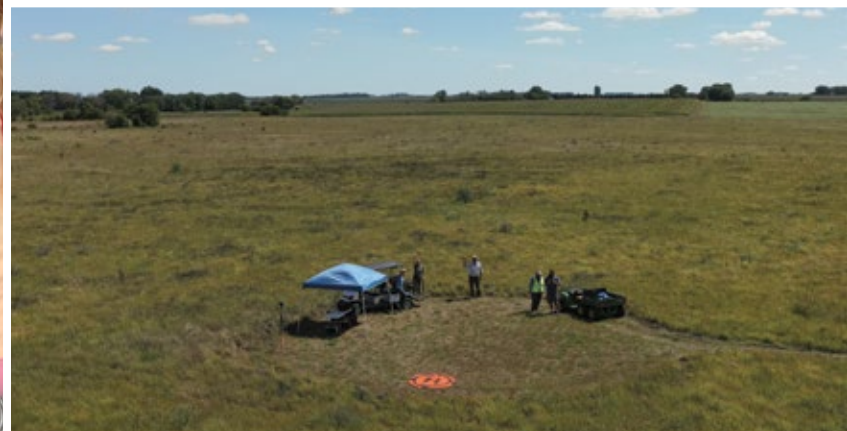




MINNESOTA HISTORY BUILDING A LEGACY



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





LETTER FROM MNHS DIRECTOR AND CEO

This summer marked a milestone for me, completing my fifth year as director and CEO of the Minnesota Historical Society. The creation of this report is one of my personal highlights each year, because it provides a detailed picture of Minnesotans' commitment to preserving history.

This past year, support was provided for inclusive exhibits that share the stories of several Minnesota communities, for programs that provide hands-on learning opportunities, and for partnerships that are creating a powerful engagement with history across our state. The impact could be felt throughout Minnesota, as grants were awarded in 60 of Minnesota's 87 counties this year.

I wonder if Minnesota voters could have imagined results this extensive and impactful when they approved the Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment on November 4, 2008. The landmark vote provided 25 years of support for Minnesota's natural, historic, and cultural resources.

I encourage you to review this report to gain a better understanding of the way history is at work in our state. Start with an overview of featured projects on pages 1 and 2 and read on to learn about each of the grants, programs, partnerships, and statewide initiatives.

We are grateful to the Legislature, the Governor, and the people of Minnesota for their continued support of history through the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kent Whitworth". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kent Whitworth, director and CEO

Cover: (counterclockwise top to bottom) Preservation of the historic Oaks Lakeside Pavilion, Gaylord; *Making Minnesota* illustrator David Geister works with students at the Minnesota State Fair; MNHS staff completing aerial archaeological surveys, including through the use of LiDAR at Jeffers Petroglyphs, Comfrey; MNHS intern completing object-level inventory for archaeological collections from along the Minnesota River Valley; Ship's wheel salvaged from Madeira shipwreck at Split Rock Lighthouse, Two Harbors



FEATURED PROJECTS

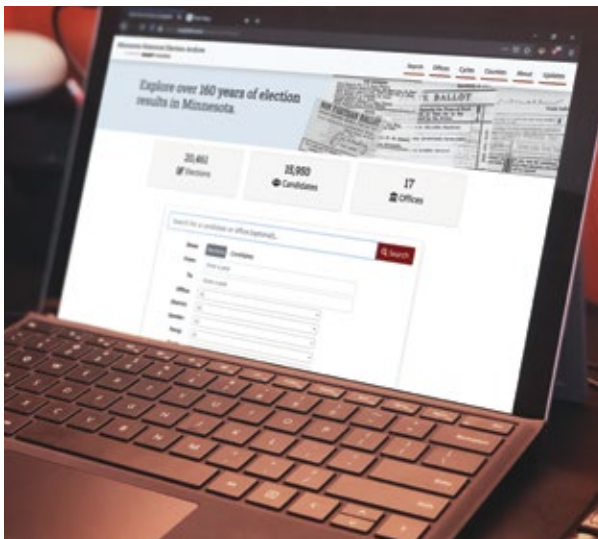
New Exhibit at Split Rock Lighthouse

The land on which Split Rock Lighthouse stands has been home to people for more than 12,000 years. More recently, the lighthouse has witnessed the growth of shipping and commerce across the Great Lakes, reflecting the need for safer maritime navigation aids. A new long-term exhibit opened in May, featuring stories and traditions from the perspectives of those who have lived there, including the Dakota, Ojibwe, French, and English. At the heart of the exhibit is a full scale replica of the Third Order Fresnel Lens that sits atop the lighthouse. Other notable artifacts include the wheel from the Madeira, which sank in 1905, and the hat of Orren Young, Split Rock's first keeper. The exhibit is the site's most extensive programmatic update in a generation.



Making Minnesota: Free Activity Book

Published by MNHS Press, *Making Minnesota* is a free activity book geared toward children in third through fifth grades, although it is appropriate for students—and adults—of all ages. More than 150,000 copies have been distributed since the book first became available in October 2022. *Making Minnesota* invites readers to learn about the many communities, both human and animal, who call Minnesota home, while educating readers on the unique wildlife habitat, parks, waterways, and cultural institutions within our borders. Young readers can use the book to create their own maps, poems, and drawings of their favorite places to visit. *Making Minnesota* was written and illustrated by longtime educators Patricia Bauer and David Geister.



Minnesota Historical Candidate Biographical Database

History may be written by the victors, but those who lost also played important roles. The Minnesota Historical Candidate Biographical Database is a new resource that provides searchable biographical data on every candidate and nominee who has run for state and federal office in Minnesota history. The database was created by the University of Minnesota's Smart Politics and built into the Minnesota Historical Election Archive, which contains the returns of more than 20,000 elections across 17 different federal and state offices since 1858. The database will be utilized by county historical societies, general researchers, journalists, and educators across Minnesota.



Going Out, Coming In: LGBTQ+ Spaces in Downtown Minneapolis at Mill City Museum

Going Out, Coming In brought to life the sights, heart, and energy of Downtown Minneapolis's LGBTQIA+ community spaces from the 1940s to 2000. The exhibit at Mill City Museum featured information and visual elements of various sites where queer Minnesotans organized or created community while addressing the systemic challenges of legal and extralegal discrimination, urban renewal, and the HIV/AIDS crisis. *Going Out, Coming In* stemmed from an ongoing partnership between the Minnesota Historical Society and Twin Cities Pride. It was inspired by the Twin Cities LGBTQ+ History Tours developed by MNHS and TC Pride in 2022.



Sherlock Holmes: The Exhibition

Detectives from around the world brought their powers of deductive reasoning to the Minnesota History Center. Thousands of guests from 36 states, 19 countries, and six different continents attended during the exhibit's six-month run from October 2022 to April 2023. The exhibit encouraged detectives to understand not just facts, but how to participate in a process that's very similar to the study of history—gathering and analyzing evidence, thinking critically about the world, evaluating many different perspectives, and figuring out how past events affect the present day.



Dakota Cultural Collections at the Science Museum of Minnesota: Research, Documentation, and Consultation

The Science Museum of Minnesota (SMM) furthered an effort to research and promote its Dakota collections and records through the hiring of a Curatorial Fellow with deep knowledge of Dakota material and connections to Dakota communities. Pejuta Haka Red Eagle, formerly collections manager and curator for Hocokata Ti, was hired for this position. In her role, she will collect community input into objects, collections care, and use; produce interpretive pieces about collections objects; and promote SMM's collections through additional outreach and programming opportunities.

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Above: UAS (drone) training for MNHS site staff and interns at Jeffers Petroglyphs.

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, and projects and programs funded, through MNHS, for **Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23)**, the year ending June 30, 2023.

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 2021, the legislature appropriated \$33.085 million from the ACHF to MNHS for the two-year period July 2021-June 2023. That appropriation breaks down to \$15.588 million for fiscal year 2022 and \$17.497 million for fiscal year 2023. The legislature divided the fiscal years 2022 and 2023 appropriations to MNHS into the following six categories:

Category	FY22 Appropriation	FY23 Appropriation
Statewide Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants	\$5,982,000	\$7,000,000
Statewide History Programs	\$6,213,000	\$6,990,000
Statewide History Partnerships	\$2,450,000	\$2,550,000
Statewide Survey of Historical and Archaeological Sites	\$475,000	\$525,000
Minnesota Digital Library	\$368,000	\$382,000
Additional Projects	\$100,000	50,000
Total	\$15,588,000	\$17,497,000



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This report is available at the MNHS website: mnhs.org/legacy.

AT A GLANCE

FOR EVERY \$1 OF LEGACY HISTORY FUNDS INVESTED, Minnesota receives a return on investment of \$2, which directly benefits state and local economies¹

**100%
RETURN ON
INVESTMENT**

\$3.02

**PER PERSON
PER YEAR**

LESS THAN THE COST OF A PRONTO PUP AT THE STATE FAIR—that's how much each Minnesotan pays annually for the programs, partnerships, grants, and other statewide initiatives detailed in this report²

72

COUNTIES HAVE RECEIVED \$100,000 OR MORE

Since July 1, 2009, Legacy history funds have supported grants in all 87 counties.

17,000

STUDENTS GRADES 6-12 AT

150 MINNESOTA SCHOOLS

participated in National History Day in Minnesota in FY23

2 TO 1

DEMAND FOR **HISTORICAL & CULTURAL HERITAGE GRANTS** OUTWEIGHED AVAILABLE RESOURCES³

STUDENTS GUIDED BY
270
EDUCATORS AND SUPPORT STAFF

59

STUDENTS represented Team Minnesota at the National Contest in June.

13
TOP-TEN PROJECTS

in the National History Day Competition representing the work of 20 Minnesota students from seven schools

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 the 2022 population estimate from the Minnesota State Demographic Center and the FY23 appropriation of \$17,497,000.

3. Based on \$13,578,975 in overall requests in the fiscal year 2023 and \$6,026,125 granted.

HISTORIC RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HRAC)

Legislation specifies that the HRAC, a volunteer citizen advisory panel that guides decisions for the 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 including two vacancies:

Lindsay Marshall, Baudette, Chair

- Executive Director and Curator at Lake of the Woods County Historical Society
- Master of Science in Cultural Resource Management
- Qualified in inventory, collections, grant-writing, non-profit administration

Anne O’Keefe-Jackson, Morton, Deputy Chair

- Human Resources Director at Jackpot Junction Casino
- Master of Arts in Business, Master of Arts in Leadership from Augsburg University
- Board member of Southwest Minnesota Arts Council
- Qualified in compliance, leadership, grant management, and tribal community

Heather Hoagland, Minneapolis, Deputy Chair

- Executive Director of Scott County Historical Society
- Master of Arts in Museum Studies from the George Washington University, Washington DC
- Qualified in collections management, exhibit development, grant writing, registrar, and museum services

Kristy Jeffcoat, Minneapolis

- Senior Paintings Conservator at Midwest Art Conservation Center (MACC)
- Master of Arts in Conservation, Paintings Specialization from Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario
- Qualified in conservation

Milissa Brooks-Ojibway, Duluth

- Liberal Arts Associate of Arts degree from Fond du Lac Community College
- Collections Manager at Glensheen Historic Estate
- Qualified in collection policies, object care, grant writing, and grant implementation

Katrina Phillips, Saint Paul

- Assistant Professor (American Indian History, American West) at Macalester College, History Department
- Ph.D. from University of Minnesota in History
- Qualified in teaching history, research, writing, and public speaking

Crystal Boyd, Burnsville

- Master of Science, Museum Studies at University of Colorado Boulder, CO
- Museum Consultant with Crystal Boyd Consulting LLC in Burnsville, MN and Grant Program Manager at the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in Bloomington, MN
- Qualified in local history, collections, exhibits, museum interpretation, grant writing, project management, and grant program management

Kate Dietrick, Saint Paul

- Archivist at Upper Midwest Jewish Archives and Processing Archivist at ASC Central Processing at the University of Minnesota, Elmer L. Andersen Library, Minneapolis
- Master of Science in Library and Information Science from the Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY
- Qualified in archiving, research, collections management, and fundraising

Ginny Lackovic, Minneapolis

- Associate Vice President at HGA
- Licensed architect in Minnesota and meets The Secretary of the Interior’s qualifications for historical architect
- Qualified in historic preservation

Matthew Piscitelli, Chaska

- Project Archaeologist and Digital Media Manager at SEARCH, Inc.
- Research Associate at The Field Museum
- Qualified in archaeology, grant administration, community outreach, education, and museum services

Tianna Odegard, Granite Falls

- Master of Heritage Studies & Public History from the University of Minnesota
- Cultural Resources Specialist at Minnesota Indian Affairs Council in Saint Paul, Minnesota (May 2019 - February 2020)
- Upper Sioux Community Indian Housing - Authority Commissioner (Vice-Chair)
- Qualified in collections care, community engagement - tribal communities, NAGPRA, THPO, public outreach, and conflict management

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:

David Hakensen

MNHS Board President (ex-officio member)

Daniel J. Schmechel

MNHS Board Treasurer (ex-officio member)

THE MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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

Below is the list of members who served in FY23:

OFFICERS:

David Hakensen, President

Peter M. Reyes, Jr, Vice President

Kent Whitworth, Secretary

Thomas M. Forsythe, Treasurer

Phyllis Rawls Goff, Immediate Past President

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Tim Walz, Governor

Peggy Flanagan, Lieutenant Governor

Steve Simon, Secretary of State

Keith Ellison, Attorney General

Julie Blaha, 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 FY23 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 Historic Preservation Office
Minnesota State Historical Records Advisory Board
Minnesota's Historic Northwest
Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps
Rethos

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 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 FY23, 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 a website explained below.

