

Arts grants available for northwest Minn. schools

WARREN, Minn. — It's that time again to start writing your arts grant application for your school!

Northwest Minnesota area schools can apply for up to \$12,000 of grant funding from the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council for this next school year into next summer. Funding can be used to bring in professional artists to work with students and/or to purchase arts equipment that is used by your community and your school; and stored/used primarily in the school building. To apply, schools fill out an application showing interest in funding, then requests are made with add-on forms within our online grant software for specific project funding requests. The program accepts funding requests from July 1 until April 30 each year, but remember that it is first come, first served so applying early is best. Each add-on funding request can be for up to \$3,000 in grant funds.

Artist Residency Grants

Schools can apply for an Artist Residency grant of \$3,000. Schools can initially apply for two residencies. Then, based on remaining funding, can request up to four residencies total. Each residency requires a 10% cash match. Our teaching artist roster is a great resource to view artists available to teach in our area and is available on our website at www.NorthwestMinnesotaArtsCouncil.org under the artists tab. We have many new artists on our list. Another resource to find teaching artists is COM-PAS. Ideas also include children's theater camp and/or arts camp during the summer at your school, and community education workshop series for adults on artistic techniques.

Arts Equipment Grants

Schools can apply to purchase artistic equipment for your visual art, performing art, media arts, or creative writing departments. Grants are for up to \$3,000 with a

25% cash match. Equipment that is used by both the community and the school solely for the pursuit of arts like auditorium lights has a better chance of being funded. Please note that schools are only eligible for one grant for up to \$3,000 per fiscal year. Once your school has already applied and been approved for a grant for arts equipment, you cannot receive another one until next school year. All previous arts equipment grants for your school must be closed before you can apply again.

Tips for applying... ask for the Google slide deck that takes you through our grant process.

- Remember that most schools are already in our system as organizations, so you probably only need to call our office to add yourself as a User.
- The first thing to do is show interest in our funding by completing the very easy Arts Grant application and hit submit. Tutorial available.
- Next our staff reviews your school's interest and then assigns add-ons to the teacher/coordinator/administrator listed in the app that would like add-on forms.
- Teachers login, complete and submit their add-on follow up form with details related to their project and their amount request. This form is short and friendly to fill out.
- Then as your school waits to hear back, someone needs to complete the required data collection app online and submit.

Contact our office with questions or for assistance with your application. We are happy to help! As with all of our grants, applications are only being accepted from our seven-county Minnesota service area including Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake and Roseau counties.

Questions? Call our office at 218-745-8886, ext 1 or email nwartscouncil@gmail.com.

Lindberg receives award for dedication to libraries

Charlie Lindberg, of Kennedy, recently received the Life Achievement Award from the Northern Lights Library Network.

Charlie (Linda) Lindberg grew up in Robbinsdale, Minn., excelling at violin in the area youth orchestra. After graduating from high school, she attended Gustavas Adolphus College where she met the love of her life, Bill Lindberg. They both taught in suburban schools until moving to Bill's family farm in Kennedy, Minn., in 1973. At that time, Charlie went to work to open the Hallock Public Library, which she supports to this

day through board membership and the Library Friends. This group has, over the years, raised funds to support the library well.

While raising her two sons, Charlie completed her Library Media Master's degree from St. Cloud State University. She served as teacher and media specialist with Kittson Central School District for most of her career. At Kittson Central, Charlie began a STEM group and facilitated ongoing robotics training. She built a beautiful new library at Kittson Central and developed a refined collection that circulated frequently.

An avid reader, Charlie was adept at advising her students in their reading choices.

Charlie was instrumental in bringing the NorthStar Library Consortium into existence at a time when school libraries needed online library catalogs. As a part of a Northern Lights Library Network (NLLN) team, Charlie visited libraries throughout the state to bring school library catalogs online. Today, over 100 rural libraries in the state belong to the NorthStar Library Consortium.

In addition to serving on

the Hallock Library Board, Charlie served on the Northwest Regional Library Board (NWRL) and the NLLN Governing Board, often serving as an officer. Charlie's thoughtful insights resulted in solid, valuable decision-making for libraries throughout the Northern Lights Library Network Region.

From 1973 to the present, Charlie has been a valued member of the library community in Minnesota. Her contributions to citizens in the region through library service are greatly appreciated, and recognition for this work is well-deserved.

Mar-Kit Landfill board holds regular August meeting

The Mar-Kit Landfill Board met Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2026, 9 a.m. at the landfill office, rural Hallock. Board members present were Larry Nybladh, Sharon Bring, Gary Kiesow, Ryan Swenson, Loren Younggren and Derry Jones. Also present were Manager Dale Nelson; Gary Rice and Curtis Carlson, ex officio members.

Chairman Kiesow called the meeting to order. Younggren/Nybladh moved to approve July 8, 2026, minutes.

