



Arts, Culture & Humanities Fund

FIELD OF INTEREST To support charitable projects that strengthen arts, culture, and humanities in Dunn County.

SPENDABLE BALANCE
\$5,437.00

TOTAL RECOMMENDED
\$4,500.00

BALANCE REMAINING
\$937.00

Staff recommendation: Fund all three projects

1. Menomonie Theater Guild | **RECOMMENDED: \$1,500**

Youth Theater Creates Space for ALL

Project: Provide youth scholarships for theater camps and purchase materials for the program, helping keep arts participation affordable for Dunn County families.

Fund fit: The project removes cost barriers so more young people can participate in theater, build confidence, develop creative skills, and experience belonging through the arts.

2. Mabel Tainter Theater | **RECOMMENDED: \$1,500**

Fourth Grade Performance Transportation

Project: Pay the transportation costs for fourth-grade students from all four schools to attend a 2027 performance at the Mabel Tainter Theater.

Fund fit: Transportation funding ensures that an arts and cultural experience is available to an entire grade level, regardless of school or family resources.

3. Main Street of Menomonie, Inc. | **RECOMMENDED: \$1,500 of \$3,000 requested**

Music on Main: Free Summer Concert Series

Project: Support the 2027 Music on Main series, featuring live music at several downtown locations. The free event draws residents and UW-Stout students downtown, increases foot traffic, and builds community connection.

Fund fit: The series makes live music freely accessible while strengthening the cultural vitality of historic downtown Menomonie. Partial funding supports the public arts component while preserving resources for multiple projects.

NOTE: Main Street requested \$3,000. Staff recommends a partial award of \$1,500, allowing the fund to support all three projects while retaining \$937 for a future opportunity.

SUGGESTED MOTION: Approve grants of \$1,500 to Menomonie Theater Guild, \$1,500 to the Mabel Tainter Theater, and \$1,500 to Main Street of Menomonie, Inc. from the Arts, Culture & Humanities Fund, for total distributions of \$4,500.