



Minnesota Historical Society
and Minnesota History Coalition
Overview for House Legacy Committee
February 2019

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



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Minnesota History: Building A Legacy

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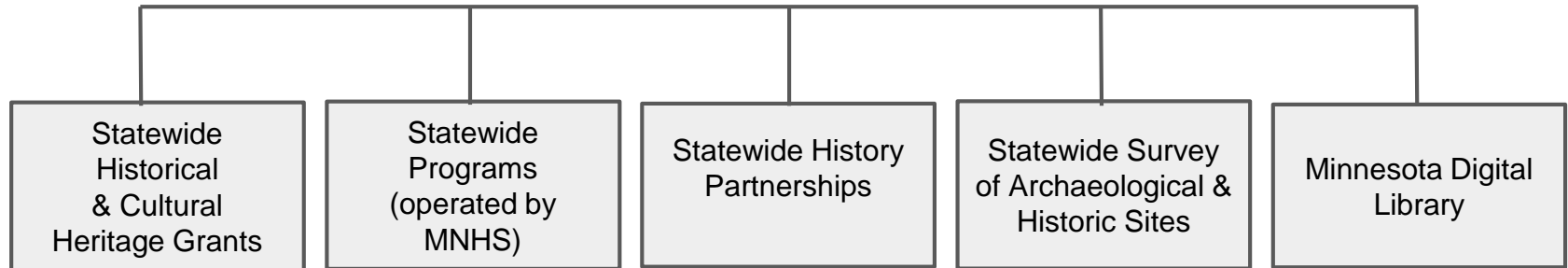
- Council for Minnesota Archaeology
- Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums
- Minnesota Archaeological Society
- Minnesota Association of Museums
- Minnesota Digital Library
- Minnesota Genealogical Society
- Minnesota Historical Society
- Minnesota History Advocates for Research
- Minnesota State Historical Records Advisory Board
- Minnesota's Historic Northwest
- Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps
- Preservation Alliance of Minnesota



Legacy Amendment Structure for History

Minnesota Constitution –
Four Legacy Funds, including Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund
“to preserve Minnesota’s history and cultural heritage”

Legacy / Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund
Appropriation Language



Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants Program

- Statewide Competitive Grants Program
- Citizen Review Committee – Historic Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC)
- Over 2,500 grants in all 87 counties
- Grants for history programs, museum collections and environments, preserving historic structures
- Small (less than \$10,000) / Large (\$10,000+)
- Small grants awarded 3-4 per year



Dugout canoe pulled from Lake Minnetonka, 1934.

Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants Program

- Large grant recommendations made by 15-member citizen panel (HRAC), with final approval by MNHS Executive Council
- HRAC membership outlined in appropriations language and includes: historic preservation, local history, archaeology, archival programs
- In 2018, HRAC members volunteered 429 hours
- Paperless application system



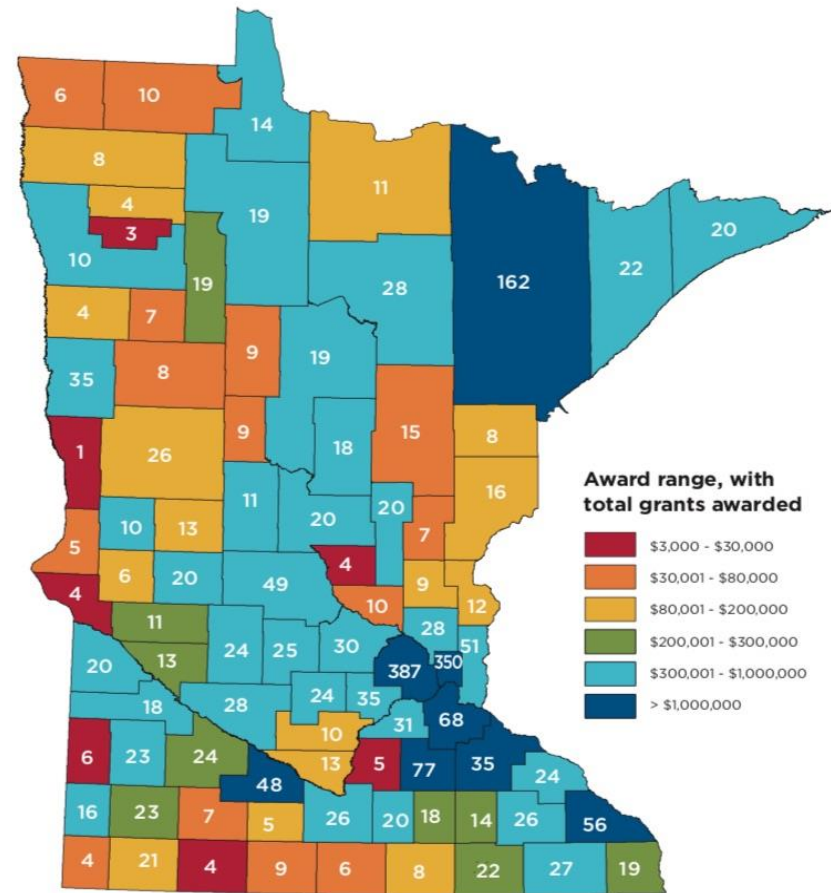
HRAC meeting, Sept. 2018



Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants by County

July 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2018

- 2,439 grants have been awarded to 831 organizations in all 87 counties
- 100% return on investment
- Demand for grants exceeds funds available



Our Mission

Using the Power of History to Transform
Lives

Preserving – Sharing - Connecting



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Statewide History Programs

Preserving

- Digitization of Minnesota's newspaper and other MNHS collections
- Oral Histories
- Cataloguing of important archaeological collections
- American Indian objects and collections



The Free Homestead (Winnebago, MN), April 26, 1865

Statewide History Programs

Sharing

- History Center Exhibits including WWI America and the 1968 exhibit
- Somali History exhibit
- Field trip support



Statewide History Programs

Connecting

- Curriculum development
- Legacy field trip support fund
- Diversity outreach
- High school and college intern program

Students explore Minnesota's mining history in the exhibit Then Now Wow.



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History Partnerships

- History Partnerships encourage organizations to share financial resources and expertise.
- Partnerships may be between two or more organizations and may include MNHS.
- Partners in FY19 include the University of Minnesota, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, the Minnesota State Fair Foundation, the Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums, the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota.



People living with memory loss and their care partners participate in a program at the Snake River Fur Post.



Statewide Survey of Historical and Archaeological Sites

- The survey provides opportunities to expand our understanding of historic and archaeological sites statewide.
- Projects are defined by an oversight board including Office of the State Archaeologist, Minnesota Indian Affairs Council and MNHS.
- Competitive-bid contracts are awarded to conduct projects.
- FY19 projects included a survey of Dakota County and the Fort Snelling Historic District.



Archaeological field crew working on a survey site in Dakota County.

Minnesota Digital Library

- Collaboration between MNHS, Minitex and other history partners.
- MDL has partnered with over 180 organizations through the searchable online collection, Minnesota Reflections.
- Collection includes maps, journals, letters, works of art and more.



Minneapolis business trade cards ca. 1880-1910, contributed to the Minnesota Digital Library by the Hennepin County Library's James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library.



Minnesota History Coalition Recommendation for FY2020 and FY2021

- \$47.2 million ACHF funding for history
- \$18.85 million for statewide history programs
- \$18.85 million for grants for history projects and capacity development
- \$7 million for history partnerships
- \$1.5 million for the statewide survey of historical and archaeological sites
- \$1 million for the Minnesota Digital Library

