

## Culture & Tourism Grant Program FY17 Report

### Purpose:

Strong arts, culture, heritage and recreational activities are essential to the quality of life and economy of the IRRRB service area. The Culture and Tourism Grant Program assists non-profits by supporting those projects.



FY17 Funding: \$300,000  
# of Grants Awarded: 28  
Agency Investment: \$297,783  
Total Project Investment: \$2,116,052  
Leverage: 6:1

### # of Projects in Program Categories:

- Capital improvement – 2
- Historic preservation – 5
- Community arts & culture – 5
- Tourism & recreation – 9
- Marketing & promotion to new audiences – 7

Grantee	Description	Agency Investment	Total Project Investment
Aitkin Area Chamber of Commerce	Restore Mississippi showboat	10,000	20,000
Biwabik Area Civic Association	Purchase "Honk the Moose" costume	1,500	3,000
Borealis Art Guild	Artist's scanner and printer	10,000	23,505
Ely Folk School	Advertising and marketing campaign of Birch Bark Canoe project	4,500	9,000
Eveleth Elks Lodge 1161	Build disc golf course	5,000	10,000
Finland Minnesota Historical Society	Restore historic building	16,250	40,000
Grand Rapids Itasca Mountain Bicycling Association	Build and develop Tioga Recreation Area	17,250	450,000
Greenwood Community Recreation Board	Build recreation area playground	15,000	30,000
Incredible Ely	Construct Ely Area Veterans Memorial	20,000	61,295

International Wolf Center	Implement summer billboard campaign	6,000	12,000
Iron Range Historical Society	Redevelop Skibo Vista Overlook	10,000	255,938
Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability	Advertising and marketing of Virginia Market Square	2,750	10,284
Iron Range Tourism Bureau	Create video content for advertising and social media	10,000	20,000
Itasca County YMCA	Build outdoor courts	20,000	293,070
Itasca Ski and Outing, Inc.	Repair chalet roof and advertising campaign	10,000	36,000
Judy Garland Children's Museum	Develop interactive "Lake Time" children's exhibit	20,000	54,225
Kaleva Building Corporation	Restore and preserve Kaleva Hall	7,000	25,822
Mesabi Musical Theatre	Advertising and marketing for "Xanadu" dinner theatre	6,000	20,900
Northern Lights Music Festival	Advertising and marketing of festival	10,000	45,947
Northern Lights Nordic Ski Club	Construct warming house/storage building on Sugar Hills Trail	17,250	160,000
Northern Traxx ATV Club	Extend Chisholm ATV trail	20,000	201,250
Old School Lives	Develop outdoor signage	7,500	30,000
Range Nordic Gliders	Improve Carey Lake cross country ski trails	7,000	190,000
Range Runners	Build "Race in a Box" trailer	8,550	17,100
St. Louis County Historical Society	Create "Hill of Three Waters" traveling exhibit	20,000	47,750
Tower Soudan Historical Society	Plan construction repairs for historic fire hall	5,000	16,000
Two Harbors Area Chamber of Commerce	Capital improvements to information center	3,233	7,466
Visit Grand Rapids	Create attraction & event video mapping	8,000	25,500