, 1906-1916, \$10,000**

To hire qualified professionals to publish Howard Greene's journals about the north woods of Minnesota. *Minneapolis, Hennepin, Cook, Koochiching, Lake, Otter Tail and St. Louis counties*

Senate District 61, House District 61A

**Lake Harriet Spiritual Community
Exterior Restoration Architectural Drawings,
\$10,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for Lake Harriet Methodist Episcopal Church, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

**The Bakken Museum
Exhibit Research for Inventing for Health:
Minnesota's Biomedical Revolution, \$44,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to research the history of the biomedical technology industry in Minnesota in preparation for a future exhibit. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

Senate District 61, House District 61B

**Minnesota Streetcar Museum
Repair and Overhaul Streetcar 1300's Trucks,
\$115,800**

To hire a qualified conservator to restore a significant object in the museum's collections. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

PFLAG St. Paul - Minneapolis

Preservation and Rehousing of the PFLAG Twin Cities Archives, \$2,144

To provide appropriate storage materials for an archival collection. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

The Museum of Russian Art

General Assessment and Long-Range Plan, \$9,999

To hire a qualified museum consultant to conduct a general preservation needs assessment survey and long-range collections preservation plan. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

Senate District 62, House District 62A

American Swedish Institute

Swan Turnblad House: Interpretive Plan, \$40,600

To hire a qualified consultants to write an interpretive plan for the American Swedish Institute. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

VocalEssence

50th Anniversary Digital Archiving, \$10,000

To hire a qualified professional to assess the archival collections held by VocalEssence. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

Senate District 63, House District 63A

Community Celebration of Place

The Larry Long Archives Project, \$9,995

To provide better organization of archival materials, allowing for greater public access to historic resources. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

Friends of Christ Church Lutheran

Courtyard Restoration, \$228,074

To hire qualified professionals to restore the courtyard at Christ Church Lutheran, a National Historic Landmark. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

Senate District 63, House District 63B

AirSpace Minnesota

Interpretive Exhibit Plan: A Century of Innovation, \$10,000

To hire a qualified consultant to write an exhibit plan for Minnesota aviation and aerospace history. *Hennepin County*

AirSpace Minnesota

Centennial Plan: Birth of the Citizen Airmen, \$49,800

To hire qualified consultants to develop planning documents for the centennial celebration of the Minnesota Air National Guard. *Hennepin County*

Minnesota Archaeological Society

Digging Critically: Using Science in Minnesota Archaeology, \$22,827

To hire qualified professionals to produce a script on the history of Minnesota archaeology. *Hennepin County*

Senate District 64, House District 64A

Macalester College

Acquire Microfilm Reader/Scanner, \$10,000

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Twin City Model Railroad Museum

Initial Exhibit Schematic Design for New Museum Space, \$10,000

To hire a qualified consultant to develop schematic designs for new exhibits. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Senate District 64, House District 64B

Regents of the University of Minnesota (University of Minnesota Press)

Book Production: The Ford Century in Minnesota, \$10,000

To hire qualified professionals to publish a book on the history of the Ford Motor Company in Minnesota. *St. Paul, Ramsey and Hennepin counties*

Saint Paul Regional Water Services

Highland Tower Conditions Assessment, \$10,000

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a conditions assessment of the Highland Water Tower, St. Paul, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Maritime Heritage Minnesota

Minnesota Dugout Canoe Project: Documentation, \$7,342

To hire qualified archaeologists to conduct a survey of undocumented dugout canoes. *St. Paul, Ramsey, Beltrami, Carver, Houston and Traverse counties*

Maritime Heritage Minnesota

Minnesota Small Craft Project, \$8,196

To conduct a survey of rare Minnesota-produced watercraft to allow for greater public access to these historic resources. *St. Paul, Ramsey, Hennepin, Mille Lacs, Waseca and Wright counties*

Maritime Heritage Minnesota

Minnesota Suburban Lakes Survey Project, \$9,952

To conduct a marine archaeology survey of six suburban Minnesota lakes. *St. Paul, Ramsey, Hennepin, Scott, Washington and Wright counties*

Senate District 65, House District 65A

Hmong Museum

AMM/MAM Conference Scholarship, \$1,210

To provide professional development for two staff members at the regional Association of Midwest Museums/Minnesota Association of Museums Conference in Minneapolis. *St. Paul, Ramsey and Hennepin counties*

City of St. Paul (Planning & Economic Development)

Hamline-Midway Neighborhood Cultural Resources Survey, \$10,000

To hire a qualified consultant to conduct a cultural resources survey in St. Paul's Hamline-Midway neighborhood. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Friends for a Non-Violent World

Minnesota Peace and Justice History Project: Oral History Transcriptions, \$1,200

To transcribe oral history interviews on the history of peace and justice in Minnesota. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota

Hmong Minnesota Folk Culture Permanent Exhibit Planning Project, \$10,000

To hire qualified professionals to research and develop an exhibit on the folk cultural heritage of Hmong Minnesotans. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Minnesota Territorial Pioneers Inc.

Collections and Inventory Assessment, \$3,581

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Senate District 65, House District 65B

Science Museum of Minnesota

Documenting and Rehousing the 1973-1977

Silvernale Site Archaeological Collection, \$126,196

To provide better organization of archaeological collections, allowing for greater public access to historic resources. *St. Paul, Ramsey and Goodhue counties*

Cass Gilbert Society Inc.

Furnishings of the Historic 1905 Minnesota State Capitol: Research, \$96,500

To hire a qualified consultant to research the history and disposition of the original furnishings from the Minnesota State Capitol. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota

Oral History and Research Collection for the Film *From These Bohemian Shores*, \$10,000

To conduct oral histories and research about the history of Minnesota polka bands and Czech heritage. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Germanic-American Institute

George W. Gardner House: Roof Restoration, \$136,300

To hire qualified professionals to replace the roof on the George W. Gardner House, listed in the National Register of Historic Places and home of the Germanic-American Institute. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

James J. Hill Reference Library

Historic Structure Report, \$85,000

To hire a qualified consultant to develop a Historic Structure Report that will help preserve the St. Paul Public Library/James J. Hill Reference Library, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Minnesota Museum of American Art

AMM/MAM Conference Scholarship, \$3,591

To provide professional development for staff at the regional Association of Midwest Museums/Minnesota Association of Museums Conference in Minneapolis. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Minnesota Museum of American Art

Digital Archiving of MMAA's Collection, \$10,000

To digitize the Minnesota Museum of American Art's collections, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Minnesota Museum of American Art
Digital Conversion of Collection Images, \$10,000
To convert analog slides of collections images to digital, allowing for greater public access to these historic resources. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Minnesota Supreme Court Historical Society
Court of Appeals Oral History Project, \$9,237
To conduct eight oral history interviews about the history of the Minnesota Court of Appeals. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Minnesota Transportation Museum
Pullman Porter Exhibit Research, \$9,960
To hire qualified consultants to conduct research for an exhibit on Pullman porters in Minnesota. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Public Art Saint Paul
Conserving the Civil War Soldiers and Sailors Memorial in Summit Park, \$60,000
To hire a qualified conservator to restore a significant monument in St. Paul. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Ramsey County Historical Society
AMM/MAM Conference Scholarship, \$2,327
To provide professional development for staff at the regional Association of Midwest Museums/Minnesota Association of Museums Conference in Minneapolis. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Ramsey County Sheriff's Office
Oral History Project, \$10,000
To conduct five oral history interviews about the history of the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

The Rose Ensemble
Research and Writing for Small Visual Exhibits on Masqueray, \$5,500
To hire a qualified consultant to conduct research for an exhibit on architect Emmanuel Masqueray, who designed several churches in Minnesota. *St. Paul, Ramsey, Hennepin and Swift counties*

Senate District 66, House District 66A

Ramsey County Historical Society
A Pioneer Woman Program Series, \$6,851
To pilot an expansion of an existing program on pioneer women to reach wider audiences. *Falcon Heights, Ramsey County*

Minnesota Independent Scholars Forum
Oral History of the Salvation Army's Booth Memorial Hospital, \$9,557
To conduct nine oral history interviews about the history of the Salvation Army's Booth Memorial Hospital. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Minnesota Veterinary Historical Museum
AMM/MAM Conference Scholarship, \$786
To provide professional development for staff at the regional Association of Midwest Museums/Minnesota Association of Museums Conference in Minneapolis. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Senate District 66, House District 66B

Capitol Region Watershed District
Oral History Project, \$9,150
To conduct 15-20 oral history interviews about the history of the Capitol Region Watershed District. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Fitzgerald in St. Paul
Manuscript Project, \$10,000
To hire qualified professionals to produce a manuscript on the history of F. Scott Fitzgerald and historic homes in Minnesota. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Hamline University
The Oracle Digitization Project, \$8,197
To digitize issues of the student newspaper, *The Oracle*, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Senate District 67, House District 67A

East Side Freedom Library
HVAC Mechanical Conditions Assessment, \$7,500
To hire a qualified and experienced HVAC engineer to evaluate how well the current mechanical system controls the building environment. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

First Covenant Church of Saint Paul
Membership Records Collections, \$6,280
To hire a qualified professional to assess the archival collections held by First Covenant Church of Saint Paul. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

FY17 REPORT OF STATEWIDE HISTORY PROGRAMS



Students use Play The Past in the *Then Now Wow* exhibit.