TRANSPARENCY

The Minnesota Historical Society has an obligation to the citizens of Minnesota to ensure that ACHF dollars 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 a website that informs the public about all ACHF initiatives funded through MNHS. Minnesota's Legacy, www.legacy.mn.gov, was created by the Legislative Coordinating Commission and contains information on all Legacy-funded projects. Through the end of the biennium, MNHS will continue to post the most current information about history-related ACHF initiatives ensuring transparency and responsible stewardship of the funds.

ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND HISTORY APPROPRIATIONS LANGUAGE

Session Law Reference: Laws of Minnesota, 2021 First Special Session, Chapter 1, Article 4, Section 2, Subdivision 4.

Subd. 4. Minnesota Historical Society, FY2022: \$15,588,000. FY2023: \$17,497,000

(a) The amounts in this subdivision 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, 2025. 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

\$5,982,000 the first year and \$7,000,000 the second year are for statewide historic and cultural grants to local, county, regional, or other historical or cultural organizations or for activities to preserve significant historic and cultural resources. Money must be distributed through a competitive grant process. The Minnesota Historical Society must administer the money 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

\$6,213,000 the first year and \$6,990,000 the second year are for historic and cultural programs and purposes related to the heritage of the state. Of this amount, \$213,000 the first year must be used by the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Historical Society to either produce or purchase and distribute a book to engage and educate elementary school students on Minnesota's natural resources, legacy, culture, and history. The book should be made available cost-free to educators and libraries and through state historical society sites to provide to a targeted grade of elementary school students.

(3) History Partnerships

\$2,450,000 the first year and \$2,550,000 the second year are for history 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

\$475,000 the first year and \$525,000 the second year are for one or more contracts to be competitively awarded to conduct statewide surveys or investigations of Minnesota's sites of historical, archaeological, and cultural significance. Results of the surveys or investigations must be published in a searchable form and available to the public cost-free. The Minnesota Historical Society, the Office of the State Archaeologist, the Indian Affairs Council, and the State Historic Preservation Office must each appoint a representative to an oversight board to select contractors and direct the conduct of the surveys or investigations. The oversight board must consult with the Department of Transportation and Department of Natural Resources.

(5) Digital Library

\$368,000 the first year and \$382,000 the second year are for a digital library project to preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota images, documents, and historical materials. The Minnesota Historical Society must cooperate with the Minitex interlibrary loan system and must jointly share this appropriation for these purposes.

(6) Grants

(i) \$100,000 the first year is for a grant to the Litchfield Opera House to restore and renovate the historic Litchfield Opera House.

(ii) \$50,000 the second year is for a grant to the city of South St. Paul to relocate the gatehouses in the BridgePoint Business Park that remain from the Armour & Company meatpacking campus.

(c) Balance Remaining

Any unencumbered balance remaining under this subdivision the first year does not cancel but is available the second year.

REPORT OF MINNESOTA HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE GRANTS



The ACHF-supported Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants Program provides a valuable opportunity for nonprofit and educational organizations, government units, and federally recognized tribes 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, 3256 grants totaling more than \$75 million have been awarded to 924 organizations in every county in Minnesota since the Legacy Amendment was passed in 2008. This year’s report reflects 12 months of grants awarded from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. In this time frame, 161 grants totaling more than \$6,026,125 million have been awarded in 60 counties to 140 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 duration of their project. Funding also supports collection and processing of grant applications and related data, as well as administration of the Historic Resources Advisory Committee’s grant review activities.

To assure transparency and measurable outcomes of projects, as well as proper oversight, grants staff members conduct monitoring 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 July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023 are listed on pages 14-26.

Information on projects funded through future grant rounds will be available at www.legacy.mn.gov.

Appropriations Language—Statewide Historical and Cultural Grants: \$5,982,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 are for statewide historic and cultural grants to local, county, regional, or other historical or cultural organizations or for activities to preserve significant historic and cultural resources. Money must be distributed through a competitive grant process. The Minnesota Historical Society must administer the money 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).

Above: The Historic Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC) meeting at the Minnesota History Center on September 22 and 23, 2022.

Senate District 1, House District 01A

Roseau County Historical Society, General Conservation Assessment and a Long-Range Preservation Plan, \$7290

To hire a qualified museum consultant to conduct a general preservation needs assessment survey and long range collections preservation plan.

Roseau, Roseau County

City of Roseau, Roseau Memorial Arena National Register Evaluation, \$8798

To hire a qualified historian to complete an evaluation to determine eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for the 1949 Roseau Memorial Arena.

Roseau, Roseau County

Township of Teien, Teien Central School National Register Nomination, \$10,000

To hire a qualified historian to complete the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the 1904 Teien Central School.

Teien Township, Kittson County

Senate District 2, House District 02A

Helga Township, Nary School Air Conditioning and Floor Remediation, \$76,198

To hire qualified professionals to improve the interior environment and floors for the Consolidated School Dist. No. 22, Nary school, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Helga Township, Hubbard County

Senate District 3, House District 03A

St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Cemetery Records Management Implementation, \$10,000

To improve management of the historic cemetery records with an updated records management system.

International Falls, Koochiching County

Dorothy Molter Foundation and Museum, Disaster Response Kit, \$2414

To purchase materials to assemble a Disaster Response Kit that will be used to respond to museum collections emergencies.

Ely, St. Louis County

City of Tower, Duluth and Iron Range Railroad Company Passenger Station Roof Replacement, \$10,000

To hire qualified professionals to replace the roof on the 1916 Duluth and Iron Range Railroad Company Passenger Station, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Tower, St. Louis County

Ernest C. Oberholtzer Foundation, Collections Storage Plan, \$9999

To hire professionals to assess and write a collections storage plan for a historically significant collection of books, which will allow greater protection and public access to this resource.

International Falls, Koochiching County

City of Ranier, Ranier Community Building Conditions Assessment, \$10,000

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

Ranier, Koochiching County

Tower-Soudan Historical Society, Construction documents for Historic Fire Hall HVAC, Interior Masonry and Interior Finishes, \$45,000

To hire qualified professionals to produce drawings for restoration of the Tower Fire Hall, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Tower, St. Louis County

Ernest C. Oberholtzer Foundation, Historic Stonework Conditions Assessment, \$9998

To hire a qualified specialist to conduct a conditions assessment of the Oberholtzer Estate's historic stonework on Mallard Island, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Koochiching County

Senate District 3, House District 03B

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, St. George Serbian Orthodox Church National Register Nomination, \$5500

To hire a qualified historian to complete the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, Duluth.

Duluth, St. Louis County

Grants awarded July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. Project locations reflect where grant work is being accomplished.

Lake County Historical Society, Two Harbors Depot Construction Documents: New Roof & Chimney Stabilization, \$10,000

To contract with qualified professionals to prepare construction documents for the preservation of the 1907 Duluth and Iron Range Railroad Company Depot, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Two Harbors, Lake County

Lake County Historical Society, LCHS Photograph Inventory, \$42,782

To provide better organization of the museum's photography collection, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources.

Two Harbors, Lake County

Senate District 4, House District 04A

Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County, Erik Ahlberg Painting Conservation, \$10,000

To hire a qualified conservator to restore a significant museum collections piece: a 1934 painting from Moorhead artist Erik Ahlberg.

Moorhead, Clay County

Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County, Bergquist Cabin Construction Drawings, \$10,000

To contract with qualified professionals to prepare construction documents for the preservation of the Bergquist Cabin, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Moorhead, Clay County

Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County, Iraqi Immigrants Oral History, \$10,000

To document in up to 20 oral history interviews the history of Iraqi Americans in the Moorhead area.

Moorhead, Clay County

Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County, Archival Backlog Processing, \$10,000

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

Moorhead, Clay County

Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County, Historic Structure Report: District 3 Rollag Rural Schoolhouse, \$10,000

To hire a qualified consultant to develop a Historic Structure Report that will help preserve the 1892 District 3 Rollag School, eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Hawley, Clay County

Senate District 4, House District 04B

Grong Lutheran Church, Grong Lutheran Church National Register Evaluation, \$10,000

To hire a qualified historian to complete an evaluation to determine eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for the 1881 Grong Lutheran Church.

Hawley, Clay County

Senate District 5, House District 05A

Cass County, Munroe Turntable-Roundhouse Phase 2, \$42,400

To hire a qualified archaeologist to conduct excavation and documentation of the Munroe Turntable-Roundhouse.

Backus, Cass County

Senate District 5, House District 05B

City of Grey Eagle, Grey Eagle Village Hall Conditions Assessment, \$10,000

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a conditions assessment of the 1934 Grey Eagle Village Hall, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Grey Eagle, Todd County

Senate District 6, House District 06A

City of Grand Rapids (Grand Rapids Area Library), Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner, \$8513

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

Grand Rapids, Itasca County

City of Cuyuna, Cuyuna City Hall National Register Nomination, \$10,000

To hire a qualified historian to complete the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the 1911 Cuyuna City Hall.

Cuyuna, Crow Wing County

Senate District 7, House District 07A

Regents of the University of Minnesota (Glensheen), Glensheen Carriage House Exterior Preservation | Masonry, \$267,500

To hire qualified professionals to complete exterior masonry work on the Congdon, Chester and Clara, Estate (Glensheen), listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Duluth, St. Louis County

Armory Arts and Music Center, Duluth Armory - Partial Reroofing, \$250,000

To hire qualified professionals to complete partial re-roofing on the Duluth Armory, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Duluth, St. Louis County

Senate District 7, House District 07B

Denfeld Historic Organ Restoration and Preservation Alliance, Denfeld Historic Organ Condition Report and Treatment Proposal, \$5200

To hire a qualified consultant to conduct a conservation needs assessment and treatment plan for a 1925 George Kilgen and Sons hybrid classical pipe organ.

Duluth, St. Louis County

Sacred Heart John Chebul Memorial Center Association Inc., SHMC Roofing & Gutter Repair, \$69,373

To hire qualified professionals to repair roof and gutters for the Sacred Heart Cathedral, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Duluth, St. Louis County

Children's Dental Services, Reinforcement and Rehabilitation of Roof, Skylights, Cornice and Balustrade, and Parapet Wall at 25 W. Superior St., Duluth, \$200,000

To hire qualified professionals to complete roof rehabilitation and exterior work on the former J.C. Schobes Bakery and Confectionery, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Duluth, St. Louis County

Senate District 8, House District 08A

Lake Superior Railroad Museum, St. Louis County Depot Canopy Conditions Assessment, \$10,000

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a conditions assessment of the canopy of the 1892 St. Louis Depot, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Duluth, St. Louis County

Senate District 8, House District 08B

Regents of the University of Minnesota (Duluth - Writing Studies Department), Stories of the Opioid Crisis in Northeastern Minnesota, \$7800

To document in 20 oral history interviews the history of the opioid crisis in Minnesota.

Duluth, St. Louis County

Senate District 9, House District 09A

City of Barrett, Barrett Lakeside Pavilion National Register Evaluation, \$10,000

To hire a qualified historian to complete an evaluation to determine eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for the 1929 Lakeside Pavilion.

Barrett, Grant County

Senate District 9, House District 09B

Henning Public School, Pages for a Purpose Library Book Update, \$9325

To add books about Minnesota history and/or books by Minnesota authors to Henning Public School's library holdings to provide updated Minnesota resources to their community.

Henning, Otter Tail County

City of Underwood, Foss Cabin National Register Evaluation, \$10,000

To hire a qualified historian to complete an evaluation to determine eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for the 1869 Foss Cabin.

Underwood, Otter Tail County

Friends of Linden Hill, Inc., General Conservation Assessment and Long-Range Preservation Plan, \$5645

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, \$5047

To add 62 rolls of microfilmed Todd County newspapers to make these primary records more accessible to the public.

