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Outside Saint Paul	2	113	2022 Twin Cities New Music Festival	We seek support for our May 2022 Twin Cities New Music Festival, including 5 concerts and 3 community-oriented workshops featuring Fonema Consort, pianist Noriko Kawai, Mivos String Quartet, selected composers from our annual Call for Scores, and numerous local musicians. Our goals are to offer a platform for diverse artists and reach audiences with limited new music experience.	Special Projects	14.56	\$ 10,000		\$ -		\$ 5,000	
2	2	American Composers Forum	Transformation: ACF amplifying equity through music	ACF strives to serve as a catalyst for greater awareness of the creative work happening throughout the rich, cultural tapestry of St. Paul. Support for our own equity work, hosted gatherings, and deepened relationships will enable us to encourage collaboration, audience development, and new opportunities for the exceptional artists of our diverse city to create new artistic experiences.	Organizational Development	16.67	\$ 20,000		\$ 20,000		\$ 18,800	
4	3, 4	Ananya Dance Theatre	Nun Gherao	This work of dance theater combines movement, text, and sound to explore histories and impending dangers within BIPOC communities, and moves through isolation and pain to find connection and reconciliation. Nun Gherao will premiere in September/October 2022 at The O'Shaughnessy at St. Catherine University, Saint Paul MN. We request support for the labor and product of outside contractors.	Special Projects	18.22		\$ 25,000		\$ 18,750		\$ 18,750
2	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	Arcata Press/Saint Paul Almanac	Building Communications Capacity to Engage Our Communities	After 15 years cultivating dialogue across cultures to promote relationships and collaborative action, our first formalized, strategic communications program will: * Engage wider communities in promoting social justice through the arts. * Strengthen financial sustainability for our equity-driven mission through enhanced recognition. STAR will help support contract position and marketing costs.	Organizational Development	14.63	\$ 19,100		\$ -		\$ 8,786	
Outside Saint Paul	2	ARENA DANCES, INC.	Erased Steps	ARENA DANCES will stage a dance theater work imagining historic stories/characters of the 30s/40s titled "Erased Steps" at the St. Paul Union Depot Sept. 22 + 23, 2022. Since 2016, ARENA has performed in St. Paul every other year, missing our 2020 season due to COVID-19. STAR dollars will be used to pay artists and provide community outreach to provide a high quality arts performance.	Special Projects	15.22	\$ 10,000		\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000	
Outside Saint Paul	2	Art from the Inside MN	Art from the Inside MN	Funding to offer inclusive, engaging, community-centered exhibitions of visual art of incarcerated artists serving time in Minnesota state prisons. We plan to host at least 2 exhibitions in downtown St Paul in collaboration with Minnesota Museum of American Art and Creators Space. These exhibitions will include community engagement activities focuses on incarceration, reform, and healing.	Special Projects	16.89	\$ 17,875		\$ 17,875		\$ 16,807	
3	1, 3	ArtStart	Don't Push the River: It Flows By Itself	St Paul Communities are hurting, and ARTS-Us programs heal. This grant request will stabilize programs by building organizational capacity to diversify and grow revenues and develop income generating programs for artists and the organization. A recent community input session indicated that ARTS-Us is valued but needs to strategically grow to meet the current needs of the community.	Special Projects	16.00		\$ 10,000		\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000
1	1	ARTS-Us	ARTS Us Center for the African Diaspora	Working with Hart House, a program for adult women exiting homelessness and/or chemical dependency, ArtStart seeks funds to: 1) offer art classes resulting in a portfolio of art work inspired by nature and, 2) commission and stipend 10 women to translate their art into mosaic tiles for a mosaic mural installed at ArtStart. The goal-to empower underserved women as they unlock their artist within.	Organizational Development	17.00		\$ 30,000		\$ 20,000		\$ 19,000
1	1	Asian Economic Development Association	2022 Little Mekong Night Market	The Little Mekong Night Market (NM) is an annual festival celebrating Southeast Asian art, cultures, and St. Paul's Little Mekong Cultural District. The 2022 theme: Unity and Rebuilding. Art and performances will include cultural performances, hip-hop dancing, and K-Pop music and dancing, and an indoor exhibit of SE Asian local artists will be commissioned by AFDA.	Special Projects	18.44		\$ 30,000		\$ 20,000		\$ 19,000
5	2	Asian Media Access	W.A.T.E.R. (the Way Asian Travel, Experience, and Remembered)	A creative outdoor Multimedia Production/Exhibition project - the Way Asian Travel, Experience, and Remembered (W.A.T.E.R.), includes oral history collection, testimony video vignettes, and Asian folklore re-telling. Our project targets people not knowing Asian immigrants/refugees experience in St. Paul, with video productions and outdoor Digital Murals at Union Depot EAST PLAZA.	Special Projects	14.44	\$ 30,000		\$ -		\$ 13,800	
2	2	Ballet Co. Laboratory	Ballet Co.Laboratory's Emerging Choreographers Showcase - Laboratory II	Ballet Co.Laboratory respectfully requests a grant of \$13,535 from Cultural STAR to help support Laboratory II - an emerging choreographers' showcase. Funds will be used to support two female and/or non-binary choreographers in the creation of their first ballet. Works will be performed by the upper-level students of The School of Ballet Co.Laboratory on February 26, 2022 at Park Square Theatre.	Special Projects	16.00	\$ 13,535		\$ 13,000		\$ 12,220	
2	2	Better Family Life Minnesota, Inc.	Better Family Life MN Youth Art Center @ Creators Space	What: Better Family Life's Communitivity is adding an interactive arts center to offer arts programming and resources to traditional and homeschooled students. Where: 600 sq. ft. of leased space within Creators Space - St. Paul When: During Monday-Sunday with Saturday programming. Starting for the 2021-2022 School year.	Special Projects	13.44	\$ 39,557		\$ -		\$ 13,250	
1	2	Black On Black Development and Entertainment, Inc.	STARVING ARTISTS PROJECT	We have been negatively impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic causing a decrease in donations. An increase to our operations budget will allow our organization to continue being a resource for starving artists. We will secure office space, administrative and program staff, rental equipment for presentations, insurance, marketing tools, subscription fees, training, publications, and technical support.	Special Projects	10.00	\$ 10,000		\$ -		\$ 5,000	
2	2, 3	Brownbody	Tracing Sacred Steps	Brownbody will premiere Tracing Sacred Steps in June 2022 at Highland Ice Arena in Saint Paul. The project blends modern dance, Ring Shout, and figure skating, and works to connect Black communities with Black dance histories and their relevance today. It is surrounded by activities within a social justice practice, including workshops, community conversations, and post-performance discussions.	Special Projects	18.00	\$ 30,000		\$ 30,000		\$ 30,000	
1	2	Center for Hmong Arts and Talent	Fresh Traditions Fashion Project	Fresh Tradition Project includes mentorship, training, a fashion show as well as creating a platform for Hmong artists, artisans, and merchants to thrive and engage with the community. We will hold a day-long free fashion showcase with vendors/exhibitors on Sat. Oct. 9 at the St. Paul Rivercenter then a fashion show in the evening.	Special Projects	16.00	\$ 20,000		\$ 15,000		\$ 14,100	
