

2025 Special Event Support Grants

Special Event Support Grant Requests			
Organization and/or Requestor	Amount Requested	Recommend Funding	Event description (as submitted by applicant)
Twin Rivers Council for the Arts (GSR Fine Arts Festival)	\$2,000	\$2,000	Grant funding will be used to pay a stage manager/sound engineer that will recruit musicians, create the show schedule, communicate with musicians and coordinate their activity and the performances during the show. Additionally, they set up and run the sound equipment, prepare the stage and sell artists CD's. The stage and musicians are a centerpiece of GSR; the role this grant would support is critical to its success. GSR brings a unique juried art experience to the Mankato area. All sales go directly to the artists. Two-day event that is free and open to the public.
Old Town Day of the Dead	\$2,000	\$2,000	The event brings thousands of people to the Mankato area from other towns, many staying in hotels, shopping in stores, eating in restaurants, etc. In addition, and most importantly this event both celebrates and educates people on the cultural tradition of Day of the Dead, while offering a safe place for people of all cultures.
Mahkato Okawitaya (December 26 Ride and Reconciliation ceremony)	\$2,000	\$2,000	Grant funding requested to assist with costs for street closure including public works and public safety fees as well as use of the Floyd Roberts Pavilion. This grant will continue to build the spirit and experience of reconciliation. Note, fiscal sponsor is listed as the organization is in process of becoming a more formal/legal organization. It is recommended that funding be provided once this is secured.

	Requested	Recommended*
Total: Budgeted Amt. = \$7,500	\$6,000	\$6,000

*Excess funding becomes available for Community Grant Program (performing arts, neighborhood beautification, social services)