Cultivating community through the arts

2023 ART FOR ALL GRANT AWARDS

Art for All Grants grow and cultivate community through the arts, primarily to benefit underserved populations. The grants invest in health, human services and other nonprofit organizations and projects that will use the arts toward fulfilling and enhancing their missions. We know that this commitment to incorporating the arts in their work will have a significant impact on those communities and constituencies served. Funds for the program are provided by Choice Bank and other businesses.

Epic Charities Inc.

Mission: to coordinate youth and community events at public community spaces.

\$1,750 to hold youth art classes that will give more youth the opportunity to experience the joy of art given that local art classes tend to fill up fast and sometimes require a significant financial investment by participants.

Fraser, Ltd.

Mission: supporting children, youth and adults on their life's journey towards independence. \$1,750 toward costs for up to 20 youth in Fraser's Transitional Youth Services to make their own drums, learn basic drumming techniques and participate in a drumming circle led by an artisan and drummer.

Immigrant Development Center

Mission: Creating strong partnerships throughout the Fargo-Moorhead Communities, while generating Micro-Business Development to benefit both neighborhood and community development.

\$1,750 toward artwork/murals on the International Market Plaza on Main Avenue in Fargo, to replace those damaged by vandals.

Indigenous Legacy

Mission: to provide culturally based programs that build and retain connection to unique traditions and beliefs for urban indigenous people, particularly youth.

\$1,750 toward a project to allow indigenous youth the opportunity to create traditional items, such as Jingle dresses and hand drums, that are relevant to their cultural identity. Indigenous elders will teach the youth over a six-month period, for two hours on Saturdays and Sundays.

Jasmin Child Care and Preschool

Mission: To provide access to quality affordable childhood education and strengthen childhood success.

\$1,750 toward development of and necessary art supplies for a program that reconnects the children at Jasmin to their cultural art traditions. The art projects will celebrate and honor the diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds of the children served.

Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity

Mission: Bringing people together by building homes, communities and hope.

\$1,750 to provide the families moving into a new house with a watercolor painting by a local artist of the home, to acknowledge how the families' lives have changed. Additionally, each child in the family will receive an art kit tailored to their artistic interests and age level.

Red River Human Services Foundation

Mission: To affirm human worth, rights and dignity by providing services to people with disabilities that enhance their quality of life.

\$1,200 toward supplies for weekly ceramic classes for people with intellectual disabilities, adapted for the individual needs of each participant.

Soul Solutions Recovery Center

Mission: To provide services to those in recovery in a compassionate environment founded in the belief that each person has the capacity to heal and embrace a new way of life.

\$1,750 toward a kiln for the ceramics room they launched last year to provide those in their treatment groups with the opportunity to connect with others and use art as a therapeutic tool.