4	2	Chinese American Association of Minnesota Chinese Dance Theater	Exploring Chinese Dance and Culture with the Young and their Communities	After more than a year of COVID and in recognition of racial equity and accessibility, CAAM Chinese Dance Theater will rebuild its live performance and interactive programs to increasing understanding of Chinese culture by using its unique programs in dance to serve young people with daytime school programs and evening family performances.	Special Projects	17.11	\$ 20,000		\$ 20,000		\$ 20,000	
Outside Saint Paul	1, 2, 4, 5, 6	Classical Actors Ensemble	Shakespeare in Our Parks 2022: Love's Labor's Lost	For the 8th summer, Classical Actors Ensemble (CAE) will present the free Shakespeare in Our Parks program. This year's play will be "Love's Labor's Lost." In 2022 we will return to St. Paul locations Newell and Como parks and the lawn at St. Clement's Church. Additionally, we are hoping to perform in either Mears or Rice park downtown, as well as the lawn of the MN Humanities Center.	Special Projects	14.33	\$ 5,662		\$ -		\$ 5,000	
7	7	CLUES (Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio)	CLUES Latino Art Gallery Programming Series	CLUES respectfully requests \$35,000 for our culturally-relevant and community-centered arts programming through our Latino Art Gallery and Community and Cultural Center. Programs include artist talks, workshops, cultural gatherings, and virtual programs.	Special Projects	17.56		\$ 35,000		\$ 20,000		\$ 19,000
4	2	COLLIDE Theatrical Dance Company	Free public performances of Wonderland by Collide Theatrical Dance Company	Collide Theatrical Dance seeks St. Paul Cultural STAR funding to support costs associated with putting on 2 free public performances of Wonderland at Target Stage on Harriet Island in St. Paul. This includes 14 paid work opportunities for performing artists/tech staff, while providing access to a live, high-quality performance without the barrier of cost.	Special Projects	16.00	\$ 7,000		\$ 7,000		\$ 6,580	
1	2	ComMUSICation	The Backyard Tour	ComMUSICation will present The Backyard Tour, a local, COVID safe version of its springtime annual tour, performing youths' original pieces and combined choral pieces at and/or outside different venues throughout downtown St. Paul including a juvenile detention center, the Landmark Center, and City Hall during April 2021. STAR will help pay for staff time and transportation.	Special Projects	15.00	\$ 8,665		\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000	

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4	2	COMPAS. Inc	Emerging Young Artists Exhibit	COMPAS will present a curated exhibit of visual art created by students from St. Paul and East Metro middle and high schools. The exhibit will run for 2-3 weeks in Feb. 2022 in downtown and include events to encourage a diverse audience to attend. STAR funding will expand our marketing reach and underwrite exhibit costs such as artists' time to curate the exhibit, space rental, accessibility, etc.	Special Projects	14.63	\$ 18,000		\$ -		\$ 8,280	
Outside Saint Paul	2	Compassionate Action for Animals	Twin Cities Veg Fest 2021	Twin Cities Veg Fest seeks to increase demand for plant-based food and products through speakers, cooking demos, music and great vegan food on September 19 at Harriet Island. Funding will be used for to pay local artists, speakers, and chefs, to build audiences for their offerings. It will also support the accessibility and inclusivity of the festival for people of color and Deaf audiences.	Special Projects	13.22	\$ 9,000		\$ -		\$ 5,000	
4	4	Creative Enterprise Zone	2021 Chroma Zone Mural and Arts Festival	Chroma Zone Mural & Art Festival is a celebration of artistry and community that promotes, connects and engages the people, places and economy of Saint Paul's Creative Enterprise Zone. Launched in 2019, the festival has advanced creative, cultural and economic development, raised the CEZ's visibility and identity, and contributed to the beauty, vibrancy, safety and walkability of the district.	Special Projects	16.89	\$ 15,000		\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	
7	5, 7	Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services (DBNHS)	Plaza de la Revolution East Side events	Cultural STAR funds will support East Side Saint Paul artists and residents in outdoor performance and social engagement events at the "Plaza de la RevoluciA'n" at the new E. 7th Street Construction Training Center in Dayton's Bluff, and the Village on Rivoli orchard in Railroad Island, deepening shared cultural ownership at sites that support economic empowerment and environmental justice.	Special Projects	16.89	\$ 15,000		\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	
5	5	District 6 Planning Council	Marydale Festival 2021	Marydale Festival is entering its fifth year had approximately 650 people attend in 2019. We had five bands, beer garden, food trucks local artists and additional activities for kids. In 2021 we will have a katow tournament We hope we will have the same attendance for 2021. The Festival includes culturally relevant activities and will promote a positive image for the North End.	Special Projects	15.44	\$ 5,000		\$ -		\$ 5,000	
6	6	East Side Freedom Library	East Side Arts and Cultural Corridor Series	ESFL employs artistic performances and exhibits to facilitate the sharing of stories across boundaries. We host music, literary arts, exhibits and conversations that increase the cultural richness, competency and vitality of our community. We will engage artists who represent a diverse range of communities, reflecting the racial, generational, gender, and sexual orientation identities that	Special Projects	17.88	\$ 10,000		\$ 7,500		\$ 7,500	
6	5, 6, 7	East Side Neighborhood Development Company	Solidarity Street Gallery 2021	A 3-day art and cultural festival along Payne Ave, bringing together artists, performers, poets, entrepreneurs, and the local community for important exchanges about INDIGENOUS SOVEREIGNTY + ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. This STAR grant would fund Native individuals and organizations to take the lead in curating and staging art exhibits, performance programs, community activities, and an eco market.	Special Projects	17.63	\$ 22,750		\$ 17,000		\$ 17,000	
4	4	Element Community Health Fund, INC DBA: CO-MOTION: Center for Movement	Just Move: Free Arts and Wellness Camps for Kids	CoMotion seeks funding for Just Move: a series of week-long, pay-as-able arts and wellness camps starting August 2021. Each week, leaders of color will provide youth with experiences in art, dance, music, and sports to cultivate healthy lifestyles. Just Move engages youth with creativity and self-affirmation, and supports Hamline-Midway families through prime-time programming at little to no cost.	Special Projects	15.89	\$ 39,500		\$ -		\$ 5,000	
Outside Saint Paul	2	Film Score Fest	Film Score Fest 2021	Film Score Fest is an annual festival that pairs filmmakers and composers to make short films, and a 16-musician orchestra performs the scores live at the screening. With Cultural STAR support, we will be premiering 18 of these film collaborations in Mears Park on September 4, 2021.	Special Projects	16.33	\$ 14,000		\$ 14,000		\$ 13,160	
4	4	FilmNorth	Implementation and Marketing of FilmNorth's Strategic Plan to Reach Underrepresented Communities	FilmNorth will develop and implement a marketing plan to reach filmmakers and media artists with information about our new strategic plan, programming, fellowship opportunities, professional development, and networking, strengthening its relationship with filmmakers from underrepresented communities.	Organizational Development	15.75	\$ 10,000		\$ -		\$ 5,000	
