

2026 Cultural STAR Awardees

In/Out of CD	Project Type	Awardee	Project Title	Cultural STAR Award Amt	Project Manager
IN	Special Project	113	Lowertown Concert Series	\$7,000.00	Nya
IN	Special Project	Actors Theater of Minnesota	Noche de Risas, Latino Comedy Night	\$11,250.00	Nya
OUT	Special Project	African Economic Development Solutions	Cradle of Civilization: African Global Contributions	\$24,000.00	Nya
OUT	Capital Project	Ananya Dance Theatre	Solid Ground: Space Updates	\$14,836.00	Jessica
IN	Special Project	Arcata Press/Saint Paul Almanac	Saint Paul Almanac Anthology Vol 15	\$22,687.50	Nya
IN	Special Project	ArtStart	Many Voices, One City: Art & Performance Inspired by Nature & Cultures of Minnesota	\$15,150.00	Nya
IN	Special Project	Ballet Co. Laboratory	Ballet Co.Laboratory's Ballet Tuesdays at the Landmark Center	\$16,345.00	Grace
IN	Special Project	Border CrossSing	Border CrossSing presents: Te amo. Te quiero. Te adoro.	\$18,700.00	Nya
IN	Special Project	Brownbody	Brownbody's 2027 World Premiere: Infinite Slow Drive / Obsidians in the Wild	\$31,000.00	Grace
IN	Special Project	Cantus	Cantus and Imani Winds	\$7,500.00	Grace
IN	Special Project	Center for Broadcast Journalism	7th Street LIVE Arts Festival	\$31,000.00	Nya
IN	Special Project	Chinese American Association of Minnesota, Chinese Dance Theater	Exploring Chinese Culture with Young Audiences	\$18,000.00	Grace
OUT	Capacity Building	Circus of the Star	New Community Vision	\$12,500.00	Nancy
	Org Dev	City of Saint Paul - Library Dept.	Saint Paul Public Library Collections Materials	315,000.00	Grace
IN	Special Project	COLLIDE Theatrical Dance Company	Detention Diaries	\$11,250.00	Nancy
IN	Special Project	ComMUSICation	Find Your Pride: ComMUSICation's workshops at the intersection of music and LGBTQ+ youth identities	\$11,045.00	Nancy
OUT	Special Project	Como Community Council	Como Community Events 2026-2027	\$9,600.00	Nancy
IN	Special Project	COMPAS	Emerging Young Artists Exhibit	\$10,500.00	Grace
OUT	Special Project	Creative Enterprise Zone	2026 Chroma Zone Mural Festival	\$18,000.00	Nancy
OUT	Special Project	Elpis Enterprises	Voices of Young People Experiencing Unstable Housing Through Photography and Videography	\$5,000.00	Nancy
IN	Special Project	Face to Face Health & Counseling Service, Inc.	Arts at SafeZone	\$31,000.00	Grace
IN	Special Project	Festival of Nations MN/ DBA International Festival of Nations	2nd Annual International Festival of Minnesota	\$28,000.00	Nya
IN	Special Project	Film Score Fest	Film Score Fest 2026-27	\$25,000.00	Grace
OUT	Special Project	FilmNorth	FilmNorth Cinema Access Grant	\$10,000.00	Nancy