Long Prairie, Todd County

Senate District 10, House District 10A

Morrison County Historical Society, ADA Compliance: Installation of Automatic Door Openers, \$3000

To improve public accessibility at the Charles Weyerhaeuser Museum and better comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Little Falls, Morrison County

Morrison County Historical Society, Phase I Archeological Survey, \$23,000

To hire a qualified archaeologist to conduct a survey of the Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Memorial Museum located at 2151 Lindbergh Drive South, Little Falls, MN.

Little Falls, Morrison County

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Morrison County Historical Society, Microfilm and Obituary Cards Rehousing Project, \$6000

To provide appropriate storage materials for two archival collections.

Little Falls, Morrison County

Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Moccasin Project, \$10,000

To hire an individual trained in traditional Ojibwe moccasin making to conduct hands-on workshops that will teach this important historical cultural practice.

Onamia, Mille Lacs County

Senate District 11, House District 11B

True Directions, Inc., Research and Writing Phase for C.E. Williams House Historical Marker, \$1900

To hire a qualified consultant to research the history of the 1902 C.E. Williams House in Mora, MN, in preparation for a historical marker.

Mora, Kanabec County

True Directions, Inc., C.E. Williams House: Phase 2 Construction Documents, \$9500

To contract with qualified professionals to prepare construction documents for the preservation of the 1902 C.E. Williams House, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Mora, Kanabec County

City of Sandstone, Sandstone School Roof Stabilization Construction Documents, \$175,500

To hire qualified professionals to complete plans and prep for the Sandstone Public School Building, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Sandstone, Pine County

Senate District 12, House District 12A

City of Murdock, Sabin S. Murdock House Conditions Assessment, \$10,000

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a conditions assessment of the 1878 Sabin S. Murdock House, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Murdock, Swift County

Senate District 12, House District 12B

Douglas County Historical Society, Collective Access Conversion and Upgrade, \$9473

To improve collections care and management through an updated collections management system.

Alexandria, Douglas County

Sauk Centre Area History Museum and Research Center, Blue Valley Creamery Roof Construction Documents, \$10,000

To contract with qualified professionals to prepare construction documents for the roof of the Blue Valley Creamery, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Sauk Centre, Stearns County

Sauk Centre Area History Museum and Research Center, Pre-Construction Documents: Exterior Masonry of Sauk Centre Blue Valley Creamery, \$48,718

To hire qualified professionals to produce drawings for restoration of the Blue Valley Creamery, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Sauk Centre, Stearns County

Senate District 14, House District 14A

City of St. Cloud, St. Cloud Preservation Manuals Update, \$10,000

To hire a qualified consultant to produce updated historic preservation manuals for the City of St. Cloud.

St. Cloud, Stearns County

Stearns History Museum, Three-Dimensional Collections Evaluation & Clean-up, \$120,342

To provide better organization of recent museum accessions, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources.

St. Cloud, Stearns County

Senate District 15, House District 15A

City of Granite Falls (Public Library), Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner, \$4125

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

Granite Falls, Yellow Medicine County

Wheels Across the Prairie Museum, Design a HVAC/Insulation System for the Helmberger-Johnston Building, \$10,000

To hire a qualified consultant to design an appropriate heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) system for a museum collections space.

Tracy, Lyon County

City of Madison, Madison City Hall Window Rehabilitation, \$286,000

To hire qualified professionals to rehabilitate windows on the City of Madison City Hall and Opera House, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Madison, Lac qui Parle County

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Senate District 15, House District 15B

Brown County Historical Society, BCHS Comprehensive Inventory Phase 4, \$8691

To provide better organization of the museum's archival collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources.
New Ulm, Brown County

Lind House Association, Inc., Lind House Roof Construction Documents, \$10,000

To contract with qualified professionals to prepare construction documents for the preservation of the roof of the John Lind House, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
New Ulm, Brown County

Senate District 16, House District 16A

Renville County Historical Society, Microfilm Additions to Research Library, \$10,000

To add 125 rolls of microfilmed newspapers and other local history documents to the museum's holdings, making primary records more accessible to the public.
Morton, Renville County

Senate District 16, House District 16B

Kandiyohi County Historical Society, Construction Documents for Albert and Jennie Sperry House, \$28,300

To hire qualified professionals to produce drawings for restoration of the Albert and Jennie Sperry House, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
Willmar, Kandiyohi County

Senate District 17, House District 17A

Dassel Area Historical Society, Newspaper Photo Preservation Project, \$5675

To digitize a collection of local newspaper photographs (1893-1969), allowing for greater public usage of these historic resources.
Dassel, Meeker County

Bird Island Cultural Centre, Tinnes-Baker House Predevelopment: Construction Documents, \$10,000

To contract with qualified professionals to prepare construction documents for the preservation of the Tinnes-Baker House, listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and used as a cultural center.
Bird Island, Renville County

City of Maynard, Maynard State Bank Roof Replacement, \$155,260

To hire qualified professionals to complete roof repairs on the Maynard State Bank, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
Maynard, Chippewa County

Sacred Heart Area Historical Society, Collections & Storage Lighting of the Sacred Heart Area Museum: Implementation, \$104,681

To hire qualified technicians to upgrade Sacred Heart Area Historical Society's lighting systems in their collections and storage areas.
Sacred Heart, Renville County

Senate District 17, House District 17B

Sibley County (Board of Commissioners), Sibley County Map Preservation, \$597

To digitize a hand-drawn Sibley County map to allow for greater public access to this historic resource.
Gaylord, Sibley County

City of Gaylord, Oaks Lakeside Pavilion, \$262,774

To hire qualified professionals to complete restoration on the Oaks Lakeside Pavilion, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
Gaylord, Sibley County

Senate District 19, House District 19A

Shattuck St. Mary's School, Chapel of the Good Shepherd Conditions Assessment, \$10,000

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a conditions assessment of the 1871 Chapel of the Good Shepherd, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
Faribault, Rice County

Senate District 20, House District 20A

Lake City Historical Society, General Conservation Assessment & Long-Range Preservation Plan, \$4076

To hire a qualified museum consultant to conduct a general preservation needs assessment survey and long range collections preservation plan.
Lake City, Wabasha County

Senate District 20, House District 20B

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Headquarters, Nicholas Marnach House, \$27,500

To hire qualified professionals to produce drawings for restoration of the Nicholas Marnach House, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
Whitewater Township, Winona County

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Senate District 21, House District 21A

Reclaim Community, Jasper School 1939 Wing Roof Rehabilitation Design, \$10,000

To contract with qualified professionals to prepare construction documents for the preservation of the roof of the 1939 Jasper School, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Jasper, Pipestone County

Jasper Area Historical Society, Poorbaugh Building Conditions Assessment, \$10,000

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a conditions assessment of the 1889 Poorbaugh Block, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Jasper, Pipestone County

Murray County Historical Society, Dinehart Holt Collection Inventory & Rehousing Phase 1, \$6432

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

Slayton, Murray County

Cannon Falls Area Historical Society, History of the Mineral Springs Sanatorium: Writing Phase Part 2, \$10,000

To hire qualified professionals to produce the second half of a manuscript on the history of the Mineral Springs Sanatorium.

Cannon Falls, Goodhue County

Senate District 21, House District 21B

Jackson County Historical Society, Collections Inventory Phase 2, \$7150

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

Lakefield, Jackson County

St. James Public Schools, Exhibit Design: Who We Are and How We Got Here, \$10,000

To hire a qualified consultant to write an exhibit design about migration, immigration, and cultural diversity in the St. James area.

St. James, Watonwan County

Nobles County Historical Society, Digital Conversion of Photographic Negatives 1954-1956, \$9360

To digitize part of a large collection of photo negatives, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource.

Worthington, Nobles County

Senate District 22, House District 22A

Rock County Historical Society, General Conservation Assessment and Long-Range Preservation Plan, \$7993

To hire a qualified museum consultant to conduct a general preservation needs assessment survey and long range collections preservation plan.

Luverne, Rock County

Pipestone County Historical Society, Ferris Grand North Façade Repointing, \$199,407

To hire qualified professionals to complete rehabilitation work on the Ferris Grand/Masonic Temple, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Pipestone, Pipestone County

Senate District 22, House District 22B

Le Sueur County Historical Society, Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner, \$9875

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

Elysian, Le Sueur County

City of Belle Plaine, Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration Preservation Project II, \$185,863

To hire qualified professionals to complete a range of rehabilitation work on the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Belle Plaine, Scott County

Le Sueur County Historical Society, Rehabilitation of Elysian School Bell Tower and Roof and Associated Elements, \$297,079

To hire qualified professionals to replace the roof, repair the bell tower and associated elements on the Elysian Public School, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Elysian, Le Sueur County

Senate District 23, House District 23B

Hamline University, A Pilot Study Using Ground Penetrating Radar at the Grand Meadow Chert Quarry Preserve/Wanhi Yukan (21MW0008), \$9995

To hire qualified archaeologists to conduct a ground penetrating radar (GPR) survey of the Grand Meadow Chert Quarry in Mower County.

Grand Meadow, Mower County

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Senate District 24, House District 24A

Dodge County, Wasioja Historic District Interpretive Sign Audio Program, \$10,000

To hire qualified professionals to record audio narratives to accompany Dodge County's Wasioja Historic District's interpretive signage.

Wasioja, Dodge County

West Concord Historical Society, West Concord High School Construction Documents, \$10,000

To contract with qualified professionals to prepare construction documents for the roof of the 1936 addition to the West Concord High School, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and used as a community center.

West Concord, Dodge County

Senate District 25, House District 25B

City of Rochester (Community Development), Rochester State Hospital Historic Context Study, \$9500

To hire a qualified consultant to write a context study for the Rochester State Hospital.

Rochester, Olmsted County

City of Rochester (Rochester Public Library), Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner, \$9890

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

Rochester, Olmsted County

Senate District 26, House District 26A

Polish Cultural Institute, Complete Data Entry into Collector Systems for Covid-Related Backlog, \$9990

To improve collections care and management through an updated collections management system.

Winona, Winona County

Winona County Historical Society, Research Report on the Labathe Family, \$2350

To hire a qualified historian to conduct primary source research on the history of the Labathe Family, a French-Indigenous family in Winona County.

Winona, Winona County

Winona County Historical Society, Collections Management System Conversion & Upgrade, \$9869

To improve collections care and management through an updated collections management system.

Winona, Winona County

Islamic Center of Winona, Roof Replacement, \$226,094

To hire qualified professionals to complete re-roofing and preventative masonry work on the Second National Bank, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Winona, Winona County

Winona County Historical Society, Design and Drawings for HVAC Upgrades and Repairs, \$106,265

To hire qualified professionals to design construction drawings for the Armory - Winona Commercial Historic District, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Winona, Winona County

Senate District 26, House District 26B

Fillmore County Historical Society, HVAC Assessment, \$9600

To hire a qualified and experienced HVAC engineer to evaluate how well the current system controls the museum environment.

Fountain, Fillmore County

Senate District 27, House District 27B

City of Adams, First National Bank of Adams Working Drawings/Architectural Plans & Specifications, \$31,400

To hire qualified professionals to produce drawings for restoration of the First National Bank of Adams, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Adams, Mower County

Senate District 28, House District 28A

East Central Regional Library, Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner, \$9500

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

Cambridge, Isanti County

Senate District 31, House District 31B

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Swedish Lutheran Church Restoration Architectural Design, \$16,500

To hire qualified professionals to produce drawings for restoration of the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Ham Lake, Anoka County

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Senate District 33, House District 33B

City of Marine on St. Croix, Conditions Assessment and Maintenance Program for the Stone House Museum, \$4480

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a conditions assessment of the circa 1872 Stone House Museum, part of the Marine on St. Croix Historic District that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
Marine on St. Croix, Washington County

Washington County Historical Society, Research Project: The History of Brewing in Washington County, \$10,000

To hire a qualified historian to research and write the history of brewing and breweries in Washington County.
Stillwater, Washington County

Senate District 34, House District 34A

City of Champlin, Dunning School National Register Evaluation, \$10,000

To hire a qualified historian to complete an evaluation to determine eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for the circa 1876 Dunning School.
Champlin, Hennepin County

Senate District 36, House District 36B

White Bear Lake Area Historical Society, Research Project: Sophie Wirth Camp, \$10,000

To hire a qualified historian to research and write the history of the Sophie Wirth Camp (1911-1943) in White Bear Lake, MN.
White Bear Lake, Ramsey County

White Bear Lake Area Historical Society, WBLAHS 3D Object Collection Inventory, \$67,379

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources.
White Bear Lake, Ramsey County

Senate District 38, House District 38A

Positive Image, Strengthening Families and Building Communities through Positive Image Oral Histories, \$10,000

To document in 12-17 oral history interviews the history of strong African American families and communities in Minnesota.
Brooklyn Park, Hennepin County

City of Afton, Research 70 Year History of Valley Creek Women's Club, \$9999

To hire a qualified historian to research and write the history of the Valley Creek Women's Club in Afton, MN.
Afton, Washington County

Senate District 41, House District 41B

Dakota County Historical Society, Phase 3: George Daniels Project-Design & Development, \$97,000

To hire a qualified consultant to write an exhibit design and development documents to enhance and broaden the George Daniels exhibit.
Hastings, Dakota County

Senate District 43, House District 43B

Golden Valley Historical Society, Golden Valley Historical Society Security Survey, \$7970

To hire a qualified and experienced security firm to evaluate the current level of museum security.
Golden Valley, Hennepin County

Robbinsdale Historical Society, Collective Access Establishment and Baseline Data Entry, \$9275

To improve collections care and management through an updated collections management system.
Robbinsdale, Hennepin County

Senate District 44, House District 44B

North Star Scouting Memorabilia, Design/Build HVAC System, \$159,000

To hire qualified technicians to upgrade the Scouting museum's heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) system.
North St. Paul, Ramsey County

Senate District 45, House District 45A

Westonka Historical Society, Inventory of Museum Collection: Phase 3, \$9925

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

Senate District 48, House District 48A

Carver County Historical Society, 517 First Street HVAC Evaluation, \$8900

To hire a qualified and experienced HVAC engineer to evaluate how well the current system controls the museum environment.
Waconia, Carver County

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City of Waconia, Civil War Memorial Conservation Treatment, \$60,000

To hire a qualified conservator to restore a significant monument in the City's collections.