The Minnesota Historical Society has been preserving, sharing and connecting people with history since 1849. With support from the Legacy Amendment's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, the people of Minnesota are investing \$11.525 million this biennium in history programs that will bring the power of history to Minnesotans of all ages, in all corners of the state.

FY16-17 Appropriations Language—Programs: \$5,525,000 the first year and \$6,000,000 the second year are for programs and purposes related to the historical and cultural heritage of the state of Minnesota conducted by the Minnesota Historical Society.

ARCHAEOLOGY

Historic Fort Snelling Archaeology Collections, \$99,237

In the fourth year of this project, MNHS staff completed inventory and rehousing of most artifacts excavated from Historic Fort Snelling between 1957 and 1981. The Collections Management System now has 118,500 records for Fort Snelling artifacts. Three hundred items were photographed and are now accessible to the public online. In 2016, an exhibit featuring patent medicine bottles found at Fort Snelling was developed and installed in the Fort Snelling Visitor Center. Artifact data has also been uploaded to "Open Context," an online repository of archaeological information that allows researchers to share information worldwide.

Work also began to update records for artifacts excavated at the Sibley House Historic Site. This work will support analysis of historic content at the Sibley House as part of efforts to expand and enhance documentation for the Historic Fort Snelling National Register District and Historic Fort Snelling National Historic Landmark District.

EDUCATION

Development of Minnesota Curriculum, \$141,743

MNHS is developing new curricula, programs and resources to engage students in learning about Minnesota history. In FY16, a full review of online resources for the K-12 audience was completed and an action plan was put in place to update the content and design of these materials. In FY17, the Forests, Fields and the Falls website launched in a new format, making it more accessible to teachers and students using any platform or device. In addition, staff are working with Oliver Kelley Farm staff to create new curriculum on agriculture, history and STEM for K-12 teachers and students. Four new programs were developed in FY16 and will be piloted and launched at the Kelley Farm in May 2017. Other new teacher supplements include a new primary source packet series designed to engage students on the topics of American Indian termination and relocation, and American experiences during World War I.

Diversity Outreach, \$25,000

MNHS continues to recruit diverse students from the Twin Cities for programs that engage them in understanding how public organizations present historical narratives. Internally, the Department of Inclusion and Community Engagement supports the diversity and inclusion efforts of other MNHS departments, such as the access advisory group and training for the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act officer. Staff also attend cultural competence learning opportunities.

Exhibit Programming, \$60,306

MNHS exhibits are supported by diverse programming that complements exhibit content while extending the rich stories of Minnesota's history. MNHS staff are able to partner with community organizations on innovative programs for visitors of all ages. In FY17, programs included lectures, panel discussions, film screenings, musical performances, readers theater programs in the exhibit gallery, hands-on family activities and other events. New in FY17, *North Woods Girl* Storybook Walk was an exhibit of giant illustrated storybook pages, taken from the MNHS Press book of the same name, that was displayed throughout the building. The exhibit promoted reading and physical activity for preschool-age children and their families.

Historic Commemoration Initiatives: World War I, \$141,282

To coincide with the centennial of the United States entry into World War I, MNHS is developing a series of public programs, school programs, publications and online resources to increase awareness and understanding of the World War I era and its enduring legacy for Minnesota. Outreach to veterans communities and the active military is underway. An intensive series of public programs for lifelong learners was held in fall 2016.

History Live! Interactive Video Conferencing, \$173,271

The award-winning History Live! program served more than 8,400 students in FY16, bringing the total number of students served since the program's launch to more than 37,000. In FY17, the Interactive Video Conferencing studio was updated to incorporate new technologies, reduce costs and meet customer needs.

History Live! is working in partnership with the Jewish Community Relations Council to launch a new lesson that integrates student use of handheld technology with the interactive program. And working in partnership with the Maud Hart Youth Reading Award, two new event programs that feature Maud Hart Lovelace will launch and encourage student literacy throughout the state. Within MNHS, the History Live! program worked with the K-12 programs and services team to develop 20 webinars for teachers across the state. In FY17, 20 live and recorded webinars are scheduled for teachers to support professional development. Additionally, the platform is being used to prototype a new program, History Today, which will serve seniors living in assisted living facilities.

Legacy Field Trip Support Fund, \$110,385

The Legacy Field Trip Support Fund helped 22,014 Minnesota students in 284 schools experience field trips at Minnesota historic sites and museums statewide in FY16. The high cost of transportation prohibits many Minnesota teachers from taking their students on field trips. The Legacy Field Trip Support Fund offsets transportation costs to all MNHS historic sites and museums. Eligible schools (those with 25 percent or more of students enrolled in the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program) are reimbursed \$4 per student, allowing more students access to field trips. The program is expected to serve a similar number in FY17.

Lifelong Learning, \$92,959

MNHS is engaged in cultivating meaningful relationships with adult audiences as lifelong learners, members, donors, volunteers and supporters. The Writing Your Family Legacy Conference, held in partnership with the Loft Literary Center, returned for a second year. Participants learned how to research, write and preserve their family legacy at this all-day event. In FY17, the new MNHS Prime experiences launched for the lifelong learning audience, and included a history and dinner program series.

In spring 2017, a new program, History Today, will launch. The program uses the History Live! interactive teleconferencing platform to connect senior communities with the Minnesota History Center for real-time conversations. Participants will explore artifacts and discuss unique stories from Minnesota history. Each week, there will be a different theme with curators, authors and museum professionals

on hand to answer questions. The program will be offered as a free three-month trial, with the option of signing up for a year-long subscription.

Play the Past: The Field Trip for the 21st-Century Learner, \$222,401

This groundbreaking project creates a new model for school field trips, using mobile and web technologies to capitalize on the natural behaviors and learning styles of today's students. Serving approximately 7,000 students annually, Play the Past demonstrates how museums can use technology to create self-directed, personalized, responsive field trip experiences that deepen students' connection to history while honing their critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Upon entering the museum's *Then Now Wow* exhibit gallery, students receive handheld devices installed with the mobile application. The application enhances students' experiences and promotes interaction with the physical exhibit by encouraging them to answer questions, solve problems and collect digital artifacts related to the exhibit and MNHS collection items. Students and teachers can access this "digital backpack" of collected artifacts back in the classroom, further expanding on the field trip experience.

In FY17, MNHS launched the "Tipi hub," which was developed with Dakota artists and activists to add more American Indian content to Play the Past. The new addition includes quests exploring Dakota art, language and food. MNHS is also expanding Play the Past into the *Minnesota's Greatest Generation* exhibit, with support from a National Endowment for Humanities grant. Students will explore stories from the Great Depression, World War II and the baby boom. This new expanded experience is being developed and prototyped in FY17 and will launch in fall 2017. In FY17, the program will be delivered to an estimated 7,500 students.

