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Local group donates more than \$40,000 to area arts projects

Times staff report

MONTICELLO — A local arts organization gave more than \$40,000 for arts-related projects to groups in Benton, Sherburne, Stearns and Wright counties.

The Central Minnesota Arts Board, one of the state's 11 regional arts councils, awarded \$43,210 to 23 groups presenting concerts, plays, dance performances, visual art displays and other arts activities.



Leslie Schumacher
Minnesota Arts Board director

The board reviewed applications from 27 groups. The board disqualified two applications for errors, and ranked two applications too low for funding.

These groups received money from the board:

- Pleasantview Elementary School, Sauk Rapids: \$2,000.
- Mississippi Heights Elementary School, Sauk Rapids: \$2,000.
- Buffalo Community Orchestra, Buffalo: \$2,000.
- Elk River High School, Elk River: \$2,000.
- Elk River Area Arts Alliance, Elk River: \$2,000.
- Elk River Arts Magnet Program, Elk River: \$2,000.

■ Youth Theatre Workshop, Otsego: \$2,000.

■ Great River Chorale, St. Cloud: \$2,000.

■ The Troupe Theatre, St. Cloud: \$1,345.

■ Minnesota Center Chorale, St. Cloud: \$2,000.

■ Cokato Elementary School, Cokato: \$1,300.

■ Command Performance Girl Choir, Elk River: \$2,000.

■ Granite City Folk Society, St. Cloud: \$2,000.

■ Visual Arts Minnesota, St. Cloud: \$2,000.

■ St. Cloud OUT, St. Cloud: \$2,000.

■ St. Cloud Area All-Star Jazz Band Association, St. Cloud: \$2,000.

■ BBE High School, Belgrade: \$1,500.

■ Chamber Music Society of St. Cloud, St. Cloud: \$2,000.

■ College of Fine Arts and Humanities, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud: \$2,000.

■ Central Minnesota Music School, St. Cloud: \$2,000.

■ St. Cloud Symphony Orchestra, St. Cloud: \$2,000.

■ St. John's Preparatory School, Collegeville: \$1,065.

■ Great River Educational Arts Theatre, Clearwater: \$2,000.

For more information, visit www.centralmnartsboard.org.