Waconia, Carver County

Senate District 49, House District 49B

The Association of Chinese Americans For Social Justice, New Faces of Chinese Immigrants in Minnesota (1978 to today), \$9980

To document in 20-30 oral history interviews the history of recent Chinese immigration to Minnesota.

Eden Prairie, Hennepin County

Eden Prairie Historical Society, Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner, \$8755

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

Eden Prairie, Hennepin County

Senate District 50, House District 50A

Afton Historical Society Press, Production, Design, and Printing of Grace & Grit: A History of Ballet in Minnesota, \$10,000

To hire qualified professionals to publish a book on the history of ballet in Minnesota.

Edina, Hennepin County

Afton Historical Society Press, Latin Art in Minnesota: Conversations and What's Next, \$10,000

To hire qualified professionals to publish a book on the history of Latin Art in Minnesota.

Edina, Hennepin County

Afton Historical Society Press, Seeing Minnesota: Minnesota Art and the American Vision, \$10,000

To hire qualified professionals to publish a book on the history of art in Minnesota.

Edina, Hennepin County

Senate District 50, House District 50B

Minnesota Masonic Historical Society and Museum, Collections Storage/Rehousing, \$170,690

To provide appropriate storage materials for museum collections.

Bloomington, Hennepin County

Senate District 52, House District 52B

Germanic Genealogy Society, Rehousing Germanic Genealogical Society Library Collection, \$9600

To improve the library collection's care and management through proper storage.

Mendota Heights, Dakota County

Caponi Art Park, Track 2 Phase 6 Anthony Caponi Collection Detailed Processing, \$9980

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

Eagan, Dakota County

Senate District 53, House District 53B

Luther Memorial Church, Luther Memorial Church National Register Evaluation, \$10,000

To hire a qualified historian to complete an evaluation to determine eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for Luther Memorial Church.

South St Paul, Dakota County

Dakota County, Wakota Bridge Interpretive Panels Research, Writing, and Graphic Design, \$10,000

To research and design interpretive panels for the Wakota Bridge and Mississippi River Corridor.

Hastings, Dakota County

Senate District 54, House District 54A

City of Shakopee, Shakopee Historic and Cultural District NRHP Nomination, \$77,500

To hire a qualified consultant to complete a context study of all NRHP and eligible properties in the Shakopee Historic District.

Shakopee, Scott County

Senate District 54, House District 54B

Dakota County, Lone Oak Trailhead Interpretive Panel Research, Writing, and Graphic Design, \$10,000

To research and design interpretive panels for the Lone Oak Trailhead in Dakota County.

Hastings, Dakota County

Dakota County, Minnesota River Greenway Dakota Ways of Seeing Online Exhibit, \$40,700

To hire a qualified consultant to write an exhibit plan for an accessible online exhibit as a companion to the physical Dakota Ways of Seeing Interpretive Exhibit.

Hastings, Dakota County

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Scott County Historical Society, Shakopee Riverfront Cultural Trail Design Development, \$168,000

To hire qualified consultants to develop schematic designs for the Shakopee Riverfront Cultural Trail.
Shakopee, Scott County

Senate District 56, House District 56A

Kids 'n Kinship, A History of the Dakota County Kids 'n Kinship Program, \$6300

To hire a qualified historian to research and write the history of the Kids 'n Kinship program in Dakota County.
Apple Valley, Dakota County

Senate District 58, House District 58A

Church of St Wenceslaus, St. Wenceslaus Cemetery Chapel National Register Evaluation, \$10,000

To hire a qualified historian to complete an evaluation to determine eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for the 1899 St. Wenceslaus Cemetery Chapel.
New Prague, Scott County

Carleton College, 100 Years of Minnesota's First Arboretum at Carleton College, \$10,000

To hire a qualified historian to research and write the history of the first arboretum in Minnesota.
Northfield, Rice County

Norwegian-American Historical Association, Digital Exhibit Planning for Norwegian-American Commemorations in Minnesota, \$9600

To plan and research several Norwegian-American historical topics for a digital exhibit in preparation for several commemorations, including a 2025 conference on migration.
Northfield, Rice County

St. Olaf College, Cataloging Textiles and 3D Objects in the St. Olaf College Archives & Special Collections, \$184,350

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

Senate District 59, House District 59B

First Church of God in Christ, First Church of God in Christ/Tifereth B'nai Jacob National Register Nomination, \$9900

To hire a qualified historian to complete the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the 1926 First Church of God in Christ.
Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Midwest Food Connection, History of Hmong Food Traditions in Minnesota: Research, \$9900

To hire qualified personnel to research and write the history of Hmong food traditions in Minnesota.
Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Minnesota Orchestral Association, Preserving the Minnesota Orchestra's Concert Broadcast History, Phase II, \$130,250

To digitize a collection of archival Minnesota Orchestra concert recordings, allowing for greater public access to these historic resources.
Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Senate District 60, House District 60A

Firefighter's Hall and Museum, Improvement of Preservation Lighting, \$4175

To hire qualified technicians to upgrade Firefighter's Hall and Museum's lighting system.
Minneapolis, Hennepin County

St. Michael's and St. George's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Ukrainians in MN Short Film, \$10,000

To hire qualified professionals to produce a documentary on the history of Ukrainians in Minnesota.
Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Firefighter's Hall and Museum, Inventory Museum Collection, \$102,300

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

Senate District 60, House District 60B

Regents of the University of Minnesota (Institute on Community Integration), Publish: Special Education Teachers in Minnesota: 1840s to 2023..., \$9189

To hire qualified professionals to publish a book on the history of special education teachers in Minnesota.
Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Regents of the University of Minnesota (Institute for Advanced Study), Plant/People: Oral Histories of Herbalists in Minnesota, \$10,000

To document in 32 oral history interviews the history of herbalists and herbalism in Minnesota.
Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Twin Cities Cable Arts Consortium, Melisande Charles Media Collection Care, \$9950

To provide better organization of an important media collection, allowing for greater public access to these historic resources.
Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Regents of the University of Minnesota (History of Medicine), Minnesota Reproductive Health Oral History Project, \$9780

To document in 10 oral history interviews the history of women's reproductive healthcare in Minnesota.
Minneapolis, Hennepin County

First Congregational Church of Minnesota - United Church of Christ, FCC Window Construction Documents, \$30,000

To hire qualified professionals to produce drawings for restoration of the First Congregational Church of Minnesota, United Church of Christ, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Regents of the University of Minnesota (U of M Libraries), Increasing Access to Historical Healthcare Artifacts, \$103,162

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

Senate District 61, House District 61A

The Bakken Museum, Improving Demographic Data Collection at The Bakken Museum, \$5700

To hire a qualified consultant who will direct The Bakken Museum in collecting more accurate demographic information from visitors to better understand who is and who is not visiting the museum.
Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Wiccan Church of Minnesota, Collection of Oral Histories of the Wiccan Church of Minnesota, \$10,000

To document in 15-20 oral history interviews the history of the Wiccan Church of Minnesota, established 1988.
Minneapolis, Hennepin County

The Bakken Museum, Cross-Sectional Medical Alley Oral Histories Project, \$44,956

To document in 18 to 25 oral history interviews the history of Medical Alley from diverse perspectives.
Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Senate District 61, House District 61B

Portal Research, Minnesota's Daily Newspaper Environment, \$9800

To document in 10 oral history interviews the history of Minnesota daily newspapers.
Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Senate District 62, House District 62A

Alano Society of Minneapolis, Structural Engineering Assessment, \$9725

To hire a qualified engineer to conduct a structural assessment of the 1887 Alano Society of Minneapolis Clubhouse (John Washburn House), listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Minneapolis Branch AAUW, Changing Roles of Women as Viewed in a History of the Minneapolis Branch AAUW 1950-2022, \$9750

To document in 5 oral history interviews the history of the Minneapolis Branch AAUW from the 1950s to present.
Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Hennepin History Museum, Hennepin History Museum Redesign of Museum Lighting, \$8960

To hire a qualified museum lighting professional to develop a museum lighting plan.
Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Senate District 62, House District 62B

Minnesota's Black Community Project, Documentary Research on Minnesota's 21st Century African American Community, \$25,000

To hire qualified consultants to research the history of Minnesota's 21st century African American community, in preparation for a future documentary film.
Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Senate District 63, House District 63A

Danish American Center, Collection Management System and Pilot Inventory, \$5458

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

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A World of Accordions, Musical Memories of 27th and E. Lake: Festive Ritual Traditions of Diasporic Migrants, \$8000

To document in oral history interviews the history of migrants and music on East Lake Street, Minneapolis. *Woodbury, Washington County*

Senate District 64, House District 64A

Macalester College, Digitization of Macalester College Archival Audio Recordings, \$5140

To digitize a collection of archival convocation and commencement audio recordings, allowing for greater public access to these historic resources. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Park Baptist, UNITY Baptist & Anointed Faith Missionary Church, Woodland Park Baptist Church Conditions Assessment, \$9900

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a conditions assessment of the 1913 Woodland Park Baptist Church, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Senate District 64, House District 64B

St. Catherine University, Conservation of Outdoor Sculpture in the St. Catherine University Fine Art Collection and Development of Outdoor Sculpture Corps, \$4020

To hire a qualified conservator to conduct general conservation treatment of the St. Catherine University outdoor sculpture collection. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Friends of Highland Arts, Jewish-Christian Cooperation Documentary, \$8190

To hire qualified professionals to produce a script on the history of Jewish and Christian collaborations in St. Paul's Highland Park neighborhood. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Friends of Highland Arts, Highland History Writing Project, \$9600

To hire a qualified historian to research and write the history of St. Paul's Highland Park neighborhood. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Senate District 65, House District 65A

The Catholic Cemeteries, Calvary Cemetery National Register Evaluation, \$9566

To hire a qualified historian to complete an evaluation to determine eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for Calvary Cemetery, St. Paul. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Hmong Museum, Hmong Museum Collections Database, \$10,000

To improve collections care and management through an updated collections management system. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Senate District 65, House District 65B

Center for Policy Design, Kindred Spirits: The Story of John F Thomas, \$10,000

To hire a qualified historian to research and write the history of Minneapolis resident John F. Thomas. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Minnesota Boat Club, Construction Documents to Fix Water Infiltration Problem, \$10,000

To contract with qualified professionals to prepare construction documents for the preservation of the 1910 Minnesota Boat Club, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Nautilus Music-Theater, Digitizing Historical Videotape in the Nautilus Music-Theater Archive, \$9950

To digitize a collection of archival videos of the theater's performances and other activities, allowing for greater public access to these historic resources. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

Central Presbyterian Church/Presbyterian Church (USA), Rehabilitation of east elevation masonry, \$160,000

To hire qualified professionals to complete exterior repairs on the Central Presbyterian Church, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. *St. Paul, Ramsey County*

The Saint Paul Foundation, Web-Based Historical Exhibit Planning and Design Project, \$79,150

To hire a qualified consultant to write an exhibit design plan for the Philando Castile Peace Garden. *Saint Paul, Ramsey County*

Senate District 66, House District 66A

Saint Paul Neighborhood Network, Digitizing and Preserving SPNN's Historical Television Programs, \$10,000

To digitize a collection of videos of the Rondo neighborhood in St. Paul, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

Minnesota Veterinary Historical Museum, Collections Management System Conversion and Upgrade, \$7315

To improve collections care and management through an updated collections management system.