Then Now Wow, \$160,000

Then Now Wow is a long-term educational exhibit designed specifically for Minnesota's children and families. This year staff created a comprehensive marketing strategy to increase overall attendance while driving specific increases among diverse families. New programs, including a monthly offering called WOW! Family Sundays, will give families the opportunity to discover the connections between old and new through activities, games, hands-on art projects and sharing stories. Student and teacher

feedback informed work to improve the technology used for Play the Past, the in-gallery mobile application for K-12 students. New devices with the most current operating system will be purchased to replace aging devices. Additionally, the Minnesota History Center will improve the exhibit with the installation of a handicap lift for the boxcar.

Focus groups were conducted with families from the Hmong community, the Somali community and families with children on the autism spectrum. Surveys were conducted with families attending programs, as well as non-visitor families in the metro area. Following this work, recommendations will be made to establish programs and resources for family audiences that promote inclusivity and engagement.

ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

Program Evaluation, \$193,158

MNHS continues to build a culture of evaluation. An evaluation manager leads institutional evaluation capacity building and provides technical assistance and support to staff who evaluate ACHF projects and programs. An evaluation associate in the Education and Lifelong Learning division facilitates evaluation efforts, specifically in K-12 education and public programs. Three interns and numerous volunteers continue to support evaluation work. Seventeen trainings were held to prepare volunteers to do visitor intercept interviews and teach staff qualitative data coding and observation methodology. Ninety-one unique projects or teams engaged in some evaluation project overall. 2016 highlights include:

- Facilitated 25 Team-Based Inquiry (TBI) events, with 157 participants, to more systematically engage in data-informed decision making
- Created 22 new logic models, with 130 participants. Five existing logic models were reviewed with 14 participants
- Created 21 new program surveys and reviewed six more surveys
- Conducted 56 public program audience surveys
- Completed six observation checklists
- Wrote eight evaluation reports and assisted with five grant proposals
- Created eight interactive dashboards in Tableau, an online data visualization tool. Dashboards are available for primary audiences, including K-12, family, adult and young adult audiences

Multimedia Unit, \$186,407

Legacy funds support 2.5 full-time multimedia positions, along with materials and services to produce video, audio and other multimedia content for education, interpretive and exhibit programs across MNHS. This content is also used to inform the public about these MNHS programs.

Web Design and Development Support, \$303,592

MNHS continues to focus on broadening access to many of its Legacy-funded programs through the Internet. This funding supports the web development professionals who plan, build and implement digital components that are part of many Legacy-funded history projects. MNHS also uses the web to report on its use of Legacy funds at legacy.mnhs.org and for the public to apply for Legacy grant funds at legacy.mnhs.org/grants.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND FINANCE

MNHS Indian Advisory Committee, \$27,125

The MNHS Indian Advisory Committee (IAC) is made up of representatives appointed by the 11 federally recognized tribes in Minnesota and other educators. IAC advises on planning, development and evaluation of MNHS activities and initiatives, including exhibits, publications, public programs, and curatorial policy as they relate to the research, collection, preservation and interpretation of Minnesota and American Indian history in Minnesota. Relationships among IAC members, MNHS and tribal communities are supported by three annual meetings held in tribal communities around the state.

Administrative Expenses, \$501,374

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HISTORY CENTER EXHIBITS

WWI America

(formerly The Over Here Project), \$707,045

The *WWI America* exhibit will be a new traveling exhibit created by Minnesota History Center staff and focused on America during the World War I era, 1914-1919. The 5,000-square-foot exhibit will depict the era as a dramatic time in American history when the nation grappled with massive upheavals brought on by social movements, mobility and modernity at home, while exerting its growing military, industrial and cultural influence abroad. Visitors will gain a better understanding of this often-overlooked period in U.S. history. The exhibit will open in April 2017, to coincide with the 100-year anniversary of the U.S. entry into World War I.

MNHS is partnering on the exhibit with the National Constitution Center, National World War I Museum and Memorial and Oakland Museum of California.

Penumbra Theatre: Art, Race and a Nation on Stage, \$195,000

Since 1976, Penumbra Theatre has ignited dialogue and social action in the Twin Cities and beyond by presenting original, compelling works grounded in the history of African American artistic expression and social justice. The 2016-2017 season marks Penumbra's 40th anniversary, and MNHS is developing an exhibit on the theater's rich history and legacy, in partnership with Penumbra and the University of Minnesota Libraries Archives and Special Collections.

First Avenue Project, \$106,754

This exhibit about the iconic Minneapolis club, First Avenue, will explore the 1980s when the club was at its peak as a trailblazing venue that put Minnesota music on the map. For four decades, the First Avenue has been a launching pad for local talent like Prince, The Replacements and Hüsker Dü and a place national touring acts loved to play. It booked African American rock, soul and hip-hop artists unable to get gigs at other downtown venues, and it fostered a growing punk, hardcore and indie rock scene. It was also at the center of a network of local producers, record labels, record stores, zines, music journalists and more in the local music scene.

Gridiron Glory: The Best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, \$491,300

Gridiron Glory: The Best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame is a national traveling exhibit produced by the Pro Football Hall of Fame of Canton, Ohio. On display just as the new U.S. Bank Stadium opened, the exhibit featured a "Hometown Tribute" to the Minnesota Vikings with additional items from the MNHS collections related to Minnesota's football history.

Somali Project, \$107,253

Working with the Somali Museum of Minnesota, MNHS is developing an exhibit that will help Minnesotans understand this recent immigrant community. The exhibit will showcase cultural traditions and material culture of Somalia, cover the immigrant experience in the journey to Minnesota and will review the accomplishments and cultural adaptations Somali people have made since making Minnesota home.

INTERNS

College Internship Program, \$123,701

College interns from Minnesota's diverse communities are placed across MNHS in various departments and sites. During their semester-long internships, students have the opportunity to work alongside museum and public history professionals to enhance their skills and apply their knowledge in a professional environment. The activities focus on engaging with MNHS on a deeper level by discussing current issues and trends with staff, sharing intern experiences and building professional networks.

In FY16, Legacy funds supported 93 college interns, who contributed more than 13,000 hours at MNHS museums and historic sites. Thirty percent of participants were from communities of color. These internships provide college students opportunities to gain more work experience as they apply for professional jobs. Ninety three percent of the interns during FY16 rated their experience as good to excellent.

Engaging High School Students in Minnesota History Through Internships, \$6,317

MNHS strives to attract high school interns from underrepresented communities to encourage engagement and diversify the institution. Legacy funds supported four high school-age gallery assistants in spring 2016. These students received professional on-the-job experience interacting with visitors in the History Center galleries and at public events. Students contributed more than 300 hours to MNHS. Fifty percent of these students were from communities of color.

The Summer Legacy program supported four gallery assistants, beginning in FY16 and continuing into FY17. Seventy-five percent of these students were from communities of color, and they contributed over 300 service hours.

LIBRARY, COLLECTIONS AND RESEARCH

American Indian Outreach, \$50,000

The MNHS permanent collection includes more than 6,500 objects related to American Indian culture and history. MNHS provides responsible stewardship of these items, in accordance with the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act and industry standards for collections management. Meaningful partnerships with tribal communities are the key to successful stewardship. In FY16, MNHS continued collections outreach programming by partnering with Dakota tribes and Ojibwe bands throughout the state and beyond. At the History Center and in Native communities, MNHS engaged colleagues and community members through participation in regional and national conferences; supporting and partnering with indigenous nonprofit organizations, like the Native American Community Development Institute; and facilitating tours for artists, researchers, students, educators and interested community members.

In FY16, collections staff once again displayed historic and contemporary native material culture at the Owamni/Falling Waters Festival—held annually at Father Hennepin Park in Minneapolis. Additionally, MNHS worked to facilitate a visit from White Earth Tribal & Community College faculty and students to study collections at the History Center. Staff also brought collections to White Earth to display at the college and the Reservation Tribal Center.

MNHS also provided hands-on training at the History

Center for staff members of Sisseton Wahpeton College in acquisition and cataloging processing, safe artifact handling and display, and archival artifact storage techniques. Plans continue for additional collections-based events in Mille Lacs, the Lower Sioux Indian Community and with the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe in South Dakota.