1	1	Friends of Saint Paul College	Saint Paul College Cultural Mural Project	Saint Paul College will use Cultural Star grant funding to support the Saint Paul College Cultural Mural Project. The Mural Project will provide a permanent wall mural representing an Indigenous Land Acknowledgement, acknowledgment of the Rondo community, the diversity of our College community, and the College's commitment to becoming an anti-racist and trauma-informed institution.	Capital	17.00	\$ 14,750		\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	
1	1	Frogtown Tuned-In	Growing Frogtown Radio	WFNU Frogtown Community radio is seeking \$30,000 to hire a part-time station manager & part-time community engagement position. WFNU is currently run by volunteers only, making it difficult to grow & reach our goals. Paid staff will allow us to reach our goals of creating more community events, trainings & fundraisers that will financially support & sustain the station & these positions.	Organizational Development	16.01	\$ 30,000		\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000	
Outside Saint Paul	2	Full Circle Theater Company	Full Circle's Production of THE EMPATHY PROJECT presented at Park Square Theater	FC's world premiere of THE EMPATHY PROJECT by Stephanie Lein Walseth, presented at Park Square Theater in the Andy Boss Theater. Based on interviews with 20 Minnesotans of diverse backgrounds across the state, EMPATHY'S aim is to help us remember what holds us together amidst our local/national polarization and to rediscover common ground. Grant funds will be used for artists and other personnel.	Special Projects	17.44	\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000	
2	2, 6	Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies	GTCYS Harmony Program	GTCYS' Harmony program breaks down barriers and creates an accessible entry-point to instrumental music education for 3rd - 5th graders at Riverview West Side School of Excellence (St. Paul). Harmony also provides a pathway for alumni (6th grade+) to continue in GTCYS' orchestras. Funds will support group instruction, private lessons, and facilities for participants during the 2021-22 season.	Special Projects	15.67	\$ 15,000		\$ 7,500		\$ 7,050	
2	2	History Theatre, Inc	DEI Staff Capacity Building	History Theatre will hire 2 positions - Director in Residence and Community Engagement Manager -- to expand staff capacity, diversify artistic perspectives, and solidify and deepen relationships with community partners to ensure we authentically serve the entirety of our St. Paul community. The new hires will start in Fall 2021. We seek \$46,500 in support (50% of annual salary) from Cultural STAR.	Organizational Development	14.22	\$ 46,500		\$ -		\$ 21,390	
1	2	Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota	Minnesota Qeej Festival	Hmong Cultural Center will host the first Minnesota Qeej Festival at Landmark Center on May 22, 2022, involving a Sunday of comprehensive programming to educate Hmong & non-Hmong about the Qeej instrument while also providing a forum for master performers and Qeej troupes from Minnesota and beyond to be recognized for their skills and workshops to show how Qeej instruments are made.	Special Projects	16.75	\$ 26,000		\$ 26,000		\$ 24,440	
2	2	Hot Summer Jazz Festival	2022 Twin Cities Jazz Festival	TCJF seeks Cultural STAR support for the 24th annual Jazz Festival set for June 23 & 25 2022 at Mears park and several Lowertown area venues. We plan to reengage artists and our community to large scale festivals safely. The festival is a free outdoor event open to all. Specifically Star funds would be used to support musician fees, stage rental, production fees and promotion/media.	Special Projects	18.25	\$ 42,000		\$ 42,000		\$ 42,000	
Outside Saint Paul	2	Illusion Theater and School, Inc.	PRESENT: Illusion Theater in St. Paul	Illusion requests \$15,600 to help pay artistic & ADA expenses to produce PRESENT for 3 weeks at the Lab in the Lowry in Downtown St. Paul during May 2022. Written & performed by renowned African American artist, T. Mychal Rambo, directed by Michael Robins & music by Roberta Carlson, this is the powerful autobiographical story of Mr. Rambo's life & his personal struggle to overcome adversity.	Special Projects	17.67	\$ 15,600		\$ 15,600		\$ 15,600	
5	2, 5	In Progress	Young Stars of McDonough	Young Stars is a digital arts program that supports 10 youth in telling stories about the families that live in the McDonough Homes. Youth develop skills in photography and video, and create artwork that depicts the dynamic culture of their neighborhood. The project runs August - May 2022. Artwork is exhibited throughout the North End, and at city hall, reaching an audience of 3000.	Special Projects	15.88	\$ 20,000		\$ 10,000		\$ 9,400	
7	7	Indigenous Roots	East 7th/Intertribal Cultural Corridor Planning	Artists, neighbors, organizations, & businesses will co-create a cultural district proposal to be integrated with City approved plans and policies around arts and culture. The proposed plan will include: ideation, dialogue, and movement to identify unique potentials for community and economic development based on cultural assets through public art, branding, and other artist-led initiatives.	Special Projects	16.50	\$ 40,000		\$ 20,000		\$ 19,000	
4	2	Irish Fair of Minnesota	Irish Fair 2021	Irish Fair of Minnesota annually hosts a three day celebration of the arts and culture of Ireland. This includes Irish popular and traditional music, dance, history, sports and cuisine. Our event attracts 45,000+ people to downtown St. Paul. Cultural STAR funds are used to ensure high quality programming. IFM has a reputation as one of the most authentic and family friendly festivals in the U.S.	Special Projects	15.22	\$ 40,000		\$ 15,000		\$ 14,100	

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4	2, 3, 4	Ka Joog	Somali Arts Education and Community Conversations	Ka Joog will create a platform for Somali American youth to learn traditional Somali artistic mediums and present their learning through public presentations that will ignite community conversations. Art workshops and public forums will be held at our office and other locations through St. Paul to promote intergenerational dialogue on taboo topics within the Somali American community.	Special Projects	15.67	\$ 43,000		\$ 21,500		\$ 20,210	
Outside Saint Paul	2	Katha Dance Theatre	World Premiere of "KATHAK E-motion" in St. Paul	KDT seeks \$25,000 to support the artists & advertising of our world premiere, "KATHAK E-motion", an event in the classical Kathak dance style of Northern India. Performed by KDT's company of professional Asian Indian dancers, it will feature thrilling spectacles of spinning bodies & intricate footwork. "E-motion" premieres in the Andy Boss Thrust Stage at Park Square in Fall 2022.	Special Projects	17.33	\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000	
2	2	Lowertown Blues Festival	Lowertown Blues Festival	The Lowertown Blues Festival will partner with Big River Pizza to present a two-day free blues festival at the Farmers Market and BRP on September 17 & 18, 2021. We will have an outdoor stage as well as an indoor stage at BRP that will host diverse blues artists. Specifically, STAR funds will be used to support musician fees, production, security and marketing costs.	Special Projects	15.75	\$ 18,000		\$ 9,000		\$ 8,460	
2	2, 4	Lyra	Lyra Baroque Orchestra Concerts & Masterclasses	A STAR grant will provide support for musician fees, travel, and administration for 1) two Lyra Baroque Orchestra season concerts (Sundin Hall, St. Paul), 2) eight family-friendly baroque chamber concerts (The Baroque Room, Lowertown), and 3) three master classes (The Baroque Room, Lowertown); as well as marketing, admin and staff time to support these programs.	Special Projects	15.22	\$ 19,000		\$ 9,500		\$ 8,930	