Saint Paul, Ramsey County

Senate District 67, House District 67A

Face to Face Health & Counseling Service, Inc, Face to Face Oral History - Part Two, \$9950

To document in 7 oral history interviews the history of Face to Face Health and Counseling Service from the 1990s to present.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

Grants awarded July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. Project locations reflect where grant work is being accomplished.

REPORT OF STATEWIDE HISTORY PROGRAMS



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 \$13.203 million this biennium in history programs that will bring the power of history to Minnesotans of all ages in all corners of the state.

This Legacy report presents a look back on how funds were used for Statewide Programs in FY23.

Appropriations Language—Statewide History Programs: \$6,213,000 the first year and \$6,990,000 the second year are for historic and cultural programs and purposes related to the heritage of the state. Of this amount, \$213,000 the first year must be used by the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Historical Society to either produce or purchase and distribute a book to engage and educate elementary school students on Minnesota's natural resources, legacy, culture, and history. The book should be made available cost-free to educators and libraries and through state historical society sites to provide to a targeted grade of elementary school students.

Above: Examining artifacts during the Archaeology Collections Box-Level Inventory Project

ARCHAEOLOGY

Archaeological Artifact Inventory of Minnesota River Valley Historic Sites, \$101,538

This project focuses on creating detailed digital catalog records for archaeological collections that were acquired before digital documentation was possible. This work increases the accessibility and research value of the MNHS archaeological collections. It also brings curation of these collections up to current standards and increases the number of archaeological objects available to view on the MNHS website. The focus of this project is archaeological collections along the Minnesota River Valley, including Fort Ridgely and Upper Sioux Agency Historic Site. This builds upon previous collections work completed for historic sites, such as Historic Fort Snelling. Completing digitization for these collections allows for more convenient access to the collections and eliminates the need for additional storage space required to maintain physical access. Digitization of the artifact collections includes artifact photography, updated artifact descriptions, and narrative writing.

Care of Abandoned Archeology Collections, \$62,470

Over the last ten years, several archaeological collections were abandoned in the state as several universities, institutions, organizations, and private contractor firms closed their doors. In those instances, the archaeological collections were deposited with the Office of the State Archaeologist and/or at the Minnesota Historical Society Archaeology Lab at the Kellogg Center in St. Paul, MN. This project begins addressing those challenges taking inventory of those collections, beginning and completing the processing and curation for those collections excavated from non-federal public lands, identifying ownership of collections from private land, engaging landowners on return of the collections or gift agreements, and planning/implementing as needed. This project works in collaboration with the Office of the State Archaeologist and assists on updating guidance on current curation guidelines and standards (e.g., repository agreements for active projects, abandoned collections), to develop new guidance as needed and engage partner organizations, historical societies, universities, agencies, and the professional community on any revised guidelines and standards.

Curator of Archeology, \$44,096

This project provides funding for the Archaeological Curator position at MNHS to manage archaeological collections and public use materials at the Minnesota History Center and Kellogg Center, provide access to archaeological collections, identify and promote the research needs within the MNHS archaeological collections, engage communities on Minnesota's archaeological heritage through objects and community curation programs, and develop innovative education opportunities and resources for K-12 and university students.

Jeffers Petroglyphs Digitization Project, \$88,467

The Jeffers Petroglyphs digitization project facilitates archaeological site management and conservation to monitor previously identified petroglyphs and cultural features, update archaeological records and collections, and complete new petroglyph and cultural feature inventories on-site at Jeffers Petroglyphs. The digitization project updates and creates new inventories and digital catalog records for Jeffers Petroglyphs and archaeological collections through aerial and terrestrial photogrammetry while increasing accessibility and research value. This will include merging records collected from previous years and geospatially connecting these records together. The project will also complete background research to plan for a non-invasive aerial survey via LiDAR of the MNHS-managed site to document surface features that may be present and contributing significant knowledge to Jeffers Petroglyphs and nearby archaeological sites. This work also supports ongoing efforts to nominate Jeffers Petroglyphs for the National Historic Landmark program and is supported and collaborated by several Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPOs), including Lower Sioux Indian Community, Upper Sioux Community, and the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska.

Archeology Collections Box-Level Inventory Project, \$61,198

The MNHS archaeological collections contain nearly 2.5 million artifacts from over 4000 collections, and span more than 10,000 years of human occupation in the state. These collections represent more than 150 years of archaeological research in the state of Minnesota and surrounding regions. MNHS continues to add to its archaeological holdings in the present day, primarily in accordance with the Field Archaeology Act and its designation as the repository for archaeological collections recovered from Minnesota public lands. In total, the archaeology collections are stored in approximately 2800 boxes. Several different cataloging systems have been used throughout MNHS's collecting history, which has resulted in the creation of multiple catalog numbers for some of the earlier

collections. In addition, many of the collections were created prior to the implementation of electronic recordkeeping, and any associated documentation exists only as paper records. Some more recent collections were documented with technology that is now obsolete, such as on floppy disks or CDs. The result is a patchwork of associated documentation, including detailed catalogs, not accessible through the CMS. The box-level inventory improves accessibility of archaeological collections to MNHS staff, researchers, and other stakeholder communities through the completion of an inventory, digitization of paper records, enhancement of digital tracking records, and rehousing of artifacts. The completion of a box-level inventory for all archaeology collections housed at MNHS establishes physical and digital control over current location data. The identification and linking of paper and digital catalog data with accession records in the Collections Management System (CMS) will improve recognition of the research potential of archaeological collections.

EDUCATION AND PROGRAMMING

Digital Access Initiative, \$341,667

In FY23, Legacy funding was used to create and make accessible virtual tours for Alexander Ramsey House, Historic Fort Snelling, and Charles A. Lindbergh House; this project will continue to grow and will eventually extend to the entire Historic Sites network over the coming years. Digital Access funds were also used to extend interpretation into social media, creating an in-depth series about Historic Forestville's 19th century pharmacy on their new Instagram channel. Closing out the fiscal year, Digital Access curated an emerging technology day, where a cross-section of staff from MNHS learned about – and had firsthand experiences with – Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality, and the Metaverse, taking first steps to examine and understand the potential of these emergent technologies.

Legacy Field Trip Support Fund, \$52,948

In FY23, Guest Services used Legacy funds in two ways. Of the \$52,948, salary costs of \$17,072 were used to support staffing in the K-12 Scheduling Office. The remaining \$35,876 was awarded to 106 MN schools to help offset the cost for bussing 8,969 students to 14 MNHS historic sites and museums.

Curriculum & Teacher Professional Development, \$110,486

In FY23, Legacy funds were utilized by the Teacher Education and Curriculum Development Team for staff time and other costs with a focus on teacher training and curricular product development. Teacher professional development offerings include sessions geared towards numerous education constituencies, from elementary teachers to 6th grade Northern Lights curriculum teachers to secondary history and social studies teachers. In addition to staffing costs for workshop development and facilitation, direct program expenses for the annual History Fest teacher workshop were also funded. Funding supported staffing costs for outreach and training sessions provided to college level pre-service teachers in social studies teacher preparation programs and college-level social studies methods instructors and professors. Some project expenses for the Ojibwe Shoulder Bag Activity Kit, a popular supplemental curricular product, were also covered by this fund and help to keep the product updated and relevant as classroom technology changes.

Interpreter Training, \$49,606

Members of the Interpretive Programs team continued to provide the Foundations of Interpretation to new interpreters hired at MNHS. To meet the needs of our changing workforce, an outline was developed for training that will be more customizable by each interpreter and their supervisor to better meet their needs. The goal is to have additional training tracks for specific interpretive needs, including K-12 Audiences.

Statewide Program Support, \$200,179

The Interpretive Programs Team continues to build consistency of programming across the directly managed historic sites. Frameworks were developed for Historic Forestville and Jeffers Petroglyphs. The Framework for the James J. Hill and Ramsey Houses was started and will be completed in FY24. With the Framework development, focus groups with educators were held at the Hill House, Ramsey House, and Jeffers Petroglyphs. IP Team members attended training to support program development at sites and visited the directly managed sites to better understand the space and team members.

History Center Programs, \$175,068

These funds were used to support public and interpretive programs at the Minnesota History Center, including a “History’s Mysteries” Library workshop and a Minnesota State band performance. The funds were also used for registration fees for the Native Studies Summer Workshop for Educators for several staff.

EXHIBITS***Sherlock Holmes: The Exhibition, \$1,160,272***

These funds were used to bring the traveling exhibit *Sherlock Holmes: The Exhibition* to the Minnesota History Center’s museum. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and St. Paul based Exhibits Design Group, LLC. contributed to the making of this traveling exhibit that also showcased items from the University of Minnesota’s special collection of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle objects that created an immersive Sherlock Holmes London in St. Paul. The exhibition for visitors of all ages showcased areas of forensic science that enabled Sherlock Holmes to solve crimes and the historical underpinnings of author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s rich and vibrant stories.

Split Rock Lighthouse Exhibit, \$651,691

These funds supported the development, design, and installation of a new long-term exhibit at Split Rock Lighthouse. This exhibit explores how people have interacted with and tried to control Lake Superior. Highlights of this exhibit include the ship’s wheel from the wreck of the *Madeira*, a full sized replica of the third-order Fresnel lens, media components focused on the power of place, and water which feature Indigenous voices and oral histories, alongside artifacts from lighthouse keepers and their families.

Going Out, Coming In, \$29,241

These funds supported the development, design, and installation of a new temporary exhibit, *Going Out, Coming In*, that was displayed at Mill City Museum in The Mill Commons in celebration of Pride Month 2023. This exhibit celebrated the history of LGBTQIA+ communities and community spaces across Minneapolis and tracked the evolution of the Gateway District as a neighborhood from the 1940’s- 2000’s. The exhibit featured information and visual elements of various sites where queer Minnesotans organized or created community while addressing the systemic challenges of legal and extralegal discrimination, urban renewal, and the HIV/AIDS crisis.

Many Voices, Many Stories, One Place, \$771,783

These funds were used for the development, design, fabrication, and installation of the exhibit *Many Voices, Many Stories, One Place*. This exhibit, on long-term display at Historic Fort Snelling, presents thousands of years of history, beginning with Bdote, sacred Dakota Homeland as the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers. The exhibit focuses on the history of the military fort that played a pivotal role in the nation’s history and the site’s importance in the formation of Minnesota.

Then Now Wow, \$44,959

These funds were used to make technology upgrades to *Then Now Wow* at the Minnesota History Center’s museum.

Righting a Wrong, \$23,990

These funds were used to cover staff hours related to the Smithsonian’s National American History Museum traveling exhibit *Righting a Wrong: Japanese Americans and World War II* on display at the Minnesota History Center.

The Life and Art of Charles M. Schulz, \$284,417

These funds were used to bring the traveling exhibit *The Life and Art of Charles M. Schulz* to the Minnesota History Center’s museum. This exhibit from the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center in Santa Rosa, California explores Schulz’s personal history and his role as the inspiration and artistic talent behind Peanuts. The exhibit follows his Minnesota roots to his life in California and tracks the development of the characters he created. These funds also allowed the Minnesota Historical Society to present unique objects and photos from MNHS collections that reveal how Schulz’s formative experiences in St. Paul stayed with him for the rest of his life, and to develop interactive activities for visitors of all ages.

Exhibits Visitor Reflection Space, \$17,283

These funds were used to create an area for visitors to rest and reflect between three powerful rotating exhibits on display simultaneously. *The Life and Art of Charles M. Schulz, Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow*, and *Reframing Our Stories*. Graphics from the Legacy funded project *Art Speaks* were used in this space to present a welcoming and reflective environment.

Women of the Big Lake, Misi-zagaa’iganii Ikwewag (Ojibwe), \$5,000

This exhibit highlights the lives of four women from the Mille Lacs Band that have made significant contributions to their communities as well as American Indian arts and culture in Minnesota. These women have also shared their knowledge and culture with people from all over the world through their roles they played for the Minnesota Historical Society and the Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post.

Exhibit Development, \$60,372

This funding supported the development and design of a new collections-based exhibit at the Minnesota History Center.

FINANCE

Administrative Costs, \$1,173,436

Administrative costs reflect a portion of the “shared services” costs, such as human resources, payroll, financial accounting, reporting and payment processing, and technology infrastructure, as well as space-related costs for those services. These services are necessary to support the day-to-day operation of Legacy funded programs and partnerships. MNHS works to provide these services at a reasonable cost, and these services are directly related to and necessary for MNHS’s legacy programs.