Nelson presented the landfill financial report for July 2026 — \$78,215.20 more contaminated soil was taken in, \$1,470.35 recycling income, and \$990 for TVs and monitors. Total July income was \$337,306.73 and expenses were \$472,285.83. Motion by Bring/Swenson to approve. Jones/Bring moved to approve the payment of claims totaling \$704,790.06, \$8,932 was paid for shouldering the landfill road, \$542,288.41 Cell 10 construction expenses,

\$1,884.52 for crack filling the landfill road, and \$2,126.97 for recycling truck expenses. All motions were unanimously approved.

Manager's Report:

- The liner crew is coming on Monday to work on cell 10 construction. Nelson expects it to be at least a month before garbage can be put back in the cell.
- The recycling truck is fixed and working well. A new recycling vendor was found for cardboard which has gone up \$10 a ton. Plastics are being stored for now as no outlet currently.
- Northwest Regional Development Commission will tour Mar-Kit on Sept. 8 as part of their meeting.
- July 2026 Recycling Contamination Fines: Alvarado \$31.50, Grygla \$22.50, Middle River \$9, Oslo \$45, Strandquist \$58.50, and Warren \$54.

Next meeting will be Sept. 9, 2026, at 9 a.m. at the landfill office.

Sharon Bring
Mar-Kit Landfill
Secretary

New Shell Egg Law allows greater food donations

ST. PAUL, Minn. — As of Aug. 1, 2026, charitable food assistance programs in Minnesota that receive donated eggs from retailers are now allowed to distribute them to end consumers up to 30 days past their quality assurance date.

Gov. Tim Walz signed the Shell Egg Bill (SF3891) into law on May 26, 2026. The law supports balanced nutrition for all Minnesota families and reduces food waste across the state.

For eggs, a "best by..." or quality assurance date represents the guarantee of maintaining grade (usually AA or A). It is not an indicator of food safety, and therefore eggs with a past quality assurance date may still be safe to consume, provided they have been stored and handled appropriately.

To be donated, the eggs must meet the following criteria:

- Contained in original packaging (repackaging is not permitted)

- Previously candled and graded
- Not more than 30 days past the original quality assurance date
- Continuously refrigerated
- On the receiving end, food assistance programs must apply a new label to the eggs with the following information:
 - Name of the food shelf
 - "Distribute within 30 days of carton date" OR "Distribute by DATE"
 - "Donated Eggs – Not for Resale"

Eggs that have not been distributed to consumers by the end of 30 days past the original quality assurance date must be discarded. For more information, contact the MDA Meat, Poultry, and Egg Inspection program at 651-201-6300 or MDA.MeatPoultryEgg@statemn.us.

Read the full text of the law online at <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/2026/0/110/laws.0.2.0#laws.0.2.0>



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Recovery Road winds ... Continued from front page

"It took me a long time going through my own alcoholism and addiction to understand that maybe that wasn't just him consciously choosing. Maybe he had a disease that people don't understand. So I'm motivated to help others realize that about their own loved ones before it's too late," said Lennox.

Lennox wanted to be sure to get as close to the northwest border as possible, so he went to the old border crossing station in Noyes for some pictures and some much-needed shade. He thought the sparsely populated county

would mean he'd be alone, but six people (this reporter included) met him to talk about how mental health struggles have affected loved ones. This was exactly what he has encountered throughout the state, and he invites the difficult conversations and topics.

Monday morning, Lennox met with representatives of the local Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force as well, and visited about their work in Kittson County.

You can follow the rest of Lennox's journey at <https://recoveryroadmn.com/journey>.



THIS CAMPER FOLLOWS LENNOX on this journeys around Minnesota.

Kennedy water project ...

The council will be discussing a change order during their next meeting as there were additional costs regarding the demolition of the existing water tank, along with large construction debris. That change order didn't arrive on time for the meeting, so there was no discussion other than Larson describing the reason for the additional costs, which were also not discussed.

In other business, the council:

- Heard from Mendy Coffield, of Lancaster

School, that the baseball field construction is progressing well. She also apologized for any confusion and hurt feelings regarding the project, noting they received word from one person that baseball would no longer be played in Kennedy — so they ran with the project to get it done by spring 2027. She said they have raised all but \$10,000 needed to complete the field. The outfield was seeded last week, the parking lot is also in progress to be ready for football season, and

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they are starting on the infield soon, including the pitcher's mound.

- Will look into how the city can donate the batting cage as KodaBank donated it long ago, and who is responsible for moving it from Kennedy.
- Reviewed the new wastewater maintenance contract and will have the League of Minnesota Cities review the language before formally approving it. Matt Casper has been licensed for this position as of Aug. 1, but the council wanted to make sure the

contract was solid before approving it.

- Approved a propane prebuy at \$1.64 per gallon for both the city - 3,500 gallons - and for the fire department - \$1,800 gallons.
- Approved for Councilor Jody Bowman and City Clerk Melissa Woinarowicz to pick colors for the prefabricated pump house building and bring samples of final colors back to the next meeting.

The next regular meeting is set for Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 5 p.m.

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