6	6	Midwest Special Services, Inc.	Building capacity for Fresh Eye Arts	We are requesting Organizational Development support for our progressive art studio program, Fresh Eye Arts. Our goal is to support artists with developmental disabilities in their careers as artists. This project would fund the documentation and cataloging of artwork from Fresh Eye's featured artists as well as building systems and capacity for marketing and communication.	Organizational Development	15.33		\$ 5,000		\$ -		\$ 5,000
2	2	Minnesota Children's Museum	HVAC Renovations for Minnesota Children's Museum	Minnesota Children's Museum is requesting funds to complete a duct cleaning and basement humidity project for our HVAC systems. These renovations will refresh and update elements of our systems to provide cleanliness and safety in our building. These projects will ensure optimal conditions for our guests and employees in a post-pandemic world.	Special Projects	14.25	\$ 30,000		\$ -		\$ 13,800	
4	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	Minnesota Jazz Education	Jazz Artists in the Schools & Community	Address racial inequities in jazz education by partnering with schools and youth- and equity-focused orgs in St. Paul to create opportunities for young people to experience jazz in new ways through residencies and workshops with a range of musically- and culturally diverse artists, educators, and public performance opportunities.	Special Projects	16.75	\$ 7,000		\$ 7,000		\$ 6,580	
2	2	Minnesota Museum of American art	Sutures	Funding a partnership with the Emerging Curators Institute to present Sutures, an exhibition of an emerging generation of artists creating photo/film works that complicate or expand upon still/moving images and relationships with inheritance, memory, and the act of remembering. It features work by Cheryle Mukherji, Prune Phi, and Daniela Thach, in the museum's windows, Oct 30, 2021-Jan 29, 2022.	Special Projects	18.44	\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000	
2	2	Music Mission	Music Mission Fall Fiesta	Music Mission celebrates it's fall fiesta on October 3, 2021 at the Black Dog in Saint Paul with a day of arts programming and community activities featuring Ramon Gutierrez, leader of legendary Son Jarocho act "Son de Madera", from Veracruz, Mexico. Building on years of successful Lowertown Guitar Festival programming, MM aims to provide new programming and bilingual workshops to Saint Paul.	Special Projects	16.11	\$ 6,050		\$ 6,000		\$ 5,640	
2	2	Nautilus Music-Theater	Nautilus Performer Fellowship Program	THE NAUTILUS PERFORMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM will provide professional development for 20 singer-actors from underserved communities, which in our case would include performers who are BIPOC, performers who have disabilities, and transgender people. The program will be held in at our Lowertown studio, in two sessions (Spring and Fall, 2022), and will be directed by experienced Nautilus staff.	Special Projects	15.11	\$ 19,426		\$ 9,710		\$ 9,127	
Outside Saint Paul	1, 2, 4, 6, 7	Northern LightsMN, Inc.	Northern Spark 2022 Celebrates Saint Paul	After a year in which our programming was largely online (2021), the Northern Spark festival returns in-person to neighborhoods along University and Eastside in 2022, and builds a connection to the river with a presence in Lowertown for the first time since 2013. We request STAR funds to support an open call for 5 artist projects to be presented at Northern Spark on June 10 & 11, 2022.	Special Projects	17.44	\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000	
1	2	One Voice Mixed Chorus	"Sound Mind" Concert at the Ordway Concert Hall	One Voice Mixed Chorus seeks funding to perform "Sound Mind" at the Ordway Concert Hall January 2022. Featuring music, interviews and artwork by MN LGBTQ artists, "Sound Mind" will explore how creativity has been an important outlet for LGBTQ people navigating mental health during COVID-19. Interactive lobby activities will feature LGBTQ mental health resources and a hands-on arts project.	Special Projects	17.13	\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000	
Outside Saint Paul	2	Oratorio Society of Minnesota	CREATION by Josef Haydn with Chorus, Soloists, Orchestra, and Writers	OMS will present CREATION by Josef Haydn on Earth Day, April 22, 2022 at Central Presbyterian Church. The performance will feature some of Haydn's music and readings from environmental writers. STAR funding will help pay for artistic expenses: 3 soloists/poetry readers, 25-piece orchestra, video artist to create environmental projections, artistic director, and accompanist.	Special Projects	14.33	\$ 11,175		\$ -		\$ 5,000	
2	2	Ordway Center for the Performing Arts	Flint Hills Family Festival	We are tremendously excited to once again transform downtown St. Paul into a wonderland of music, dance, theater, storytelling, and hands-on art activities during the 2022 Flint Hills Family Festival. As one of the premiere children's festivals in the nation, the event brings together performances by local, national and international artists representing over 25 different countries and cultures.	Special Projects	17.57	\$ 35,000		\$ 35,000		\$ 35,000	
5	2	Pan Asian Arts Alliance	Project Resonance	Collaborating between African & Asian American (Am) artists to jointly create/present a new dance drama - "Resonance," with Director Nien Tzu (Chinese Am), Producer Donnell Bratton (African Am), Composer/Lead Musician Jarrelle Barton (African Am), Choreographer/Mintshis Vang (Hmong Am), Lighting Director Stephen Lu (Taiwanese Am); and Documentary Video Prod/Dir Chet Mam (Cambodian Am).	Special Projects	15.56	\$ 45,000		\$ 15,000		\$ 14,100	
2	2	Park Square Theatre	Establish Effective Organizational Structure & Systems	Park Square Theatre requests support to establish clear, effective organizational structure and to hire a technology consultant to identify the best IT systems to support our mission. This project - led by the Board, Executive Director and the Artistic Associates - will result in fully operational departmental leadership by January 2022. Assessment of IT needs will begin August 1, 2021.	Organizational Development	13.71	\$ 63,125		\$ -		\$ 13,250	
6	5, 6, 7	Payne-Phalen Community Council	The Payne-Phalen Community Plan: Collaboratively Creating a Shared Vision for a Bright and Equitable Future	This grant will fund hiring an organizational development consultant to work directly with our Board to (1) develop their collective capacity as representatives of our diverse communities, (2) to strengthen their skills as decision makers, and (3) to act efficiently on input gathered by 2-3 public-practice artists (hired with private funds) conducting intensive community engagement/visioning.	Organizational Development	15.67		\$ 18,250		\$ -		\$ 6,000
1	1	Penumbra Theatre	FY21 Organizational Development	Penumbra's evolving to become a performing arts campus & center for racial healing that invites growth, stimulates wellness & catalyzes equity, nurturing black artists to create beautiful, daring, life-giving art that answers our community's most pressing needs. FY22 funding will help hire 3 directors for new/expanded programs in Arts, Wellness, Equity, who will drive program design, rollout, mgmt.	Organizational Development	18.38		\$ 30,000		\$ 20,000		\$ 19,000