INCLUSION & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Engagement & Programs, \$135,050

This funding supports relationship building with different communities across Minnesota. In the past year, the Community Engagement team has worked closely with different communities seeking to have their history told more broadly. Most of the Community Programs funding has been used to support the Black Community and Black History. MNHS has worked with the Capri Theater and the MSP Film Society to showcase community films on the first Thursday of each month as well as local film producers to host two film screenings at the Minnesota History Center that focus on Black History in Minnesota. The first film, *Invisible Warriors*, told the story of Black women working in munitions plants in Minnesota during World War II. The second film, *A Great Day in Twin Cities Hip Hop*, highlighted the growth of the Twin Cities Hip Hop scene in the early 1990’s. In addition to the work in the Twin Cities, MNHS has also worked with the Black Community in Greater Minnesota. Some of these funds were used to create a multimedia piece featuring Black leaders in Moorhead. Other funds have been used to start planning gatherings of Black historians in Moorhead and St. Cloud.

In addition to the work with the Black Community, MNHS has been working with the disability community to learn more about that community’s history. Funds have been used to travel the state and meet with different organizations serving that community and to begin planning for gatherings of members of that community to share their stories and history.

Veterans Relations, \$101,240

This funding supported a staff position tasked with assessing and developing sustained engagement between MNHS and the veteran community. This position also provided support for veteran and military-related programs and exhibits and served as a resource for other MNHS staff. Highlights from the past year include:

- Creating a military-focused outreach program for veterans and lifelong learner audiences that included in person and virtual offerings.
- Supporting the World War II Round Table program series at the Minnesota History Center.
- Facilitating tours for active military and veterans groups, military Change of Command ceremonies, promotion and deployment ceremonies, and deployment.
- Attending Military Action Group and United Veterans Legislative Council monthly meetings providing updates on MNHS/Historic Fort Snelling military/ veteran specific programs and events and to determine where Historic Fort Snelling could support other veteran organizations.
- Coordinating donations of military-related program material to MNHS.
- Gathering veteran and military perspectives for the new Historic Fort Snelling visitor center exhibit.
- Building relationships with current active, reserve and national guard military components on the still active Fort Snelling military base.
- Establishing a Veterans Advisory Group to engage the veteran community in Minnesota to advise and assist the Minnesota Historical Society in programming, content, and to create sustained engagement between MNHS and veteran communities in order to provide continual representation of veterans and the military experience that connects to Minnesota history and Minnesota today.

College Internship Program \$238,274

The college internship program provides an opportunity for students to work with experts in the museum field and gain professional experience. MNHS served 40 college interns with a total of 10,172 hours. The interns are from 24 cities throughout the state of Minnesota from Rochester to Moorhead and represent 19 colleges and universities. MNHS made a commitment to pay all interns, providing equity to all. MNHS continues to receive a large number of applications, between 100 to 300 per semester. In addition to operating the college internship program, the staff paid through Legacy funds provided administration, onboarding, seminar planning and implementation, recordkeeping, and payroll functions. Additionally, the Fife and Drum internships were made possible with the Legacy grants, which includes eight internships with 537 hours.

Native American Initiatives, \$362,065

The Native American Initiatives (NAI) team is an advocate for Native communities at MNHS, serving as a bridge between community needs and MNHS resources, engaging with Native communities throughout the state, and ensuring Native voices, stories, and concerns are addressed in MNHS work. The NAI team conducted research, provided content, and created programming and engagement opportunities across the state. Legacy funds supported this work through:

1. The development of a Native teen program – “Reconnecting Our Roots” – a two-session program: one five-week winter after school program and a week-long summer camp. The goals were to provide a learning space for Native American teens where their voices can be heard and they can feel valued, to build community with other students and Minnesota Historical Society staff, and to introduce students to MNHS, museum work and possible careers.
2. The 4th Dakhóta Omníciye was a day-long event to share community knowledge, teachings, and stories. This free event was held at Historic Fort Snelling and included hands-on cultural workshops, artist teachings, film screening, book readings, and presentations from various members of the Dakota communities.
3. Sustained support of the MNHS Indian Advisory Committee (IAC), 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 four annual meetings held in tribal communities around the state.

HERITAGE PRESERVATION

MN Historical Markers, \$65,720

The Minnesota Historical Society has installed more than 200 historical markers across the state since the 1920s but largely stopped the practice in the early 2000s. After completing an in-depth inventory of the markers to better understand their physical location and interpretation, MNHS has been working to pilot an engagement process to understand how various communities interact with these markers and want their history interpreted. The program has also worked to help other individuals and organizations to understand how to care for and consider existing markers.

HISTORIC SITES PROGRAMMING

Interpretive Signage Project, \$77,322

Funding supported the production and staff costs relating to the productions and installation of new and updated outdoor interpretive signage at MNHS historic sites, including the Harkin Store, Lower Sioux Agency, Mille Lacs Indian Museum, and Jeffers Petroglyphs. In addition, FY23 funding supported the work to develop updated outdoor interpretive signage for the following sites: Marine Mill, Sibley House, Folsom House, and Historic Fort Snelling.

Draft Animal Programming, \$157,962

Legacy funding was used to purchase two draft horse teams for the Forest History Center and transport them to the site. Funding was also used to rebuild the cross-load and jammer bobsleds and repair the trolley, purchase a Farmco hay feeder, and cover expenses for veterinary, farrier, fencing, harnesses, hay, employee training, and miscellaneous equine supplies at the Forest History Center. At the Oliver Kelley Farm, legacy funding was used to purchase a people-mover sleigh. At Historic Forestville, legacy funding was used for expenses related to a vendor providing wagon rides for events and for equine workshops.

Forest History Center Adventures, \$112,494

This funding was used to purchase tandem kayaks for the kayak adventure program, expanding offerings for the kayak tour and allowing those looking to paddle in the same boat the opportunity to experience the tour. This funding was also used for a historical program associate to help the Forest History Center present a wider spectrum of forest history, including topics of conservation/preservation, Native perspectives, and immigrant stories.

Jeffers Petroglyphs Development, \$66,541

This funding supports a program assistant position at Jeffers Petroglyphs that uses expert knowledge of site history to develop and deliver new programming and tours to foster wider audience engagement. This includes the development and delivery of the “Sunrise Tour.” This tour provides guests early access to the site during the best lighting in a beyond-the-rope experience engaging discussions about the archaeology of the earliest people in the Midwest and the climatic and environmental conditions they would have faced. This position also evaluated and updated existing content and programming aligning it with the new Interpretive Framework. Along with this, program materials were updated for the Travois, Atlatl, Three Sisters, Bison, and Flint Knapping programs. This funding also supported program delivery safety equipment with the addition of 10 cooling vests. The vests provide up to three hours of cooling to interpreters who deliver programs in the heat of summer.

Flour Tower Accessibility, \$27,027

This project provided open captioning for the Flour Tower multimedia show at Mill City Museum on two flatscreen monitors mounted inside the elevator cab. The work was completed in the spring of 2023 and included electrical work, installing TV monitors and mounts, formatting captions, and programming the system. Spanish-language captions are planned to be added by the end of the calendar year.

Bicycle Tours at Historic Fort Snelling, \$8,680

This funding supported the development of a new program at Historic Fort Snelling to host bicycle tours inside the walls of the historic fort, the bicycle paths around the site, and also the nearby Upper Post where soldiers were stationed during the 20th century and is now part of the new Upper Post Flats community. The tours make numerous stops to share stories from Historic Fort Snelling’s past. Highlights from the past year include: staffing to work with Program Supervisors to develop a bicycle tour route, including historical information on landscape, buildings, and people who have used this land for thousands of years; staffing to deliver the tours to visitors who sign up to take the tours; the purchase of electric bicycles for staff use; and the purchase of safety equipment for staff use, e.g. helmets, reflective vests, first aid kits.

LIBRARY, ARCHIVES, AND COLLECTIONS

Digitization of Minnesota’s Newspapers, \$559,847

The Minnesota Digital Newspaper Hub added 738,389 pages of both current and historic newspapers. With this boost in content, the Hub reached 5,545,548 pages in June 2023. 651,520 current newspaper pages have been digitized with the support of the Legacy Amendment, Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund and with newspapers from publishers throughout Minnesota. 171,782 pages of historic newspapers were digitized from microfilm, and 4706 pages were digitized from print through partnerships with organizations, publishers, and support of donors throughout Minnesota.

Highlights include:

- MNHS received its 7th award from the National Endowment for the Humanities’ National Digital Newspaper Program to digitize Minnesota newspapers for the Library of Congress’s Chronicling America website and for the Minnesota Digital Newspaper Hub. Newspapers selected for this NDNP cycle will be digitized and become available online in late 2023-2024.
- MNHS continues to grow digitization of Minnesota newspapers with the support of many organizations within Minnesota including regional library systems, local libraries and historical societies, and with support from individual donors and Minnesota’s newspaper publishers.
- MNHS’s Minnesota Digital Newspaper Hub hosts and collects Minnesota’s digitized newspapers in one online resource.
- MNHS continues to work with MN Spokesman Recorder publisher Tracey Williams-Dillard to digitize Minneapolis Spokesman and St. Paul Recorder newspapers from the publisher’s archive to fill gaps in the MNHS microfilm, making the newspapers freely accessible in the Minnesota Digital Newspaper Hub.
- In Fall of 2022, the American Indian Learning Resource Center in Duluth donated nine boxes of tribal newspapers, adding to an earlier donation and further growing MNHS’s collection of Native newspapers.

Digitization of Archival Collections, \$194,671

In FY23, the Collections Digitization teams digitized 90 collections, representing 70.4 cubic feet of materials. The Library of Congress' transfer of MNHS's *That's the Last Straw* nitrate print, shot in Duluth circa 1938, was delivered in December of 2022. Filmmaker Melton Barker had a fascinating career with his film *Kidnapper's Foil*, but this movie is a rare variation with MNHS's print (now at Library of Congress) being the only known copy in existence. Through last year's award of the CLIR Recordings at Risk, granted to MNHS to digitize videotapes from the Intermedia Arts Video Collection highlighting early documentary/guerilla television in the 1970s and 1980s, all digital files were completed, original materials returned and delivered to MNHS on November 1, 2022.

The Archival collections digitizations team fulfilled 32 scan-on-demand requests in FY23 which encompassed 384 folders and 23 volumes. This includes 61 folders from the Walter Mondale Papers, 30 folders from the Governor Jesse Ventura records, 46 folders from the James J. and Jerome Hill collections, and various State Archives records from courts, counties, and state agencies. Several railroad societies requested materials from the Great Northern, Northern Pacific, and Branch lines collections, including Traffic Department, Advertising, and President's Subject Files.

The entirety of the Hamlin Family Papers, a total of 17 folders that contain mostly letters sent during two brothers' Civil War service, were digitized. The first 11 boxes of the Hennepin County Medical Examiner Reports were digitized and published. The collection dates from 1906 to 1989, and the first 11 boxes are currently on loan for display at the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's office.

In FY23, the Collections Digitization team added a collections digitization assistant, plus three digitization technicians were hired to fill open vacancies and create greater capacity to fulfill all streams of Digitization which include Scan on Demand, Community Digitization, Service, and Mass Digitization.

Research Scholars, \$23,895

In FY23, the Gale Family Library Legacy Research Fellowship program supported six fellows and hosted presentations by each individual on their research topic. Topics for FY23 included Minnesota's role in the 1976 presidential election, Athelstan Spilhaus and the Minnesota Experimental City (MXC), the AIDS Crisis in Minnesota History, and a deep dive into one woman's experiences as a patient at Rochester State Hospital in the early 1900s. Results of the research have included MNopedia articles on the topics, book proposals, and presentations to the wider community.

Library Innovation, \$116,664

In FY23, the Library Innovation program supported staff work in a variety of areas that helped improve services and access to MNHS materials. Among these areas of work were:

1. Developing new and expanded distance research services to meet researcher needs, including services related to railroad records, historic naturalizations, and state government records. Combined, MNHS fulfilled over 5,800 specific birth/death record orders and over 1,200 more complex research services.
2. Building new indexes that allow access to over 70,000 individuals' county and military records.
3. Expanding options for instruction and group visits, for learners of all ages. This included in-person group research visits for student and community groups, virtual classes and research orientations, and in-person workshops and public programs.
4. Refining and enlarging our systems for data collection—including recording and tracking nearly 14,000 requests to view non-microfilm physical items and over 6000 distance reference questions/interactions. This data is helping us to better serve researchers and supports collection security. This data is also vital to our ongoing processes of developing and sustainably managing ongoing projects and programs.
5. Creating new communication tools and workflows to facilitate and streamline large and small digitization requests, allowing us to deliver over 78,000 digital pages and approximately 1,000 digital media items directly to researchers.