Digitization of Historical Collections, \$224,324

Increasing the public's online access to the permanent collections remains a top priority for MNHS. Since the beginning of FY17, more than 800 artifacts have been digitally photographed and cataloged, including American Indian material culture, fine art, recent acquisitions and artifacts related to current events and MNHS initiatives. The digitization of edged armaments and artifacts associated with brewing and breweries in Minnesota has now been completed. For the remainder of FY17, digitization will focus on recently acquired artifacts, American Indian artifacts from the Mandan, Hidatsa and tribes of the Southwest, and artifacts associated with Minnesota's professional sports.

Digitization of Minnesota's Newspapers, \$379,494

MNHS continues actively preserving and making accessible newspapers published in the state. In FY16, MNHS concentrated efforts on the backlog of hardcopy newspapers, piloting an approach to microfilming and digitizing issues in mass quantity to reduce the physical storage burden and increase access for researchers and local historical societies. MNHS also began testing in-house digitization of current newspapers, securing equipment and developing processes and staff expertise to support this activity. Online access continues to be offered through the Minnesota Digital Newspaper Hub.

Oral History Projects, \$54,461

The Oral History office worked with the Department of Inclusion and Community Engagement on an oral history project related to the History Center's 2015 exhibit *Inspiring Beauty: 50 Years of Ebony Fashion Fair*. Interviewer Mica Anders-Turner completed 10 interviews to complement the exhibit. Plans for FY17 include seven interviews focused on African American cabin- and resort-owners at Lake Adney (Crow Wing County), and working with the nonprofit Oromo Community of Minnesota to document the stories of Oromo immigrants, an Ethiopian ethnic group. The project will include 12 interviews, eight of which will be in the Oromo language.

Records Management Projects, \$50,000

In FY17, MNHS will launch a new records search to make it easier for library patrons to access birth, death, veterans grave and state census records. The new search tool launched in beta in December 2016, and user feedback is being collected. Site enhancements will be made in the second half of the fiscal year.

Research Fellowships Program, \$35,135

MNHS awarded seven research fellowships for the third year of the Legacy Research Fellowships program in FY16. Four scholars received \$5,000 awards and three received \$1,000 awards. The fellows used resources from the Gale Family Library to explore a wide range of Minnesota history topics including:

- A review of Minnesota's development and Indian lands
- Visual arts in Minnesota
- Forts in Minnesota after the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862
- Minnesota reflections on World War I

The fourth class of scholars was selected in November 2016 and will begin work in January 2017.

Scan-on-Demand Digitization of Archival Collections, \$100,871

MNHS cares for more than 100,000 cubic feet of hard-copy government records and manuscript collections dating from the territorial period to the present. To access the vast majority of these holdings, researchers must currently visit the History Center or make other special arrangements. In FY16, MNHS began piloting small projects to develop and test workflow and to identify and plan equipment and space needs. In FY17, MNHS will add staff to begin responding to patron requests for manuscript and state archives digitization in advance of a full rollout of the scan-on-demand process next year.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Public Awareness and Communication, \$492,380

MNHS staff created communication strategies and promotional materials for Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund history projects, program, and grants, including media kits for grant recipients and the creation of the annual report. Increasing public awareness of

ACHF investments will ensure that students, teachers and the general public will use and benefit from them.

PUBLICATIONS

MNopedia: The Minnesota Encyclopedia, \$212,828

MNopedia is an award-winning online encyclopedia of Minnesota created by MNHS, designed for use by a general audience, teachers and students. In 2016, MNopedia added many new essays covering everything from the history of Northwest Airlines to American Indian boarding schools. MNopedia also surpassed 500 articles and 1.5 million page views on its website this year. Since the project launched in 2011, the website has had 408,123 unique visitors.

Diversity In Minnesota History Articles, \$10,250

Minnesota History magazine will commission four articles on topics that contribute to MNHS' diversity and inclusiveness strategic priority. Topics will illuminate the historical experiences of people and communities who are currently underrepresented in the pages of *Minnesota History*. Efforts will be made to find diverse authors for the articles, which could include writers of color or writers from disabled, LGBTQ, religious minority or other underrepresented communities.

A Bag Worth a Pony: The Art of the Ojibwe Bandolier Bag book, \$15,000

MNHS Press will publish a book showcasing MNHS' extensive collections of bandolier bags made and worn by several North American Indian tribes around the Great Lakes. The book will include a tour of Minnesota's seven Ojibwe reservations, showing bags associated with each area, and profiles of master beadworkers who provide personal insights into the work.

Our Minnesota State Capitol book, \$18,195

MNHS Press will publish a book on the 120-year history of the Minnesota State Capitol and its role as the heart of civic life in the state, a place for celebrations, demonstrations, arguments and accomplishments. The book will include stories of its construction and restoration, fine art and furnishings, laborers and craftspeople, and politics and lifestyles within our "house of democracy."

SUSTAINABILITY AND FACILITIES PROJECTS

Historic Fort Snelling Planning, \$151,756

Historic Fort Snelling is an MNHS historic site and the state's first National Historic Landmark. A major project at the site prioritizes the adaptive reuse of two historic buildings concentrating on opportunities for public use, education, engagement and reflection. This project supports an MNHS strategic priority and speaks to the mission by returning historic facilities to public use while fostering new dialogues. A master plan was done in 2015, and predesign was completed in June 2016. ACHF funds are helping to support a project manager position, a project lead position and the head of programming for the new site experiences.

Sustainability of Programs & Facilities, \$123,245

MNHS continues to strive for environmental, economic and social sustainability in its sustainability program. To pinpoint opportunities for ongoing progress, the sustainability program will harmonize a broader range of institutional needs and objectives. The program will establish integrated, continuous, electronic reporting that unites environmental, social and economic risk analysis. This reporting will be used to further reduce our environmental impact and improve the sustainability of our operations as a whole.

REPORT OF HISTORY PARTNERSHIPS



People living with memory loss and their care partners participate in programs at Mill City Museum, the North West Company Fur Post and the James J. Hill House.

Funding from the Legacy Amendment's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund has resulted in partnerships between the Minnesota Historical Society and more than a dozen organizations.

It also supports the Heritage Partnership Program which has as its goal to build capacity of two or more independent organizations to preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's history and cultural resources by supporting the creation and development of sustainable, history-based partnerships throughout the state.

FY16-17 Appropriations Language—History Partnerships: \$2,060,000 the first year and \$2,140,000 the second year are for partnerships involving multiple organizations, which may include the Minnesota Historical Society, to preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's history and cultural heritage in all regions of the state.

FY17 Partnerships with the Minnesota Historical Society

EDUCATION

American Indian Museum Fellowship, \$81,946

Partner: Minnesota Indian Affairs Council

American Indian undergraduate students from across Minnesota participated in this unique intensive 17-day residential program. The students attended on-site presentations throughout Minnesota and experienced hands-on learning about the museum and archaeology fields and other historical and cultural preservation organizations. Students also learned about various career paths and academic requirements for working in these types of organizations, both on and off reservations, as well as challenges American Indian communities face related to preserving tribal heritage.

Diversity Outreach, \$214,864

Partners: Multiple (see below)

MNHS is working to strengthen its presence and visibility as a community resource to Minnesota's diverse communities by supporting a strategic tabling and sponsorship effort at 12 community events, such as Rondo Days, Twin Cities Jazz Festival and the Cultural Heritage and Social Action Summit. In addition, funds supported co-sponsoring and hosting diverse events, such as Twin Cities Black Film Festival and Somali Independence Day events at the Minnesota History Center.

MNHS is partnering with the Minnesota State Council on Disabilities and VSA MN in order to better understand the needs and interests of people living with physical and cognitive disabilities. An advisory group has been formed to provide feedback and direction. In addition, MNHS is playing a key role in creating an access consortium with colleagues from Twin Cities arts and cultural organizations to learn, share, advise and coordinate with each other about this work.

Educational Achievement, \$55,349

Partners: Northland Schools, Remer; Washington Technology Magnet School, St. Paul; Brooklyn Center Community Secondary School

Improving the educational achievement of Minnesota's students is a strategic priority for MNHS. The Educational Achievement initiative allows MNHS to create partnerships with three school districts—one rural, one suburban and one urban—and evaluate how a variety of educational programs measurably improve student achievement across multiple grade levels over multiple years. The partnership schools also provide significant matching funding to further enrich educational opportunities for their students.