4	4	Planting People Growing Justice Leadership Institute	Aya: An Anthology of Racial Justice, Healing and the Black Experience	PPGI is seeking Cultural STAR support for the 2021 publication of our anthology, "Aya: An Anthology of Racial Justice, Healing and the Black Experience" which will serve as a new companion to our Sankofa Teach-In series and art exhibition. The goal is to use art to advance societal reform and inspire artists to lead this change. A community celebration will be held in Saint Paul upon its release.	Special Projects	14.56	\$ 10,000		\$ -		\$ 5,000	
2	1, 2	Public Art Saint Paul	Building Public Art Saint Paul's Triennial Art Festival	Public Art Saint Paul (PASP) is planning a major Triennial Art Festival, to be presented for the first time in summer 2023. Many small to medium sized organizations are partners on Triennial projects" temporary public art and gallery-based installations. PASP requests support for a Triennial Assistant and stipends for cohort partners and artists in downtown St. Paul and in Inroetown/Bands.	Organizational Development	15.75	\$ 25,000		\$ 12,500		\$ 11,750	
Outside Saint Paul	2	Ragamala Dance Company	Mythology Makes Us: The Kannagi Festival	Mythology Makes Us: The Kannagi Festival is a celebration of Tamil (SE Indian) culture. Through dance, dialogue, and food, we illuminate an aspect of Indian culture not often featured in the U.S. We aim to connect past and present, and explore how immigrants can draw on our cultural archetypes to inform a better, more just, and more inclusive future.	Special Projects	17.50	\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000	

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2	2	Rice Park Association	Summer Evening Music Series	Rice Park Association and Twin Cities Mobile Jazz Project propose a partnership program for a summer evening music series in Rice Park that would feature 6 performances of international music. The goal of the program is to draw visitors to downtown Saint Paul to enjoy the newly revitalized Rice Park and its amenities. Cultural STAR funds would be used to fund artists' fees.	Special Projects	16.11	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000	
2	2	Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra	SPCO Outdoor Concerts in Saint Paul	We will welcome in-person audiences back to Saint Paul with a unique series of outdoor concerts in August and September 2021. The series will engage a broad audience, beginning with a performance in Cherokee Park geared toward families and children. The SPCO will celebrate its Opening Weekend with a "welcome back" performance in Mears Park, and special performances from the Ordway loading dock.	Special Projects	16.56	\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000		\$ 23,500	
1	2, 6	Saint Paul Civic Symphony	Saint Paul Civic Symphony: A Season to Remember	A Season to Remember: After more than a year of self-isolation & experiencing music at a distance, SPCS will help rebuild the fabric of our community by making music together & offering 3 free concerts at the Landmark Center. It will be a season of old favorites and new discoveries including a new piece by Steve Heitzeg honoring our 75 years as a vital part of St Paul's diverse cultural landscape.	Special Projects	15.00	\$ 17,500		\$ 8,750		\$ 8,225	
2	2	Saint Paul Downtown Alliance	Welcome Back Saint Paul Campaign	SPDA has secured \$1.5M to welcome workers and visitors back to downtown after more than a year away. It includes enhanced safe and clean programs, marketing, and 300 events and programs through December. Beginning with enhanced safe and clean efforts this spring and ramping up events over the summer, reaching a crescendo of large-scale events, supported by Cultural STAR in fall and winter.	Special Projects	14.14	\$ 50,000		\$ 49,031		\$ 50,000	
2	2	Saint Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation	2022 Saint Paul Winter Carnival	The Saint Paul Winter Carnival has a fantastic opportunity to bring the community back together in a post-pandemic winter in 2022. We are requesting \$30,000 to pay for artists, performers, and educational experiences. The purpose of the project is to celebrate the diversity and vibrancy of Saint Paul and welcome our community to join in the Coolest Celebration on Earth!	Special Projects	14.67	\$ 30,000		\$ -		\$ 15,000	
2	2	Science Museum of Minnesota	Exploring Equity in MN Education	The Science Museum requests funds to expand public offerings for the "Science is for All of Us" equity campaign. This project will: -- Diversify the repertoire of equity-related offerings in St Paul -- Support St Paul artists & community organizations -- Provide a space for dialogue in downtown St Paul -- Deliver engagement, learning, and resources around equity, diversity, and inclusion in MN	Special Projects	16.50	\$ 45,000		\$ 45,000		\$ 42,300	
1	1	Selby Ave JazzFest	2022 Selby Ave JazzFest	Our 21st yr, the '22 JazzFest (JF) is a FREE, all-day community celebration featuring great live jazz, tasty food, kid's activities, health screenings, artist demos & more Goals - Provide arts access to a regionally underserved community - Positively reposition Selby - Get folks from all walks of life to be of one community Cultural STAR fund use: Artist, contractor, rental & security expenses	Special Projects	18.11		\$ 15,000		\$ 11,250		\$ 11,250
2	2	Skylark Opera, d/b/a Skylark Opera Theatre	2021 Amahl and the Night Visitors Performance	Skylark Opera Theatre will produce nine performances of Menotti's Amahl and the Night Visitors on December 4-5; 11-12; and 18-19, 2021 at the Park Square Theatre in St. Paul. This opera is a holiday staple in most communities. Skylark is thrilled to fill this void in the Twin Cities and make this a new Minnesota holiday tradition. This family-focused opera will break new ground for Skylark and	Special Projects	14.78	\$ 20,000		\$ -		\$ 9,200	
1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	Sounds of Hope, Ltd.	Songs of Hope in 2022	After a two-year hiatus due to COVID, SOH will again offer its Songs of Hope project, drawing youthful performers from ten or more countries to St. Paul. From a dorm at the University of St. Thomas, participants will prepare a concert of culturally diverse songs for audiences throughout the city. With much of 2022 details uncertain, STAR funding is greatly needed to support the project's relaunch.	Special Projects	15.78	\$ 10,000		\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000	
1	2	St. Paul Yellow Ribbon Network	Lowertown Sounds	"Lowertown Sounds" is back for its second year. The series takes place Thursdays from June-August, excluding 6/24 and 7/1, and serves as a music, food/beverage and artisan showcase, as well as celebration of the beautiful & historic Mears Park. The grant is used to fund the band budget/sound production that brings people together to enjoy local talents, discover new music, and celebrate community.	Special Projects	14.00	\$ 36,000		\$ -		\$ 16,560	
2	2	SteppingStone Theatre	The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats	SteppingStone Theatre for Youth will produce The Snowy Day and other stories by Ezra Jack Keats in February 2022. The story celebrates the joy in small moments of a child's world. The play is based on the award-winning book by Ezra Jack Keats, and adapted for the stage by Jerome Hairstone. We are requesting support for production team expenses and residency activities in 12 St. Paul Schools.	Special Projects	17.38	\$ 26,480		\$ 26,480		\$ 26,480	
4	2	TaikoArts Midwest	Kenny Endo 45th Anniversary Tour	TaikoArts Midwest (TAM) will produce a collaborative concert with Enso Daiko, and taiko master Kenny Endo to celebrate his 45th anniversary, at the Ordway in April 2022. Endo was a key figure in the early technical development of TAM taiko artists, and is a leading figure in North American taiko.	Special Projects	17.75	\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000	