Perhaps the most innovative of the FY23 Library Innovation projects was the development and refinement of the Virtual Viewing program. This program offers staff-assisted live-streaming of archival materials, books, maps, photographs, and other items to researchers, who can then make informed decisions about ordering scans, traveling to visit the library, or seeking information in other record sets or collections. The first 30-minute appointments were scheduled in August 2022, and in January MNHS opened a self-service, online form for researchers to request these appointments directly. This service has been utilized by a wide variety of researchers for many different purposes including:

1. A reporter working with families of 1950s plane crash victims to write a historical investigative article
2. A poet seeking inspiration from a manuscript collection
3. A Civil War historian using a collection of diaries and letters while writing a book about Minnesota soldiers
4. A nonprofit group working with photographs related to the 50th anniversary of the Wounded Knee occupation
5. An art museum tracking the private-owner provenance of pottery pieces in their collections
6. A genealogist searching for a lost family member
7. A graduate student preparing for a short in-person visit related to MN state institutions

Oral History Projects, \$37,060

A renewed commitment to MNHS's Oral History Program positions MNHS as an authority in the field of oral history and advances access to and use of oral histories related to Minnesota history and culture.

The Minnesota Historical Society's Oral History Program is entering an era of revitalization and reimagining, using a steady and thoughtful examination of past methods and practices of the program to rebuild it to align with the strategic imperatives of MNHS and most importantly, reflect the people of Minnesota. This new phase of the Oral History Program includes creating new standards and methods for the program, from research to collecting to activation and engagement; and opening the doors for conversations between interviews, projects, collections, and communities. Using *History to Develop a More Informed Citizenry*, the MNHS Oral History Program is initiating an in-depth investigation of the existing oral history program to develop a more informed citizenry by transforming access, developing solutions to removing barriers to materials, and identifying effective ways of sharing oral history across communities. Strengthening a Statewide History Community and Collecting Minnesota's Cultural Heritage, The MNHS Oral History Program strengthens the statewide history

community by working collaboratively with MNHS departments and external experts in the field across Minnesota to identify new standards for the program and to expand access and expertise by developing a pilot project that engages a rigorous, core research strategy. As a proof of concept for best practices and future project directions, the pilot will also identify areas of future exploration and new partners for the MNHS Oral History Program. Sustainable Digital Preservation and Access. We are connecting the Oral History Program to departments across MNHS, and the public, by working through an analysis of existing oral history interviews to offer easier access to archives that have not yet been made available. In order to guide Minnesotans to expand access to and knowledge of the fullest breadth of the oral history archive, we are also identifying oral history collections and interviews that are not yet fully accessible and prioritizing access through MNHS discovery systems, digital and analog. This phase of the Oral History Program also includes standardizing workflows and best approaches with Library and Archives cataloging.

Minnesota State Capital & Public Art at MNHS, \$58,602

The newly created program dedicated to documenting, interpreting, and building increased access to and use of the MNHS and associated art collections related to the Minnesota State Capitol and other public spaces under MNHS's purview. The Capitol and MNHS Sites Art Program is committed to ensuring a sustainable future for the use, growth, and stewardship of Capitol and public art collections and has yielded a number of significant achievements in a short amount of time, including the hiring of a talented program specialist in December, 2022.

The renewal of a robust public art program at the Minnesota State Capitol's third floor public gallery that exists for Minnesota artists to tell Minnesota stories. With artists selected by the Capitol Art Exhibit Advisory Committee (CAEAC) and approved by the State Capitol Preservation Commission, six shows featuring a diverse group of Minnesota artists are scheduled through 2025. *Our Austin, Our America* (March 13-October 23, 2023), from photographer William Taufic, featured portrait photography telling the story of immigrants, refugees, and other newcomers who have made their home in Austin, Minnesota. The artist presents the small town as an inspiring example of how communities embrace growing diversity. Upcoming shows include the work of artists Sandra Brick and Fred Amran, Anne Labowitz, John Salgado Maladondo, John Ratzloff, Mary Corwin, and more. MNHS is planning for a comprehensive public art program that includes the History Center and other historic sites throughout the state.

PUBLICATIONS

MNopedia - Digital Encyclopedia of Minnesota History, \$89,505

MNopedia is MNHS's free online encyclopedia of Minnesota history. MNHS published 26 new MNopedia articles during FY23, covering a wide variety of topics. They ranged from biographies of influential Minnesotans like the artist Bob Brown and social justice activist Irene Gomez-Bethke; to businesses like American Crystal Sugar and Marine Mill, the first commercial sawmill in the state; to items of popular interest, like the Toastmaster toaster and the Beatles concert in Bloomington in 1965. All MNopedia content was curated and fact-checked by the program's editor.

Urban Biography Series, \$3,690

Legacy funds were used to print *Rochester: An Urban Biography* by Virginia Wright-Peterson, the last book in the series of four Urban Biography titles.

Making Minnesota Activity Book, \$269,877

Legacy funding was used to pay for printing of 105,000 copies of the *Making Minnesota* activity book for kids aged seven and up; for distribution of the books; and to pay the author and illustrator honoraria for programming to promote the book, including 27 in-person school visits in all areas of the state; and for marketing the book.

Manuscript for *Rewind* Book, \$5,000

Legacy funding supported the work of David Lawrence Grant, a professional writer, who is co-author of *Rewind*, a memoir by Thea Trice ("T") Williams, a Minneapolis African American leader whose career spans the 1960s to the present.

RESEARCH & EVALUATION

Research, \$302,038

These funds represent the salaries paid to MNHS Research Department staff to conduct primary and secondary research; write MNopedia articles; engage with television, radio, podcast, and print media on a variety of historical subjects of topical interest; and research and write a new generation of interpretive signs at Harkin Store, Marine Mill, the Lower Sioux Agency, Birch Coulee Battlefield, Folsom House, and other MNHS sites.

Program Evaluation, \$117,122

The Evaluation staff person provided technical assistance and support to staff to evaluate Legacy-funded projects and programs. In addition, Wilder Research consulted on strategy and direction for data informed decision-making and building a culture of evaluation. In the past year, MNHS has conducted evaluative work in the following areas:

- Participated in Measures of Museum Social Impact, a national survey of museum social impact.
- Participated in American Alliance of Museum's Annual Study of Museum Goers, to better understand visitor motivations and provide cutting edge research to the entire museum field.
- Conducted evaluation work for Jeffers Petroglyphs, Historic Forestville, and James J. Hill House Interpretive Framework processes.
- Supported Learning Initiatives Division and K-12 logic model development.
- Supported K-12 Digital team and Lifelong Learning Digital Access team with logic models, surveys for Zoom, and Facebook Live public programs.
- Conducted General Visitor Survey and K-12 Field Trip surveys with revised/updated outcomes.
- Conducted Art Speaks exhibit evaluation at Minnesota History Center Museum.
- Conducted public program surveys as sites re-opened and public programs re-launched after the pandemic.

REPORT OF HISTORY PARTNERSHIPS



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

It also supports the Heritage Partnership Program, a competitive grant program, that works to build the capacity of two or more independent organizations. In FY23, ten organizations around the state collaborated to preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's history and cultural resources, by supporting the creation and development of sustainable, history-based partnerships.

This Legacy report presents a look back on how funds were used for History Partnerships in FY23.

Appropriations Language—History Partnerships: \$2,450,000 the first year and \$2,550,000 the second year are for history 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.

Above: Team Minnesota 2023 at the University of Maryland, College Park before the National History Day National Contest Awards Ceremony

EDUCATION AND PROGRAMMING

State Fair Programming, \$51,422

These funds were used to support the History on a Schtick performances and the State Fair Walking Tour. MNHS worked with the Minnesota State Fair to update and produce the self guided walking tour and the “History-on-a-Schtick” performance. The performance ran twice a day, each day, for the duration of the 2023 State Fair.

Minnesota History Day, \$195,433

Funding for this program supports staff salaries, covering approximately three-and-a-half members of the eight member team. The majority of the other funding went to event costs for competitions, including space and table rentals for eight different Regional contests, printing costs associated with the Regional and State events, outreach visit costs, honorariums for undergraduate mentors providing classroom outreach, the annual National History Day affiliate fee, and program supplies and software to run a successful program for the year.

FINANCE

Administrative Costs, \$168,306

Administrative costs reflect a portion of the “shared services” costs, such as human resources, payroll, financial accounting, reporting and payment processing, and technology infrastructure, as well as space-related costs for those services. These services are necessary to support the day-to-day operation of Legacy funded programs and partnerships. MNHS works to provide these services at a reasonable cost and these services are directly related to and necessary for MNHS’s legacy programs.

HERITAGE PRESERVATION

Minnesota Main Street Partnership, \$177,097

The Minnesota Main Streets program is supported by a partnership with Rethos. The program provides support in historic commercial districts in designated Main Street Communities throughout the state using a four-point program of Economic Vitality, Design, Promotion, and Organization. The program provides a network of support to help businesses in historic districts thrive and better their communities. The Buildings on Main Street conference in Winona, just one aspect of support, saw 86 attendees over two days in April 2023.

Preservation Education, \$88,399

These partnership funds support adult education offerings from Rethos. The classes empower Minnesotans to care about historic buildings and teach hands-on skills to preserve the buildings they live and work in. The funds supported 71 education classes with 1173 registrations between July 2021 and June 2023.

Building Capacity of History Professionals, \$66,000

The Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums (MALHM) and MNHS collaborate to develop the capacity of history professionals across the state to better serve local communities and the 500+ organizations in Minnesota’s history community. Through this partnership, MALHM provides best practices training opportunities, resources, and networking opportunities for local history practitioners. MALHM also works to create a reliable collections management system for local organizations with the capacity for online searching across contributing organizations. The cornerstone of this partnership is the administration of an annual conference that trains paid professionals, volunteers, and board members alike in best practices of history and museum work. The 2023 annual conference was a great success with 196 participants and speakers from across the state. The event was three days with 24 sessions and nearly 20% first-time attendees.

Historic Preservation Corps, \$300,000

This partnership with Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps supports a program to provide preservation skills and training to young adults modeled after the corps programs of the 20th century. Corps members work in multi-day hitches with preservation professionals at older and historic building sites where they learn techniques to repair and preserve the spaces. By the close of the 2022 crew season, the crews had worked on 11 hitches in the state with over 11,000 crew member hours. The 2023 crew season began in May.

Disaster Preparedness Training, \$786

A partnership with the Midwest Art Conservation Center, this project brought cultural organizations from across the state of all sizes and capacity in September 2022 to receive training on disaster preparedness and response. The training was a collaboration between the American Institute for Conservation and the Minnesota Alliance for Heritage Response. The training resulted in closer collaboration between cultural organizations in sharing resources and expertise in the event of natural and manmade disasters that impact cultural collections.

INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Diversity Outreach, \$344,282

Through community engagement, MNHS builds on relationships and creates partnerships. The funds in this area are used to co-create with communities that MNHS has relationships with. In the Summer of 2023, MNHS opened an exhibit at Mill City Museum called *Going Out, Coming In* that focused on LGBTQIA+ history in Minneapolis. This exhibit came from relationships with Twin Cities Pride and Telling Queer History. MNHS worked with both organizations to ensure that the history of that community was told accurately. From that exhibit, MNHS created a walking tour of downtown Minneapolis to highlight some specific place-based stories in the exhibit and held a series of programs for LGBTQIA+ community members to share their own stories. MNHS began working with similar organizations in Greater Minnesota to expand this work statewide.

In addition, after *The Life and Art of Charles M. Schulz* exhibit opened, MNHS partnered with Saint Paul Central High School, where Schulz went to school, to support an art class in creating their own comics. MNHS partnered with a teaching artist and the administration at Central High School to help students work through the process of creating comics. Students submitted their artwork, and it will be displayed at the Minnesota History Center.

History of Black Ancestors & Elders, \$28,000

MNHS developed a partnership with the Irreducible Grace Foundation (IGF) in Saint Paul. That organization created a youth center in the Frogtown neighborhood of Saint Paul and wanted to work with youth to research Black leaders. MNHS supported IGF in hiring researchers, and supported those researchers as they used MNHS resources to learn about the history of the community. Through that process, IGF learned that the youth center building used to be a school for Native American youth, and MNHS was able to connect IGF with MNHS's Native American Initiatives Department to conduct a small oral history project to capture the story of the Native community as well as Black community in that space.