Partnership schools receive funding to enrich their history instruction for students in grades 6-12. Over the next five years, MNHS will continue to study the impact of the *Northern Lights* sixth grade social studies textbook, National History Day in Minnesota and other classroom resources on student learning and engagement. Each school also participates in joint field trips to MNHS sites and museums, including overnight stays. In FY17, partnership activities include summer enrichment programs, internships and job shadowing to address summer learning loss.

This partnership gives rural, suburban and urban students the chance to expand their knowledge of Minnesota and American history and to engage in applied and place-based learning opportunities. MNHS educators use the partnership schools to test materials and programs that can then be applied to other schools around the state.

Education Outreach for National History Day, \$207,011

Partners: Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MNSCU), University of Minnesota (U of M), Minneapolis Public Schools, St. Paul Public Schools, Associated Colleges of the Twin Cities (ACTC)

Through this program, partners are extending the reach of National History Day in Minnesota. MNHS staff coordinate school services with an emphasis on support for students from diverse backgrounds. Higher education partnerships help build college readiness skills for middle and high school students and strengthen the mentoring skills of college students. Undergraduate students from the University of Minnesota, ACTC and MNSCU colleges train to become History Day mentors and work with History Day students at inner city and rural schools.

These partnerships have established a national model for creating “campus to classroom” connections where college students support classroom teachers by advising History Day students with topic selection, research and project development. These academic skills make History Day students more college-ready, and relationships with mentors increase students’ aspirations for higher education.

Education Outreach Partnership, \$65,734

Partners: Minneapolis Public Schools, St. Cloud State University, Minnesota State University–Moorhead, University of Minnesota, Augsburg College

Work is being done to strengthen existing partnerships and create new opportunities for MNHS to deliver transformative educational experiences to students. ACHF dollars were used to leverage matching dollars from Minneapolis public schools to increase their contract with MNHS for educational programs, such as History Day. St. Cloud State University and Minnesota State University Moorhead also provided matching funds for partnerships that enrich U.S. history instruction with experiences at historic sites and museums.

Seven undergraduate student interns in St. Cloud and Moorhead provided History Day mentoring support to area schools. MNHS also expanded its summer enrichment programs by partnering with the Minnesota Institute for Talented Youth for two summer History Day courses, creating a new campus immersion program at Augsburg College, and sustaining two campus immersion experiences for middle school students at the University of Minnesota in partnership with the Athletics Department. The highly successful Summer History Immersion Program served two cohorts of high school students with in-depth academic and college immersion experiences, in partnership with the University of Minnesota.

History Museum Fellows, \$138,146

Partner: University of Minnesota, Associated Colleges of the Twin Cities (ACTC)

Through this partnership, University of Minnesota and ACTC students from diverse backgrounds explored the museum field and issues related to diversity and museums during a semester-long course followed by a paid internship. The program also engages students in discussions on the underrepresentation of communities of color and American Indian nations in historical organizations and public history graduate programs. The class is offered in the fall for ACTC students and as a spring semester course at the University of Minnesota. Students held internships at MNHS, the Somali Museum of Minnesota, Mia, East Side Freedom Library, American Swedish Institute, Ramsey County Historical Society and other organizations.

Neighborhood Leadership Program, \$85,081

Partner: Amherst H. Wilder Foundation

MNHS and the Wilder Foundation worked together to provide greater access and awareness of MNHS resources to St. Paul neighborhoods through the Wilder Foundation’s Neighborhood Leadership Program (NLP). NLP is a six-month training program that has been supported by the Wilder Foundation for the past 20 years with nearly 800 program alumni. The purpose of NLP is to help existing and emerging leaders take action to improve their community. This year 29 people were accepted to the NLP program.

Through visits to the Minnesota History Center, participants learned about the diverse history of St. Paul and explored resources available through MNHS. They learned how understanding the history of their community improves communications with community members, framing of community issues and setting goals and strategies for creating changes. Program participants, many of whom had never visited, were given a new connection to the Minnesota History Center. More importantly, the partnership provided MNHS with a new way of engaging with the greater community.

State Fair Programming, \$45,093

Partner: The Minnesota State Fair Foundation

MNHS and the Minnesota State Fair Foundation increased awareness and knowledge of Minnesota history by providing quality programming for visitors to the Great Minnesota Get-Together. In 2016, new content was added to the Minnesota State Fair History Walking Tour brochure, including a wide array of diverse images of people at the fair. Audio and visual content was also available through the tour's smartphone component, and staff presented audio/visual content via social media throughout the fair. Some 40,000 brochures were distributed during the run of the fair.

History-on-a-Shtick, an original, vaudevillian romp through Minnesota's past with sing-alongs, trivia, and prizes, was such a success the first year that it expanded to two daily performances in 2016. MNHS worked with Minnesota playwright Beth Gilleland and a group of actors to create the production, which filled the 200-seat venue each day.

Teaching Heritage Collaboration, \$34,000

Partner: University of Minnesota

The University of Minnesota and MNHS are collaborating to enhance heritage education across Minnesota. This project engages students in field experiences with the archaeological collections and interpretive programs at Historic Fort Snelling and provides research support for new programs at Oliver Kelley Farm. These projects help build models for collaborative instruction that fosters cultural heritage awareness and protection. These projects expose students to the breadth of Minnesota's diverse artifacts, sites, stories and traditions, thus nurturing future professionals who understand the interdisciplinary and collaborative nature of heritage and preservation work. This initiative also works to build better community institutional relationships and foster broader public support for cultural heritage awareness and protection.

Together in Time: Programs for People with Memory Loss, \$13,087

Partners: National Museums Liverpool, Kairos Alive! and Wilder Research

The Together in Time project meets the needs of a diverse, aging population by empowering them as lifelong learners, encouraging them to tell stories, and supporting their caregivers in carrying out their essential roles. Core elements of the program include leading programs in multiple locations for those with memory loss and their caregivers and working on tools, such as a House of Memories mobile app, to show objects from the MNHS collection in order to spark conversations.

An IMLS one-year planning grant, in place through October 2016, allowed staff to conduct focus groups to test the viability of the House of Memories mobile app program, develop relationships and co-create programs with a number of diverse community organizations, learn about the needs of professional and family care partners, and bring in healthcare and museum professionals to advise on this work.

Currently, MNHS has applied for an IMLS grant to support developing the first U.S. version of the House of Memories mobile app. The grant would also allow staff to create a training program for professional care partners to use the mobile app tool to better care for people with memory loss. Work done with the African American and Latino communities during the planning grant will be incorporated into both the trainings and mobile app object selection.

Youth Partnerships, \$82,755

Partners: Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES) and St. Paul College for Summer Technology Workshop; Two Rivers Gallery and Minneapolis Public Libraries for Mazinaakizige: American Indian Teen Photography Project; and Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs, A NEW BAM, Smallest Museum in St. Paul (grant provided through Workhorse Coffee Bar by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Arts Challenge) for the Teen Advisory Council

MNHS partners with diverse organizations to create in-depth, meaningful learning experiences for young people that help them develop career and life skills. The Mazinaakizige: American Indian Teen Photography Program welcomed six American Indian high school students who investigated historic and contemporary images of American Indians, learned digital photography, and created a gallery show to interpret the theme "Powerful." The opening was held at the Two Rivers Gallery on Dec. 9, 2016, with

the gallery donating the space, announcement postcards and frames for the prints. The student show will also be displayed at Minneapolis Central Library starting Feb. 8, 2017 and the Minnesota History Center and Mille Lacs Indian Museum & Trading Post in spring and summer 2017.

The Summer Technology Workshop highlights career readiness through a community-identified assessment of technology skills needs. Students explored the Google suite of tools and web design through immersive opportunities held at the Minnesota History Center and Saint Paul College. Students explored Latino representation in the historical record and identified topics for future in-depth research. They created 10-minute documentaries and websites.

The goal of the Teen Advisory Council is to increase a teen presence and voice at MNHS. The council works with community advisers such as the Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs to create teen-produced programming for MNHS family day events. Students learn about the history of the community and issues surrounding diverse narratives. They create original programs and performances (such as spoken word and webinars) with guidance from community advisers and MNHS staff. Students learned about what it means to be a Minnesotan and how to present those narratives in a museum setting.