2	2	The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library	2022 Minnesota Book Awards	Minnesota Book Aconnects thousands of readers and writers in MN, through the stories of their neighbors. The program, in its 33rd year, identifies and celebrates the best books by MN writers over the past year through a judging process, ceremony, and events showcasing finalists and winners. Cultural STAR funding would support expenses for the ceremony and free library events.	Special Projects	15.00	\$ 12,185		\$ 6,000		\$ 5,640	
Outside Saint Paul	2	The Great Northern Winter Festival	Conservatory	Conservatory is an immersive experience in which Black life is centered. Sited between 2 buildings in St. Paul during TGN (Jan 27-Feb 6), an ice encased greenhouse flourishes with deeply hued plants representing abundant black life. Contrasting audio portrays the oppressive power structures & harsh environment just outside. Support requested for artist fees, administration, plants & marketing.	Special Projects	15.63	\$ 50,000		\$ 25,000		\$ 20,000	
Outside Saint Paul	2	The Minnesota Opera	Opera in the Outfield - Project moved to a venue. Outside Cultural District as of 7/23/21	Minnesota Opera requests support for "Opera in the Outfield" - a live opera performance at CHS Field in September 2021 with a program that will highlight Latinx vocal music performed by an array of Latinx artists. The event will follow CDC guidelines and allow for social distancing. Support is requested to help cover the cost of space rental fees.	Special Projects	17.22	\$ 30,000		\$ 30,000			\$ 5,000
2	2	The Schubert Club	Rejoin, Recover, Rebuild: PaviElle French In Concert & In The Community	Schubert Club commissions St. Paul-based artist PaviElle French to create new music to perform on May 22, 2022 at the Fitzgerald Theater. She will work with Walker West students in advance. They will feature in the Schubert Club Mix show together with PaviElle and her band. PaviElle's creative focus is uplifting youth and addressing inequities in our city post-George Floyd, post-pandemic.	Special Projects	18.00	\$ 8,000		\$ 8,000		\$ 8,000	
Outside Saint Paul	2	Twin Cities Iranian Culture Collective	Twin Cities Iranian Culture Festival	The goal of the Twin Cities Iranian Culture Festival is to share the rich heritage of Iranian Art and Culture with the larger Minnesota public, and to combat stereotypes and prejudices about the Iranian-American community. Our festival, to be held at Landmark Center in September/October of 2022 will showcase Iranian music, dance, visual art, storytelling, film and food by Iranian-American artists.	Special Projects	16.00	\$ 13,350		\$ 10,000		\$ 9,400	
2	2	Twin Cities PBS	ART IS Season 4	ART IS Season 4 invites 3 established artists of color to each collaborate with 3 emerging artists. TPT will co-produce virtual events and a digital media series with artists at TPT in Lowertown St. Paul in Winter/Spring 2022. ART IS seeks to heighten visibility of emerging artists; foster artist networks; and present innovative art. Support from Cultural STAR would cover artist stipends.	Special Projects	17.00	\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000	
4	4	Urban Boatbuilders, Inc.	Boatbuilding Apprenticeship for Youth	The apprenticeship program provides creative, paid work experience for underserved St. Paul youth at its' University Avenue workshop. The crafting of wooden boats provides a creative opportunity to learn technical, social-emotional, and career-readiness skills. The program culminates with a public boat launch at Como Lake every summer where youth are recognized and celebrated in the community.	Special Projects	16.11		\$ 30,000		\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000
1	1	Victoria Theater Arts Center	Victoria Theater Arts Center Lighting System	Purchase of LED theatrical lighting equipment for the main performance space of the Victoria Theater Arts Center.	Capital	16.38		\$ 50,000		\$ 32,258		\$ 34,375

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Outside Saint Paul	2	VocalEssence	VocalEssence "Choosing Love"	VocalEssence will present "Choosing Love" on April 24, 2022 at the Landmark Center in Saint Paul, featuring the VocalEssence Singers Of This Age (VESOTA). The concert will showcase a year of musical creation to share how the youth choir uses the power of creative expression to heal, connect people, and make a change. Funds will contribute to production costs associated with the concert.	Special Projects	15.78	\$ 10,000		\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000	
1	1, 2	Walker West Music Academy	Jazz Intensive Summer Camps	We'll offer a weeklong jazz intensive summer camp (Aug 2-6, 10am to 4pm daily), for 12 students aged 13-18 to include classes, master classes, and culminating public performances at Mears Park, St. Paul. Goal: participants will enhance their understanding of jazz and gain practice and performance experience. Items to be funded by Cultural Star are Teaching Artist wages.	Special Projects	17.78	\$ 8,265		\$ 8,265		\$ 8,265	
1	2	Wonderlust Productions	Lost & Found: Collective Contact Tracing	Wonderlust Productions's unique process involves years of interviews, workshops, and close collaboration with communities whose stories are often ignored. As high-quality technology becomes more accessible and makes information more accessible, we will hire a part-time videographer to capture community stories with us and co-design new ways to increase our audiences and impact for those stories.	Special Projects	15.50	\$ 20,000		\$ 10,000		\$ 9,400	
Outside Saint Paul	2	XV Latvian Song and Dance Festival, Inc.	Latvian Song and Dance Festival	We are organizing a six-day long festival celebrating Latvian song and dance. The Festival will take place June 29 through July 4, 2022 in downtown St. Paul and will include concerts, folk dance performances, theater productions, art and musical instrument exhibits, film screenings, social events, and a marketplace. All events will be open to the public. Several events will be free of charge.	Special Projects	13.75	\$ 50,000		\$ -		\$ 13,250	
4	4	Youth Performance Company	Soundproofing for Youth Performance Company	YPC moved into our St. Paul home in fall 2019. The space includes 2 class/rehearsal rooms and a black box theater. These spaces are right next to each other and sound floats freely between them. To utilize all three spaces at the same time, YPC needs to install soundproofing. Funding will be used to pay for the soundproofing materials/installation, taking place the week of September 13, 2021.	Capital	16.44		\$ 6,000		\$ 5,295		\$ 5,295
2	2	Zeitgeist	Halloween at Studio Z	Zeitgeist requests support for HALLOWEEN AT STUDIO Z (HSZ), a 4-day Festival of Halloween themed programming featuring Twin Cities performers. HSZ will take place in Oct 2022 at Studio Z in the Lowertown neighborhood of St. Paul and will include music by Zeitgeist and other musical groups, storytelling, plus film, performance art, or theater. STAR will support personnel and facilities costs.	Special Projects	15.56	\$ 15,000		\$ 7,500		\$ 7,050	
Outside Saint Paul	2	Zorongo Flamenco, Inc	CASITA	Zorongo presents CASITA - March 5-6, 2022 @ Park Square Theatre. Based on true stories, this poignant work shares with empathy and humor, the high and low points in four women's journeys in and out of homelessness, increasing audience awareness of this social issue. CASITA weaves together a tale told through flamenco dance and music infused with gospel singing and jazz orchestration.	Special Projects	15.89	\$ 8,200		\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000	
