

**Minnesota Humanities Center  
Awards \$700,000 in Legacy Grants**

**April 18, 2024—ST. PAUL, MN—** The Minnesota Humanities Center (MHC) announces 17 Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment awards totaling more than \$700,000 to organizations across Minnesota to support organizational capacity building. The following organizations were selected to receive an award:

- Asian Media Access, Inc. (\$24,990)
- StoryArk, (\$31,108)
- Somali Artifact and Cultural Museum (\$67,500)
- The Cedar Cultural Center (\$35,654)
- Asian American Business Resilience Network (\$67,000)
- African Economic Development Solutions (\$67,000)
- ASAL Charities (\$18,334)
- Urban roots, Minnesota (\$67,000)
- Brownbody (\$52,500)
- Department of Public Transformation (\$36,795)
- (Neo)Muralismos de Mexico (\$47,317)
- Interact Center for the Visual & Performing Arts (\$52,500)
- Life House, Inc. (\$10,308)
- Duluth Art Institution Association (\$52,493)
- Cow Tipping Press (\$15,845)
- Dakota Wicohan (\$34,126)
- QUEERSPACE Collective (\$28,280)

MHC received 130 total applications totaling \$7,204,440.16 in requests for proposed projects. The average grant request is \$55,418.77. The application process was extremely competitive as the amount of funding requested by Capacity Building applicants was ten (10) times the amount of funding available. These grants, consistent with legislative intent, will support capacity building by facilitating staff training, assisting staff on grant writing and grant reporting, retaining nonprofit management experts and consultants, identifying strategic planning and community outreach goals, and assist with capacity building and fundraising capabilities.

“MHC is proud to support these organizations that are dedicated to operating more effectively by strengthening their infrastructure and building a foundation for long-term success. The demand to support capacity building needs across Minnesota communities is unprecedented, and very clear. ”, stated Kevin Lindsey, CEO of MHC.

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**About the Minnesota Humanities Center (MHC)**

MHC, an affiliate to the National Endowment for the Humanities, was founded as an independent non-profit organization in 1971. MHC strengthens our society by promoting the humanities and increasing shared understanding of our collective pasts. MHC creates a wide variety of humanities programming in collaboration with individuals, creators, scholars, and organizations to build a more curious, inclusive, and connected society. MHC has a long history as a grantmaking organization and operates a full-service event center in a historic building in St. Paul. More information is available at [mnhum.org](http://mnhum.org).

**About Clean Water Land and Legacy Amendment**

The Minnesota Legislature passed the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment (Legacy Amendment) in 2008 to ensure clean water, preserve opportunities for Minnesotans to enjoy nature, parks, and trails, and to appreciate arts and culture that exists within the State. The Legacy Amendment increases the state sales tax by three-eighths of one percent to create the Legacy Fund – 19.75% of the Legacy Fund is dedicated to the arts and cultural heritage fund.