This year staff worked at Mill City Museum to develop *Waariyan: Somali Youth in Minnesota*, which encouraged Somali high school students to explore their identities as Minnesotans through food, storytelling and cultural resources. Using oral histories, video editing software, historical research and career-readiness curriculum, students compiled research into a cookbook to be published by MNHS Press in 2018.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND FINANCE

Legacy Strategic Agenda, \$70,000

Partners: Augsburg College, Sherburn County History Center, Goodhue County Historical Society, Stearns Museum, St. Cloud State, Otter Tail County Historical Society, University of MN, South West Minnesota State University, Red Lake Nation College, Rice County Historical Society, Minnesota Museum of American Art, Morrison County Historical Society

As a strategic document, the LSA has four goals that build on achievements realized during the first five years of Legacy funding. Over the next four years, the LSA strategic priorities in education, grants, partnerships and unfamiliar stories will be acted on, measured and sustained at the community level. A dedicated LSA Collaborative representing a cross-section of the history community meets quarterly around the state to guide the work of LSA Priority Action Teams and to share successes. These action teams will assess needs and implement solutions for the four LSA strategic priorities.

Minnesota Legal Experience, \$12,000

Partner: Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association

This initiative will share the stories of important historical cases and engage communities with the court system. Members of the Hispanic Bar Association will conduct oral interviews with select members, which will become part of a traveling exhibit in partnership with MNHS. Through this project, MNHS will assist the Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association in advancing the goals of the Minnesota Legal Experience.

Administrative Expenses, \$125,351

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HERITAGE PRESERVATION

Building Capacity of History Professionals, \$30,000

Partner: Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums (MALHM)

This partnership is designed to develop the capacity of history professionals across the state to serve local communities. This year high-quality best practices were shared around the state through the distribution of an improved periodic publication, a conference in Willmar (with almost a 20 percent increase in participation), new pilot affinity group meetings and informal learning opportunities.

Historic Preservation Corps, \$390,000

Partner: Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps

Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps and MNHS began implementing lessons learned from the past two years to increase the viability of a historic preservation activity built on a conservation corps model. The first year focused on building the capacity of the corps through further expansion of service projects, skills training and networks.

Minnesota Main Street Partnership, \$150,804

Partners: Preservation Alliance of Minnesota (primary), University of Minnesota Extension Center for Community Vitality, University of Minnesota Tourism Center, GreenStep Cities, Minnesota Design Team

The Minnesota Main Street program is a proven, comprehensive strategy that helps communities create new jobs and businesses while revitalizing buildings and preserving their historic downtowns. The program provides the tools, training, information and networking that communities need to revitalize their business districts.

There are currently seven Minnesota Main Street designated communities: Faribault, New Ulm, Owatonna, Red Wing, Shakopee, Willmar and Winona. In the first two quarters of 2016, these cities gained 53 full-time jobs, 48 part-time jobs and 12 new businesses. These cities also saw 34 building rehabilitation projects, eight public improvements and six new construction projects completed, a total value of over \$6.9 million. In addition, there are 22 associate member communities that receive access to networking opportunities and discounted admissions to trainings through this program.

PAM Education (formerly Cornerstone Academy), \$110,000

Partner: Preservation Alliance of Minnesota

PAM Education is a training series developed for homeowners, realtors, community members and professionals in fields that frequently interact with historic buildings and districts. This year the program had a significant focus on reaching new audiences.

ORAL HISTORY

Macalester Somali Oral History Project, \$17,747

Partner: Macalester College

MNHS continues its collaboration with Macalester College and the Somali community. Working closely with the Somali Museum of Minnesota, interviewer Ibrahim Hirsi began conducting eight final interviews for a Somali oral history project. Plans for FY17 include the completion of the project, which now consists of 57 interviews with Somali immigrants in Minnesota.

CY16 Heritage Partnership Program

Historic Message and Content Improvements for the Minnesota River Valley

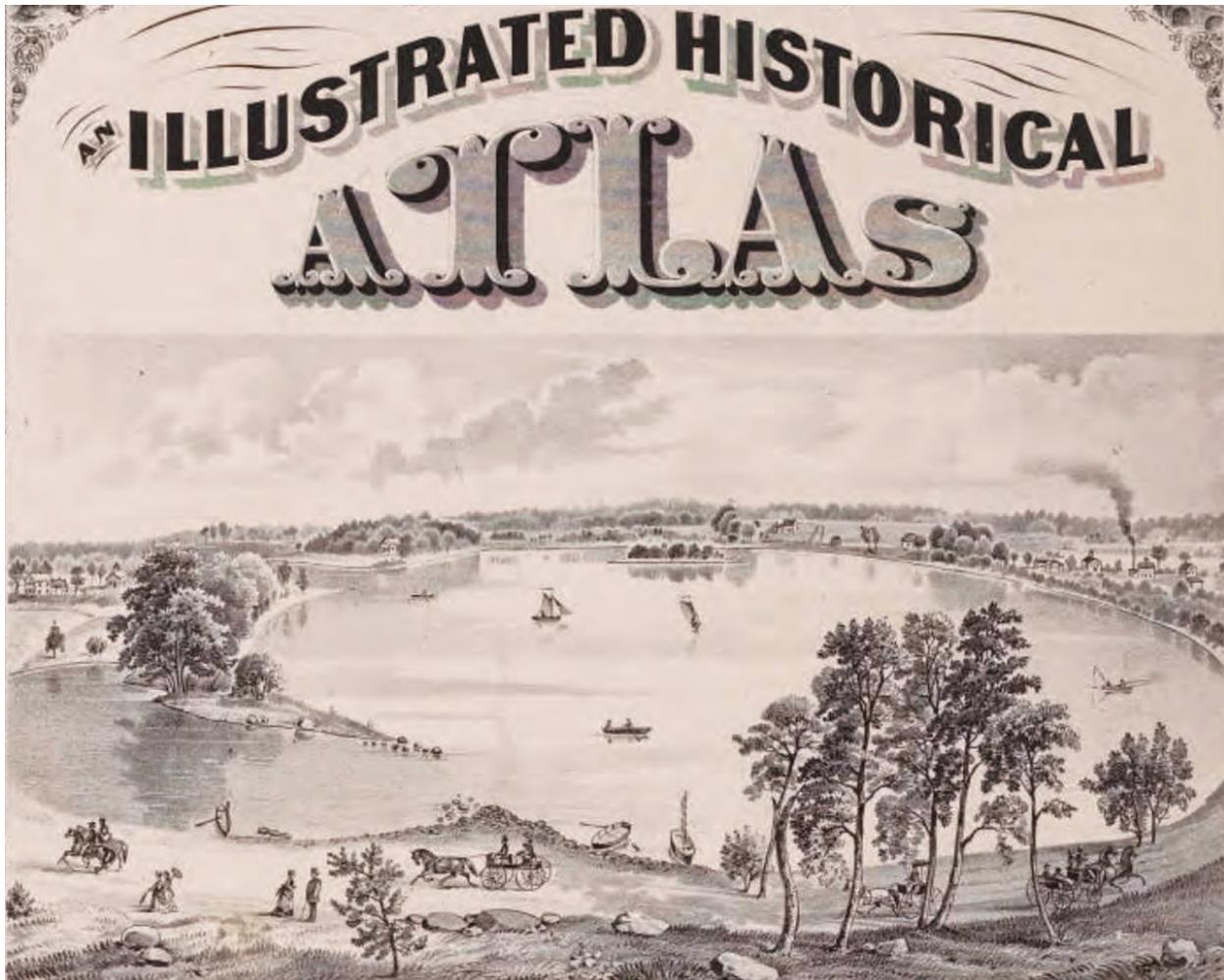
National Scenic Byway, \$58,200

Partners: City of Appleton, Lower Sioux Indian Community Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Chippewa County Historical Society, Redwood Area Chamber & Tourism, Nicollet County Historical Society, City of Granite Falls

The partners of the Minnesota River Valley National Scenic Byway will strengthen and develop rich Minnesota history content regarding the Minnesota River Valley for the public. The project includes review of the current Byway website and the addition of new and updated content, particularly regarding Dakota history, significance and impact in the Minnesota River Valley. Of the 96 sites on the Byway website, about 35 connect to Dakota history or heritage. A Dakota content specialist will be hired to do this work, and elders and advisers from the Upper Sioux and Lower Sioux communities will review and approve text.