1	1	8218 TRUCE Center and African American Museum	Healing with the ARTS	The 8218 Truce Center and African American Museum is a nonprofit organization. We are Agency Certified to specialize in Conflict resolution, gang member rehabilitation, drug & chemical sobriety, bullying, self-respect, depression, suicide prevention and Mental health. Our mission is to be a catalyst for "Eight-to-eighteen" youth mentorship. Our African-American Museum is education & engagement.	Special Projects	11.00		\$ 10,000		\$ -		
4	4	African Economic Development Solutions	Building African Museum concept and creative placemaking capacity	African Economic Development Solutions(AEDS) is seeking fund to take a creative placemaking effort to its second phase of its growth- African Museum. This fund will help us to pay consultant fee who work on building capacity of securing fund for the real estate and museum development and AEDS staff time who work on Little Africa activities and artists performances at African leadership conference.	Organizational Development	14.22		\$ 30,000		\$ -		
2	3	Ballet Minnesota, Inc	"The Classic Nutcracker - An Annual Tradition" at the O'Shaughnessy Auditorium	Ballet Minnesota seeks funding to support 7 performances of "The Classic Nutcracker - An Annual Tradition" at the O'Shaughnessy Auditorium December 15-19, 2021. Subsidized ticket pricing and efforts to develop first-time dance audiences have grown our Nutcracker season into a highly anticipated event for many residents of St. Paul and the surrounding community.	Special Projects	14.89		\$ 15,000		\$ -		
1	1	Black On Black Development and Entertainment, Inc.	Black On Black Development and Entertainment, Inc.	Our project has a goal of uplifting the arts, empowering black communities and bridging races through innovative programming and rapid response to starving artists. Cultural artistry will be presented in parks of downtown that will expose citizens of St. Paul & visitors to the stories, values, and talents of people of color in an inviting performance or presentation. This is racial equity.	Special Projects	8.67		\$ 10,000		\$ -		
4	4	Celtic Junction Arts Center	CJAC Organizational Development	Celtic Junction Arts Center (CJAC) seeks Organizational Development to strengthen its management and administration. This project would advance the mission of CJAC by developing a position for a bookkeeper and increase administrative support. This project has the potential for significant or long-term impact as our NFP development moves from volunteer and part-time contractors to permanent staff.	Organizational Development	15.11		\$ 15,000		\$ -		
4	4	COLLIDE Theatrical Dance Company	Cabaret series - Collide Theatrical Dance Company	Three cabarets totalling 40 performances are a chance to employ 34 performing artists/tech staff, and bring post-pandemic audiences back to small live performances, including free shows in largely Black communities in St. Paul. Our St. Paul studio, soon to be renovated into a small performance venue, will provide an intimate audience experience for up to 50 people per show.	Special Projects	16.33		\$ 25,000		\$ -		
2	2	Community Reporter, Inc.	Community Reporter Archives	At the 50th anniversary of the Community Reporter, the Minnesota Historical Society has donated more than \$5,000 worth of digitization of the nonprofit community newspaper's archive, but requires \$5,000 to complete the job of digitizing those archives that are presently on microfiche. All archives will then be freely available online for research and historical value.	Special Projects	11.33		\$ 5,000		\$ -		
2	2	Creators Space Inc	Creators Movement Fund	The impact of the last year has been extreme for our Creators Space community who rely on the arts & culture industry. The Creators Movement fund will supplement the annual membership dues of 75 creatives who are financially constrained. We are requesting a Cultural Star grant to cover 50 creatives. We believe our community will play a vital role in rebuilding of a thriving community for all.	Special Projects	11.50		\$ 30,000		\$ -		
2	2	Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota	Three wood window, one storm door replacement, egress window installation	Three original, arched top, wood windows and a storm door on the east wall have deteriorated and need replacement. A third-floor window used as access to the roof will be replaced with a more easily accessible egress window. A Cultural STAR grant will help match our funds for the projects. The project will begin when funded.	Capital	15.00		\$ 8,200		\$ -		
4	4	Eritrean Community Center of Minnesota	EMMC Organizational	The Eritrean Community Center of MN is looking to increase its visibility in the general Saint Paul area in 2021-22, both within and without of the Eritrean Community. This grant will help bolster the ECCM's capacity, including its educational arm by helping fund a part-time position, organizing the board, and with media outreach.	Organizational Development	13.44		\$ 10,000		\$ -		
1	1	HmongTown Connections, Inc.	Hmong Arts & Museum	On the vacant lot (185 Como Ave, St. Paul, MN) privately owned by Nou Yang and Toua Xiong, owners of HmongTown Marketplace will build two Hmong statues (one man & one woman) of a Paul Bunyan size and a used/refurbished, non-operational 1950's T. 28 Trojan lighter plane (during the Vietnam War).	Special Projects	11.44		\$ 50,000		\$ -		
6	6	Minnesota China Friendship Garden Society (MCFG)	Phase I Completion Project: St Paul-Changsha China Friendship Garden	STAR funding will provide critical support to complete Phase I of the St Paul-Changsha China Friendship Garden by 12/31/2022. This project will fund the installation of: Naming Stone and West Entrance Arch Dedication Stone, 500 plantings (soil amendments), Paul Verret Plum Grove, Maple trees, Irrigation system, 3 Dry Bed Streams; and landscape design consultant fees and St Paul Parks and Rec staff.	Capital	15.33		\$ 40,000		\$ -		
Outside Saint Paul	4	Minnesota Guitar Society	2021-2022 Sundin Music Hall Concert Series	The Minnesota Guitar Society seeks funding to pay half of the fees for artists performing on our monthly concert series at Sundin Music Hall in St. Paul from Sept 2021 to June 2022. Our goals are to connect world-class performers with local guitarists, inspire students, draw an audience from throughout the 7-county metro area (and beyond), and provide a safe, accessible experience of live music.	Special Projects	15.44		\$ 10,000		\$ -		
4	3, 4	Minnesota Jewish Theatre Company	New Branding Implementation	MJC seeks funding to herald in a new brand. Based on 2 years of research led by consultant Julie Dalgleish, and created by branding/marketing firm IMAGEHAUS, the brand will increase organizational awareness and audience reach. Star funds will support implementation of a new communications plan, special branding activities, and a play reading festival, a new initiative that will reinforce brand.	Organizational Development	14.22		\$ 22,900		\$ -		

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1	1	Minnesota Transportation Museum	Jackson Street Roundhouse, Partial Roof Replacement	Funding to support a portion of a larger capital project to restore the 115 year old roundhouse. Due to cost of over \$2 million, MTM is conducting the project in fundable phases. This request will support clearstory window replacements by late 2022 in a section of the building designated for a new Steam Locomotive exhibit, and exhibition of an incoming highly valuable artifact of James Hill legacy	Capital	14.44		\$ 50,000		\$ -				
3	3	Minnesota Youth Symphonies	Minnesota Youth Symphonies Organizational Development	This organizational development project aims to train our staff, listen to our students and families, and create an environment for students of all backgrounds to belong in our orchestra program. We would like funding for our work with educational organization AMAZEworks alongside our staff and local music teachers to help move our diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging goals for 2021.	Organizational Development	13.89		\$ 7,500		\$ -				