Heritage Studies & Public History Graduate Program, \$29,013

Launched in fall 2017, the Heritage Studies and Public History graduate program is a partnership between MNHS and the University of Minnesota. This program takes advantage of the Minnesota Historical Society's extensive resources and expertise to offer unparalleled training in the theory and methods of heritage and public history studies at the graduate level. This two-year program offers a master's degree in one of three cultural heritage tracks: historical archaeology, historic preservation, and public history. Students in the program gain technical knowledge about the field while also learning how to address issues of inclusion and equity within the practice. Through a number of field experiences, students also learn to work collaboratively with community agencies and organizations to enhance historical narratives or develop cultural resources that ensure more equitable practices. Students complete either an externship with another organization or internship with MNHS for a semester. There were seven Heritage Studies internships, totaling 1382 hours.

HERITAGE PRESERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANTS

Black Heritage Trail: Concept Design, \$78,800

Partners: Dakota County Historical Society (DCHS) and Building Remembrance for Reconciliation (BR4R)

The Dakota County Historical Society (DCHS) and Building Remembrance for Reconciliation (BR4R) will partner to create a Concept Plan for a Black Heritage Trail. The organizations will have a strengthened partnership as they develop a Concept Plan by combining resources and utilizing a funding opportunity together rather than as competitors. The outcome will result in a better, more extensive project exploring Minnesota's African-American history.

DCHS was founded in South St. Paul in 1939 and has operated to achieve its mission of preserving, interpreting, and promoting the history of Dakota County. BR4R was founded in 2018 as a grassroots organization that volunteers run to use history and the arts to remember, reconcile, and heal, specifically to tell the stories of the Hastings Black community from 1857 – 1954 through art and culture. Together, the partners will further their missions of educating the public by providing a small glimpse into the African-American history of the community. In return, this will strengthen the community even more.

Oheyawahe/Pilot Knob Interpretive Program Partnership, \$50,000

Partners: City of Mendota Heights, Pilot Knob Preservation Association (PKPA), and Dakota County

Oheyawahe is comprised of 28 acres of public land located at the convergence of the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers, known as 'Bdote' and held sacred by the Dakota people. Oheyawahe is within Historic Pilot Knob, a 112-acre site, added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2017. The site is owned and managed by the City of Mendota Heights. The Partnership was formed in 2019 when the City created a Task Force to guide the City Council and City Staff in stewardship of this public resource. The Task Force is comprised of representatives from Dakota County, Acacia Park Cemetery, and the Pilot Knob Preservation Association (PKPA) and is supported by City Staff. The Task Force works on Interpretation and Education, Capital Improvements, and Natural Resources Management. The Heritage Partnership Program (HPP) grant will enhance the capacity for the Partners to work together to provide a long-term Interpretive Program for Oheyawahe that improves public access and safety, educates visitors, and restores the native vegetation of this historical and cultural site.

The Heritage Partnership Program grant will develop a strategic Interpretive Concept Design Plan (ICDP) to provide interpretation materials and inform partners of capital improvements and natural resource management activities that will be necessary to enhance the visitor experience, understanding, and appreciation of this Dakota sacred site's historic and Dakota value. The completed plan will significantly strengthen the vested commitment of the Partners and clarify future roles for the Partners; increase the substantive engagement of Indigenous voices in governmental management; enhance the effectiveness of the Partners, both within their independent organizations and in collaborating on the Interpretive Program for Oheyawahe; and improve access to Oheyawahe by addressing lacking site amenities that would accommodate such visitors such as tour and school groups, and those with disabilities. It is also likely to increase online access with more information utilizing social media and QR codes.

Mutual Disaster Assistance Program Development, \$38,526

Partners: Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums (MALHM), Beltrami County Historical Society, Kandiyohi County Historical Society, and the History Center of Olmsted County

The Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums (MALHM) Mutual Assistance team developed a project to begin closing a gap in emergency preparedness for local history museums. Emergency

preparedness is the process of planning how to respond to an emergency. For Minnesota's local history community, this is important to protect employees, patrons, buildings, and collections from damage. Many of these institutions are hours away from resources and conservation expertise. They must have up-to-date disaster plans and know how to respond to emergencies. MALHM created the Mutual Assistance Team as a way to coordinate emergency response and provide aid to local history institutions experiencing a disaster.

The partners, Beltrami County Historical Society, Kandiyohi County Historical Society, and the History Center of Olmsted County, are host sites for the Fall 2023 training sessions and provide space rental, access to water, workspace, good lighting, and good ventilation. These sessions will equip 50 museum professionals with the skills and resources to conduct salvage of museum collections damaged by water and direct abbreviated wet salvage workshops in Minnesota's eight regional history groups. In addition, each participant will update or create a disaster plan for their organization, dramatically increasing the percentage of organizations with plans.

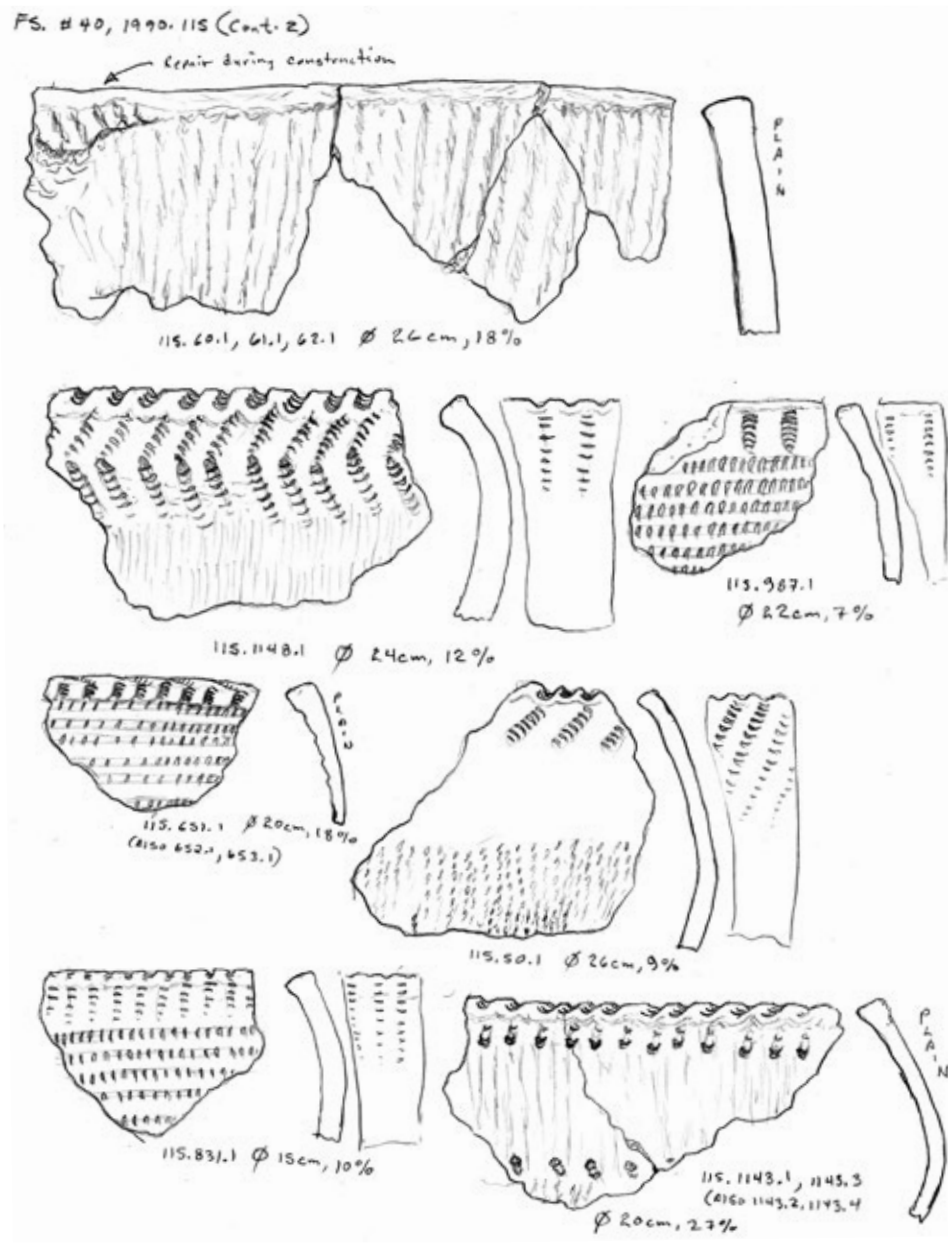
Native History Education Initiative, \$70,663

Partners: White Bear Lake Area Historical Society and White Bear Lake Area Schools

The partners, White Bear Lake Area Schools and the White Bear Lake Area Historical Society, have been a part of the Many Faces of the White Bear Lake Area Collaborative since 2018. This collaboration is an informal partnership of 27 different groups. The Many Faces cohort gathered, shared, and highlighted the wide variety of diverse stories and histories in our community with the public. Through this partnership, the Society and School district strengthened their connection and collaboration and began to brainstorm additional ideas for new efforts. The Native History Education Initiative is a new effort to develop a group to identify topics, efforts, resources, and priorities for Native History Education in the White Bear area.

The partners will form a working group to identify experts to help fill in the knowledge gaps. It is essential to realize that the resources that help illustrate the Native stories of our area may not be the typical resources relied upon by educators and historians, such as formal, written records. Instead, historical insights and information may be gleaned from the landscape, oral histories, craft traditions such as canoe making or beading, place names, and other evidence. Specialists will be contacted, vetted, and invited to present their knowledge through written or oral forms. The working group can then develop a Priority Report that establishes a set of recommendations for topics and projects that would advance local Native History Education.

REPORT OF OTHER STATEWIDE INITIATIVES



In addition to grants, programs, and partnerships, the Minnesota Legislature has appropriated 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, and Minnesota Digital Library. These initiatives support statewide efforts to preserve and share history for future generations.

Above: Digitized drawings and notes of Native American pottery recovered from archaeological excavations during the Archaeological Collections Box-level Inventory Project.

STATEWIDE SURVEY OF HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES



The Statewide Survey of Historical and Archaeological Sites provides opportunities to expand our understanding of these 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 more than 30 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.

Appropriations Language-Statewide Survey of Historical and Archaeological Sites: \$475,000 the first year and \$525,000 the second year are for one or more contracts to be competitively awarded to conduct statewide surveys or investigations of Minnesota's sites of historical, archaeological, and cultural significance. Results of the surveys or investigations must be published in a searchable form and available to the public cost-free. The Minnesota Historical Society, the Office of the State Archaeologist, the Indian Affairs Council, and the State Historic Preservation Office must each appoint a representative to an oversight board to select contractors and direct the conduct of the surveys or investigations. The oversight board must consult with the Department of Transportation and Department of Natural Resources. Above: Minnesota State Capitol under construction, 1901.

Above: MNHS Intern completing object-level inventory for archaeological collections from along the Minnesota River Valley.

An Inventory of Postcontact Native American Cemeteries and Burials in Minnesota

This project completed an intensive records search to compile a preliminary database of unrecorded historic period Native American cemeteries and burials in Minnesota for the purposes of cemetery and burial management and education for the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council and the Office of the State Archaeologist. The purposes of the project were to summarize what is known about unrecorded historic period Native American cemeteries, to add new information about unrecorded historic period Native American cemeteries to an existing cemeteries database, and to develop a research design for future projects to locate currently uninventoried unrecorded Native American historic period cemeteries.

Continued Study of Archaeological Radiocarbon Dating

This project was completed to obtain new radiocarbon dates from selected archaeological sites, to perform statistical analyses of particular sites and complexes, and to continue examining complications with dates on different types of materials from different settings. This work contributes to an ongoing database project and synthesis developed to record the radiocarbon dates from archaeological sites within the state of Minnesota.

MINNESOTA DIGITAL LIBRARY



The Minnesota Digital Library (MDL) supports the discovery, use, and preservation of the rich historical resources of the state's libraries, archives, museums, historical societies, and other cultural heritage organizations through digitization and online access. In FY23, MDL continued to work with a number of new as well as returning partners, each contributing primary source materials to the MDL's searchable portal at mndigital.org. This portal offers access to more than 320,000 photos, maps, documents, and more. Just under 200,000 people visited the MDL website with many thousands more engaging through other online channels. Additional MDL work focused on continuing outreach to local history organizations through virtual education and training, while continuing to build digital storytelling efforts such as timelines and maps, to reach wider audiences. MDL grew its Scan for Keeps scanner lending program this year, loaning out kits to 14 organizations statewide as well as adding another large scanner to meet increased demand.

Appropriations Language—Minnesota Digital Library: \$368,000 the first year and \$382,000 the second year are for a digital library project to preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota images, documents, and historical materials. The Minnesota Historical Society must cooperate with the Minitex interlibrary loan system and must jointly share this appropriation for these purposes.

Above (top to bottom): Mehlenbeck, Robert. 1951. "North St. Paul streetcar, North St. Paul, Minnesota." Minnesota Streetcar Museum. <https://collection.mndigital.org/catalog/msn:1575>.
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