

Thank You Notes to MN Representatives

The more personalized you can make this letter regarding your grant and its community impact, the better! You can look up your elected Minnesota state representative and state senator the [MN District Finder](#). Use your organization/group's primary address or your primary residential address if you are awarded as an individual.

You can send your letter in the mail or by email, whichever works best for you.

Sample Grant Acknowledgement from a Group

To: Minnesota state senator/representative

From: Applicant

Subject: Thank you! Arts event in your district made possible by MN State allocations

Dear Representative Doe,

The ACME Arts Organization, located at 2324 Main Street in your district, recently received a Flexible Support grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council (MRAC) to host a festival of dance and music to be held this summer in our parking lot. This event, which we have produced for the past five years, is a great community builder. We expect to see 2500 people attend the festivities with food, music, dance, informational booths, and a chalk drawing contest. A community of our peers reviewed many applications and awarded our project funding because they saw its value for the community.

We could not do this event without the \$25,000 grant we received from MRAC, and that grant is available thanks to a legislative allocation. As a Minnesota resident, an arts enthusiast, and the lead planner of this festival, I am grateful to live in a state that values the arts and makes a community event like ours possible with state dollars.

This year's event will take place August 23, 10 am–6 pm. We hope you can attend!

Thank you for your support of legislative funding for the arts and the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. These funds make our amazing arts landscape possible. Please let me know if you would like to learn more about this event or our organization.

Sincerely,

Grant Applicant

Sample Grant Acknowledgment from an Individual

To: Minnesota state senator/representative

From: Applicant

Subject: Thank you! Arts event in your district made possible by MN State allocations

Dear Representative Doe,

I am an artist living at 2324 Residential Street in your district and recently received a Creative Connections grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council (MRAC) to host community storytelling events at an elder care facility (also in your district) over the next six months. I am a storyteller with personal experience caring for an elderly family member and know how important it is to learn from elders

and build relationships through expressive arts. A panel of my peers reviewed many applications and awarded this project funding because they saw the value it would have in our community.

I could not do this event without the \$5,000 grant I received from MRAC, and that grant is available thanks to a legislative allocation. As a Minnesota resident, arts enthusiast, and the lead teaching artist for this storytelling residency, I am grateful to live in a state that values the arts and makes a community activity like ours possible with state dollars.

We will be hosting a final virtual storytelling event on May 13, 1–2:30 pm, and I am happy to share information about how to join if you wish to attend.

Thank you for your support of legislative funding for the arts and the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. These funds make our amazing arts landscape possible. Please let me know if you would like to learn more.

Sincerely,

Grant Applicant