Outside Saint Paul	4	Mixed Blood Theatre Company	Animate	ANIMATE will be a world premiere theater work to be produced at the Saint Paul Como Zoo in September 2021. Developed through a year of listening sessions with zookeepers, curators, administrators, and more, audiences will travel to eight different locations throughout the zoo, following the action and eavesdropping on discussions related to zoo concerns. Support for the production is requested.	Special Projects	17.13		\$ 25,000		\$ 18,500		\$ -		
7	7	Mounds Theatre Company	It's An Honorable Life 2021	Since 2016, the Mounds Theatre has produced an annual Klingon language holiday play. The production brings a wide audience from several states and publicizes the arts and culture of the Eastside. The proceeds from the event fund a large portion of the annual utilities and maintenance costs of the Mounds. The Mounds hopes to reengage this audience that was unable to attend a 2020 production.	Special Projects	13.56		\$ 10,725		\$ -				
2	2	Neighborhood Development Alliance	Villa del Sol Little Free Garden Library	For our residents at Villa del Sol and the West Side community we will create an outdoor public sculpture that will function as a little free book and seed library. Our goals are to fund a local artist to create a functional sculpture that will act as a resource for the community by providing books in multiple languages as well as seeds to contribute to our community's gardens.	Special Projects	15.22		\$ 5,000		\$ -				
2	2	Neighborhood House	Wellstone Center Transitional Project	The Wellstone Center Transition Project (WCTP) is aiming to transform our space into a vibrant, community-centric one. We will use these funds to support the planning and implementation of activities to create intentional community building in the West Side neighborhood of St. Paul. One idea we are exploring is a book and speaker series about topics reflecting Neighborhood House's programs.	Organizational Development	14.11		\$ 14,900		\$ -				
6	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	Pathway Learning Center	Pathway Learning Center	Pathway Learning Center (PLC) seeks capacity funding to hire a software company/consultant, project manager & graphic designer to build and create a robust interactive training website for trainings. Online platform would certify participants in soft professional skills, entrepreneurship, technology education and financial literacy and be accessible for unemployed/underemployed people of color.	Organizational Development	9.00		\$ 30,000		\$ -				
Outside Saint Paul	5	People Incorporated	Artability- York Avenue Project	We respectfully request support for the design and facilitation of a large-scale art project at People Incorporated's facility at 317 York Avenue in Saint Paul, to be fabricated outdoors for safe self-expression. People Incorporated programs Artability and the Project Recovery Drop-in Center will come together with artists from the community to celebrate our resiliency and strength.	Special Projects	15.33		\$ 5,000		\$ -				
4	4	Planting People Growing Justice Leadership Institute	Data Study of Black Children's Book Literature	PPGI will conduct a thorough study of arts and children's literature in Saint Paul. The goal is to assess the challenges and opportunities facing Black authors and illustrators. This is critically important when there are more black bears on the front book covers than Black boys and only 32% of MN Black children are reading. Our goal is to develop a plan to promote literacy & diversity in books.	Organizational Development	13.44		\$ 10,000		\$ -				
Outside Saint Paul	4	Sandbox Theatre	Light My Way	In March 2022, 14 artists will create a new play exploring transition, toxic masculinity & mental illness, performed in the new Co-Motion Center for Movement. We seek to create an empathetic play that fosters positive mental health by modeling platonic masculine intimacy as an alternative to pervasive societal toxicity. STAR funding will help pay all artists a living wage of \$15/hr.	Special Projects	16.01		\$ 15,000		\$ 7,500		\$ -		
4	1	Snelling-Selby Area Business Association	Selby Stroll 2021 - Snelling-Selby Area Business Association	Selby Fest /Selby Stroll 2021 is an event spanning Selby Avenue from Snelling to Fairview with special promotions, live music, and family friendly activities. The goal is to energize the neighborhood and help the vast amounts of small businesses who have struggled to keep their doors open throughout the last year or longer	Special Projects	14.56		\$ 7,475		\$ -				
Outside Saint Paul	1, 7	Sod House Theater	Arla Mae's Booyah Wagon	SHT will tour Arla Mae's Booyah Wagon (AMBW), a poignant comedy, to the Urban Roots Market and Frogtown Farm. The project is a unique collaboration between local actor Sarah Agnew and restaurateur Ann Kim, and is designed to illuminate the benefits of buying and eating local foods.	Special Projects	15.44		\$ 8,000		\$ -				
4	4	St. Paul Ballet	Flexible Community Fund	SPB seeks funds to 1)Create a Flexible Community Fund, 2)Develop new community/needs evaluation tools, and 3)Create a Fund Coordinator position. Our goal is to reduce barriers to the art of dance by swiftly implementing equitable pilot programming and directly addressing needs within our community, neighborhood, and organizational culture. STAR funds will be used 8/1/21-12/31/22.	Organizational Development	13.89		\$ 17,850		\$ -				
3	3	The Saint Paul Conservatory of Music	Saint Paul Chamber Music Institute	SPCM seeks funding to support the Saint Paul Chamber Music Institute (SPCMI), an immersive two-week chamber music program and festival for college and pre-college string players, with instruction and performances by world-renowned musicians.	Special Projects	14.78		\$ 15,000		\$ -				
1	1	Wonderlust Productions	Innovative Documentarian/Videographer	An outdoor, interactive event on Raspberry Island. Using story, movement, sound, and objects, LOST & FOUND builds and celebrates our capacity for resilience in the face of unresolvable loss. As guests move from one art installation to another, they'll experience invigorating community stories and become part of a collective exploration of ambiguous loss and the road we build to resilience.	Organizational Development	15.00		\$ 8,000		\$ -				
<b>TOTAL BY IN/OUT CULTURAL DISTRICT</b>								<b>\$ 1,489,250</b>	<b>\$ 996,800</b>	<b>\$ 837,211</b>	<b>\$ 278,053</b>	<b>\$ 958,880</b>	<b>\$ 280,170</b>	
<b>Total Eligible Applications: 118</b>							<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>2,486,050</b>	<b>1,115,264</b>		<b>1,239,050</b>		
<b>Total Recommended: 89</b>							<b>Available Funds (as of 6/23)</b>		<b>\$ 837,211</b>	<b>\$ 278,053</b>				
<b>Total Declined: 29</b>							Over-subscribed rate		178%	358%				
							<b>Total Available Funds</b>		<b>1,115,264</b>					
							Over-subscribed rate		223%					
2	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	City of St. Paul - Library Dept.	Saint Paul Public Library Collection Materials	SPPL uses Cultural Star funds to purchase and provide patrons across the city with a wide range of cultural and art materials. SPPL purchases materials in multiple formats for all age groups including books, DVDs, CDs, databases and on line access. The funds expand cultural reach with more authors of color, local authors, debut authors and self-published authors.	Organizational Development	17.33	\$ 175,000					\$ 175,000		
<b>TOTAL BY IN/OUT</b>												<b>\$ 1,133,880</b>	<b>\$ 280,170</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>											<b>1,414,050</b>			