The Minnesota River Valley National Scenic Byway (Byway) is a partnership that was formed to encourage economic development through the promotion, preservation and protection of the intrinsic qualities of the Minnesota River Valley. The Byway Alliance is made up of cities, counties, historical societies, tourism entities, DNR, MnDOT, Office of Tourism representatives, Upper Sioux Community Tribal Preservation Officer, Lower Sioux Community Tribal Preservation Officer and interested citizens along the 287-mile stretch of the Minnesota River.

REPORT OF OTHER STATEWIDE INITIATIVES



The *Illustrated Historical Atlas of the State of Minnesota* by A.T. Andreas is easily found in the Minnesota Digital Library

In addition to grants, programs and partnerships, the Minnesota Legislature has directed funding from the Legacy Amendment's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund to support initiatives for history, including the Statewide Survey of Historical and Archaeological Sites, Minnesota Digital Library and Historic Recognition Grants. These initiatives support statewide efforts to preserve and share history for future generations. Each initiative is called out with its own appropriations language.

FY17 Statewide Survey of Historical and Archaeological Sites



State Archaeologist Scott Anfinson (left) visits Augustana University field crew during investigations in Lac qui Parle County.

The Legislature created the Statewide Survey of Historic & Archaeological Sites to provide opportunities to expand our understanding of historic and archaeological sites statewide.

Projects are defined by an oversight board and are conducted through competitive-bid contracts. So far three major topics have been addressed by the survey: identification and protection of sensitive historic and archaeological resources; geographic surveys of poorly-known areas of Minnesota; and thematic studies of poorly-understood historic contexts.

To date, 27 projects have been conducted, which have expanded the number of documented historic and archaeological sites in Minnesota, increased our understanding of where such sites are likely to be located, and illuminated cultural traditions, lifeways and technologies dating to the earliest human occupations of the state.

FY16-17 Appropriations Language: \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the second year are for a contract or contracts to be awarded on a competitive basis to conduct statewide surveys of Minnesota's sites of historical, archaeological, and cultural significance. Results of the surveys must be published in a searchable form and available to the public on a cost-free basis. The Minnesota Historical Society, the Office of the State Archaeologist, and the Indian Affairs Council shall each appoint a representative to an oversight board to select contractors and direct the conduct of the surveys. The oversight board shall consult with the Departments of Transportation and Natural Resources.

Archaeology of the Fort Snelling Historic District

Contractors: Two Pines Resource Group, LLC

This project is intended to expand our understanding of the archaeological potential of locations within the Historic Fort Snelling National Historic Landmark District. It will focus on geomorphological and archaeological research in four localities: the Camp Coldwater area, Cantonment New Hope area, 1862-63 Dakota concentration camp area and Pike Island. The project will assist MNHS Heritage Preservation department staff in updating the National Historic Landmark and National Register nomination forms and boundary definitions for Historic Fort Snelling.

Archaeological Survey of Lac qui Parle County

Contractors: Archaeology Lab, Augustana University

This project involves intensive field survey in Lac qui Parle County, with the objective of increasing knowledge of the precontact archaeology of the county. It will include formal excavation at a known archaeological site that potentially represents a very early human occupation in the Minnesota River Valley. This site was initially investigated as part of the Minnesota River Trench project.

Dating Minnesota's Prehistory, Part II

Contractors: Paleoresearch Institute, Inc.

This project was created in order to expand the number of archaeological sites in Minnesota that have absolute dates provided by radiocarbon dating of organic remains. Approximately 75 samples have been provided to the consultant for radiocarbon assay, many of them extracted from collections that have been in curation for many decades. In FY16, the project is being expanded to include a special study focused on evaluating the implications of the "Freshwater Reservoir Effect" in Minnesota—the persistence of old carbon in freshwater resources that can skew radiocarbon dates if not accounted for in processing. It is hoped that a protocol for sample treatment can be developed that will minimize or eliminate this effect in future efforts to date archaeological sites in the region.

Reports for completed projects are posted on the Office of the State Archaeologist's website at mn.gov/admin/archaeologist/

FY17 Minnesota Digital Library



North Star Lung and Throat Balsam advertisement. Courtesy of the Hennepin County Library featured in the online exhibit *Quack Cures and Self-Remedies: Patent Medicine, 1860-1920*.

The Minnesota Digital Library (MDL) is a statewide, multi-institutional collaboration that supports discovery, education and personal enrichment through digitization of and access to the rich historical resources of the state's public and academic libraries, archives, museums and historical societies, while also preserving these resources for future generations.

MDL partnered with:

- 180+ organizations through Minnesota Reflections, a premier searchable, online collection of primary source materials of more than 51,000 photos, maps, journals, letters, works of art and more.
- In association with the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) MDL created two online exhibits: *Quack Cures and Self-Remedies: Patent Medicine, 1860-1920* and *Urban Parks in the United States*.

FY16-17 Appropriations Language: \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the second year are for a digital library project to preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota images, documents, and historical materials. The Minnesota Historical Society shall cooperate with the Minitex interlibrary loan system and shall jointly share this appropriation for these purposes.

CY16 Historic Recognition Grants Program



Members of the 3rd Minnesota Infantry Regiment, Company F in camp at Nashville, 1862.

The Historic Recognition Grant program is designed to preserve, recognize and promote the historic legacy of Minnesota, with a focus on commemoration of Minnesota's role in the U.S. Civil War.

MNHS led three programs and through a onetime competitive process, awarded nine grants totaling \$366,337 to eight history-minded organizations in eight counties. The Historic Recognition Grants Program grants are based on project priorities delineated by the Governor's Civil War Commemoration Task Force.

Eight percent of grants funding is used to administer and ensure the success of the program. The funds allow MNHS to lead grant-writing workshops to assist applicants with technical information critical to submitting a successful grant application, and to support recipients throughout the life of their project. To assure transparency and measurable outcomes of projects, grant staff members conduct onsite visits and, throughout the grant life cycle, monitor the progress of all awarded grants.

FY16-17 Appropriations Language: \$275,000 the first year and \$275,000 the second year are for a competitive grants program to provide grants for projects carried out by nonprofit organizations or public entities that preserve, recognize, and promote the historic legacy of Minnesota, with a focus on commemoration of Minnesota's role in the American Civil War. The Minnesota Historical Society shall work collaboratively with the Governor's Civil War Commemorative Task Force to determine project priorities. Funds may be used for projects administered or delivered by the Minnesota Historical Society in cooperation with the task force.

Statewide Programs

Civil War Database, \$90,000

MNHS is developing an online database to identify the burial sites of Minnesota's Civil War veterans. When complete, this database will be available to the general public and serve as an aid to descendants, authors, educators and researchers.

Civil War Digital Educational Resources, \$40,000

In FY16, MNHS began to create a website for teachers to access educational materials and content related to the Civil War. Research was completed and Civil War-related materials were gathered for the website, including 120 primary sources with background information, *Minnesota History* magazine articles, videos and programs. Teacher testing will inform design and content modifications in advance of a spring 2017 launch.

Civil War Programs at the Minnesota State Capitol, \$20,000

As the Minnesota State Capitol reopens after several years of restoration work, MNHS plans to offer new programs exploring the Civil War at the Capitol. During this project, an introductory video will be created for school programs and public theme tours that provide background information about Minnesota's involvement in the Civil War and how that influenced the placement of artifacts, art and memorials in the Capitol. In particular, the video will focus on the Governor's Reception Room Civil War paintings, battle flags, statues and memorial plaques in the rotunda.

MNHS will also create a comprehensive booklet for the general public on the 48 Civil War battle flags displayed in the rotunda and an overview of recent conservation work. A self-guided booklet will also be created to feature all the Civil War artifacts, art and memorials displayed in the Capitol.

CY16 Historic Recognition Grants

Senate District 07, House District 07B

Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps Soldiers and Sailors Monument Restoration, \$70,120

Northern Bedrock will complete conservation treatment of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Duluth, which involve cleaning, repairing and repainting, under the guidance of a qualified conservator. Restoration of the monument will ensure the artifact's longevity and further the memory of those who served in the Civil War for generations to come.