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OUT	Special Project	Frogtown Neighborhood Association	2026 Frogtown Arts Festival	\$12,000.00	Nancy
IN	Special Project	Grace Minnesota dba Don't You Feel It Too?	City Poetry & Civic Life Celebration	\$8,500.00	Nancy
OUT	Special Project	Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies	St. Paul Music Pathways	\$20,000.00	Nancy
IN	Special Project	History Theatre, Inc	Cafe Au Lait by Vinecia Coleman	\$31,000.00	Nancy
IN	Special Project	Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota	2027 Minnesota Qeej and Hmong Arts Festival	\$30,000.00	Nancy
IN	Special Project	Hot Summer Jazz Festival	2027 Twin Cities Jazz Festival	\$31,000.00	Grace
IN	Special Project	Illusion Theater and School, Inc.	Illusion in St. Paul: Allison Vincent	\$10,185.00	Grace
IN	Special Project	In Progress	The Collective	\$16,800.00	Grace
OUT	Special Project	Interact Center for the Visual and Performing Arts	Uniquinox Summer 2027	\$13,675.00	Nancy
OUT	Special Project	Katha Dance Theatre	The World Premiere of "Rang-E-Ishq - Colors of Love"	\$12,000.00	Grace
IN	Special Project	Minnesota Boychoir	Youth Song Share	\$19,230.00	Nya
IN	Special Project	Minnesota Children's Museum	Storytelling through Play	\$20,000.00	Nancy
IN	Special Project	Minnesota Landmarks, Inc	Mosaic Festival: Dance and Music of World Cultures	\$10,500.00	Grace
IN	Special Project	Minnesota Museum of American Art	Arts and Cultural Programming and Engagement at the Minnesota Museum of American Art	\$22,500.00	Nya
IN	Special Project	Minnesota Opera	The Many Deaths of Laila Starr - Minnesota Opera	\$31,000.00	Nancy
IN	Special Project	Mizna	Publishing Mizna: SWANA Literature + Art	\$31,000.00	Nancy
OUT	Special Project	Music Mission	Lakeside Guitar Festival 2026	\$13,440.00	Jessica
IN	Special Project	Nautilus Music-Theater	Nautilus Music-Theater: ROUGH CUTS	\$31,000.00	Grace
IN	Special Project	Ordway Center for the Performing Arts	Support for the Ordway's Flint Hills Family Festival	\$29,750.00	Jessica
IN	Special Project	Pan Asian Arts Alliance (PAAA)	Culture in Motion: Food, Fashion & Future	\$15,000.00	Grace
IN	Special Project	Park Square Theatre	World Premiere Original Musical: THE OSTENTATIOUS OUTLAWS OF NEEHAI VALLEY	\$30,000.00	Grace
OUT	Special Project	Penumbra Theatre Company, Inc.	Regional Premiere of Pearl Cleage's "Angry, Raucous, and Shamelessly Gorgeous"	\$24,000.00	Grace
IN	Special Project	Planting People Growing Justice Leadership Institut	Rondo: History and Values Anthology	\$10,000.00	Grace
IN	Special Project	Ragamala Dance Company	Mythology Makes Us	\$22,500.00	Nya
IN	Special Project	Rain Taxi Inc.	Twin Cities Book Festival	\$22,500.00	Nya
IN	Special Project	Ramsey County Historical Society	Saint Paul Arts Collective (SPAC) 50th Anniversary Celebration!	\$27,006.00	Nya
IN	Special Project	Reconnect Rondo	Rondo Arts & Culture Night at Winter Carnival	\$30,000.00	Nya
IN	Special Project	Red Bird Chapbooks	Red Bird Chapbooks Reading Series	\$5,600.00	Nancy
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IN	Special Project	Rhythmically Speaking	Rhythmically Speaking presents CHILL: The Entire Charlie Brown Christmas Soundtrack, Played Live and Danced!	\$9,000.00	Grace
IN	Special Project	Rice Park Association	Summer Nights in Rice Concert Series 2027	\$5,250.00	Grace
IN	Capacity Building	Saint Paul Art Collective	Creative Ecosystem Framework	\$28,000.00	Jessica
IN	Special Project	Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra	Back by Popular Demand! Abel Selaocoe in Saint Paul	\$22,500.00	Nya
IN	Special Project	Saint Paul Civic Symphony	SPCS at Landmark 2026-2027	\$17,580.00	Nya
IN	Special Project	Saint Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation	Carnival of Cultures	\$30,000.00	Grace
IN	Special Project	Science Museum of Minnesota	Beyond the Lab Coat: The Science of Fashion	\$23,787.50	Nya
IN	Special Project	Scotty Reynolds, DBA Mixed Precipitation	Pickup Truck Opera on Harriet Island	\$7,500.00	Nancy
OUT	Special Project	Selby Ave JazzFest	2026 Selby Ave JazzFest	\$15,000.00	Grace
IN	Special Project	Sheletta Makes A Difference, Inc.	Live from the Cultural District	\$30,000.00	Nya
OUT	Special Project	Six Points Theater	ONE SHOT	\$9,840.00	Grace
IN	Special Project	Sounds of Hope, Ltd.	A Mooring in Hope	\$11,250.00	Nya
IN	Special Project	TaikoArts Midwest	TaikoArts Midwest Annual Ordway Concert	\$31,000.00	Nancy
IN	Special Project	Ten Thousand Things	Free Performance Series in St. Paul, 2026 Cultural STAR Program	\$27,000.00	Nya
IN	Special Project	The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library	2027 Minnesota Book Awards	\$8,750.00	Grace
IN	Special Project	The Great Northern Winter Festival	Rooted	\$31,000.00	Nya
IN	Special Project	The Rondo Community Land Trust	Rondo to Downtown: RAAD Artist-Led Cultural Activations	\$31,000.00	Nya
OUT	Special Project	Theatre 55	Theatre 55 presents Young Frankenstein	\$17,500.00	Nya
OUT	Capacity Building	TriLingua Cinema	TriLingua Micro-Cinema Operations Support	\$24,000.00	Nya
IN	Special Project	TruArtSpeaks	Be Heard MN Youth Poetry Slam Series	\$31,000.00	Nancy
OUT	Special Project	TU Dance	Performances of Yusha-Marie Sorzano's full-evening dance work, THREAT	\$24,000.00	Grace
IN	Special Project	Twin Cities In Motion	Art in Motion -" Twin Cities In Motion's "26.2: A Marathon Poster Show"	\$13,775.00	Nya
IN	Special Project	Twin Cities Jazz Society	Jazz from "J to Z" Concert Series	\$5,000.00	Jessica
IN	Capital Project	Twin Cities Public Television Inc.	Modern Media: Control Room Infrastructure	\$31,000.00	Nancy
OUT	Special Project	Victoria Theater Arts Center (DBA 825 Arts)	825 Arts Artist Membership Program	\$6,500.00	Nya
IN	Special Project	VocalEssence	Urban Choir Festival	\$16,100.00	Grace
OUT	Special Project	Walker West Music Academy	Rondo Community Music Series	\$12,500.00	Nancy
Total STAR Dollars Awarded:				\$1,804,382.00	