The City of Duluth has agreed to establish and implement an ongoing care and maintenance plan for the monument. Northern Bedrock, a corps invested in training young adults in the preservation trades, will use the restoration effort to teach the necessary techniques for the care and restoration of stone, bronze and steel, through partnership and supervision under a conservator trained in the proper preservation techniques. *Duluth, St. Louis County*

Senate District 08, House District 08A

Prospect House Museum Educational and Museum Programs about the Civil War, \$38,652

An educational program and corresponding interpretive tour will explore the Civil War, Minnesota's role in the conflict and the challenges postwar settlers faced. The program and tour will be designed to meet 6th grade social studies standards.

The program and tour will include three learning stations and will accommodate an average of 30 students. At the first station, students can learn about the Civil War through original objects and letters, Prospect House's collection of Lincoln memorabilia, photographs and more. Students will hear about the causes of the Civil War, the story and impact of enslaved persons Dred and Harriet Scott, the significance of Minnesota's role in the war and more.

The second station will recreate the experiences of Civil War soldiers through a reproduction "dog" tent. Students can explore what items a soldier needed in his Civil War camp. The last station will cover the settlement of west central Minnesota. Students can view photographs of the area after the Civil War,

including a view out the window of Prospect House in 1888 of the unsettled landscape. Photos, letters and objects from the period will help students make connections and serve as a jumping off point to discuss settlement of the area before the Civil War, information on the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862, and what life was like after the wars. *Battle Lake, Otter Tail County*

Senate District 09, House District 09B

Minnesota Military Museum Incorporating Elements of Temporary Civil War Exhibit into Minnesota Military Museum's Permanent Timeline Exhibit, \$7,500

The Minnesota Military Museum recently closed its special exhibit *Minnesota's Two Civil Wars*, which commemorated the role of Minnesotans in what many consider to be the most significant and tragic events in the state's history: the Civil War and the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862. Now that this exhibit has closed, the Civil War elements will be incorporated into the museum's permanent timeline gallery, which explores the experiences of Minnesota soldiers in each of the major conflicts in U.S. history, with emphasis on the material culture from each era.

ACHF supported procurement of artifacts to replace items loaned for the temporary exhibit and a limited number of curatorial hours to complete the transition to the permanent exhibit. Funding also supported the purchase of materials to repair and upgrade exhibit cases to current museum standards, purchase new cases and replace aging damaged mannequins. *Little Falls, Morrison County*

Senate District 24, House District 24A

Steele County Historical Society Steele County Civil War Book, \$34,110

The Steele County Historical Society (SCHS) will research, write and publish an educational book on the Civil War home front in Steele County and its connections to the larger national story of the war. SCHS began researching the area's involvement in the Civil War in 2008 and thus far, has created an exhibit on 100 members of the area's Grand Army of the Republic veterans group, and a series of 10 classes and lectures focused on personal letters from soldiers to friends and family.

Starting in February 2011, SCHS also launched a series in the *Owatonna People's Press* chronologically exploring stories of the Civil War and home front in Minnesota. The book will be created

from much of the research and writing completed for the newspaper series, but it will be adapted for a book format and for a grade 7.5 audience. Approximately 900 copies will be distributed to local middle school students for free, and copies will also be given to school and local libraries. It will also be available during a book signing event at the SCHS museum and in its gift shop. *Owatonna, Steele County*

Senate District 54, House District 54A

Dakota County Historical Society Civil War and U.S.-Dakota War of 1862 Reference Book, \$17,670

Dakota County Historical Society (DCHS) will publish a reference book exploring the Civil War and the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862. The book will contain articles by DCHS staff and local historians, including several Civil War articles previously published in DCHS' *Over the Years* magazine by historian David Schreier. Schreier's articles explore the Civil War on a national level as well as locally in Dakota County and Minnesota, including Dakota County residents fighting at Vicksburg and Gettysburg and at home in the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862. Corinne Monjeau-Marz, a historian of Dakota descent, will write a new, unpublished article on the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862 for the book.

The book will be distributed for free to libraries and schools in Dakota County, and will be for sale at the LeDuc Historic Estate, Sibley Historic Site and Lawshe Memorial Museum. *South St. Paul, Dakota County*

Senate District 55, House District 55A

Three Rivers Park District Educational Programs about the Civil War and U.S.-Dakota War of 1862, \$31,680

This project seeks to close programming gaps at The Landing: Minnesota River Heritage Park through the development of a new suite of curriculum-based educational programs to connect school-aged visitors with the history of the lower Minnesota River Valley during the Civil War era. While The Landing currently offers interpretive programming on the Civil War and U.S.-Dakota War of 1862, there are no formal educational programs on these topics. The curriculum will be tailored for 6th grade students and educators studying Minnesota history.

Programming will explore key topics and themes including: the settlement of the Minnesota Valley by

non-indigenous peoples between the Treaties of 1851 and the outbreak of the Civil War; the removal of the Dakota people to reservation lands; the impact that the reservation system had on traditional Dakota lifeways; the Valley's response to Lincoln's "call to arms" at the start of the Civil War; the experience of residents both on the "front lines" and the "home front"; conditions in the Valley leading to the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862; the impact of the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862 on both the indigenous and non-indigenous communities of the Minnesota Valley and the ways in which that impact is felt today. *Shakopee, Scott County*

Senate District 62, House District 62A

AIM Interpretive Center *War Within War: The Dakota, the Anishinaabe and the U.S. Government in 1862* Traveling Exhibit, \$36,850

The purpose of AIM-IC's project is to produce a traveling exhibit of 25 images, mostly portraits of key Dakota figures and Anishinaabe soldiers who served in the U.S. Army and explore the story of the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862 from a native perspective. AIM-IC's goal is to tell a story of divided loyalties and provide a deep context for the war—especially showing the ways the US government and white settlers exacerbated, and sometimes intentionally exploited, the complicated Dakota-Anishinaabe relationship.

When the Civil War began, many American Indians in Minnesota hoped to gain favor with the federal government by supporting the war effort. In particular, the Anishinaabe role in the Civil War is little known. In addition to service with the 7th and 9th Minnesota Volunteers in Mississippi, Missouri and Arkansas, Anishinaabe soldiers participated in the suppression of the Dakota uprising and in the Army's subsequent expeditions into Dakota Territory in 1863-4.

An archivist will devote an estimated 60 hours to searching for leads to explore Anishinaabe involvement in the Civil and Dakota War. Already identified photos include those in the collections of the Minnesota Historical Society, the Minnesota Military Museum and the historical societies of Renville, Nicollet and Meeker counties. *Minneapolis, Hennepin County*

Senate District 65, House District 65B

Ramsey County Historical Society *African American Minnesotans and the Civil War* Video Resources, \$98,820

The Ramsey County Historical Society will create video content about the role of African Americans in or from Minnesota leading up to and during the Civil War, both on the battlefield and on the home front. The project will include four 8-minute documentaries, a documentary for statewide television broadcast compiled from those stories, a public preview event and discussion, and streaming web video and DVDs for free distribution to classroom teachers, libraries and historical societies statewide.

An advisory committee will select themes for the videos and provide guidance on the project. Possible themes include: the role of Minnesota's river towns in the Underground Railroad; the impact of slavery and the related national debates on the new state of Minnesota; the stories of former slaves who made their homes in Minnesota during and after the war; the life of Eliza Winston, a visiting enslaved person in Minneapolis who claimed her freedom in court as war broke out; and stories from among the 104 black combatants from Minnesota. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Ramsey County Historical Society *Fort Snelling in the Civil War* Book, \$30,935

The Ramsey County Historical Society will develop and publish a manuscript on Fort Snelling during the Civil War by Stephen Osman. The book is based upon the author's extensive work in the Minnesota Historical Society archives and elsewhere. In surveying Civil War letter and diary holdings, Osman discovered a rich yet unpublished store of historical anecdotes that can serve as a framework to explore experiences at Fort Snelling during the Civil War.

The goal is for the manuscript to be published by 2017, and a number of copies will be distributed for free to Minnesota educational institutions and libraries. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*



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