Start a Conversation: Submit your Sustainability Idea Today!

Call for Idea Briefs | U of MN Central Regional Sustainable Development Partnership (CRSDP)

The University of Minnesota Central Regional Sustainable Development Partnership (CRSDP) wants to hear from you by March 1!

RSDP brings together community and University knowledge and resources foster better life for all.

The CRSDP Project Partnerships support research, design and planning efforts that pair a community with UM students or faculty to promote economic, social, and environmental sustainability.

Match your idea up with one of their four focus areas:

- Resilient communities
- Agriculture and food systems
- Clean energy
- Natural resources

Then write a short 2 page "Idea Brief" telling them what you would like to do. Wondering how arts and culture can play a role in helping your community be more...
sustainable? Contact Vicki at Five Wings Arts Council for assistance with project design, vicki.fwac@arvig.net or 877-654-2166.

Click here for info about past CRSDP projects

Examples of a few past projects:
- Willmar Community Theatre: Upgrading Building Lighting
- Mayor’s Monarch Pledge
- Crosslake Community Teaching Garden
- Nature Play Meets Accessible Play at Ellen Hopkins Elementary School (EHES)
- Boys & Girls Club Community Garden
- Gitchi-Gami State Trail

All Project Idea Briefs submitted by March 1 will be reviewed by the CRSDP advisory work groups. The Idea Brief is the first step; selected projects will be asked to submit a Project Proposal Full Application, which will be considered by our CRSDP Board in late spring. Awarded Project Partnerships will kick off summer 2019.

Submit an idea brief to the CRSDP by March 1 by either filling out the online form, or by contacting Molly Zins (zend0007@umn.edu or 218-828-2332) to request a hard copy that you can mail in.

About Central RSDP

The University of Minnesota Extension Central Regional Sustainable Development Partnership (Central RSDP) fosters community sustainability through citizen-driven University partnerships and sustainable development projects in agriculture, resilient communities, natural resources and clean energy.

Grant Opportunities

Five Wings Arts Council provides funding to organizations and artists in Cass, Crow Wing, Todd, Morrison or Wadena counties. A variety of grant programs are available to produce, present, and/or promote arts projects in Region Five.

The FWAC staff is ready and willing to assist applicants in providing feedback about project ideas and pre-review your grant application. Read on to find out more about each of our grant programs. If you have questions, please contact Vicki Chepulis, Grants & Program Coordinator, at 877-654-2166 or vicki.fwac@arvig.net.

Overview of FY19 Grant Information

Links to Grant Guidelines:
- Community Arts Access Project Grants
- School Arts Project Grants
- General Operating Support Grants
- Individual Artist Grants
- Small Project Grants
Other Opportunities and Resources

- Minnesota State Arts Board
- Jerome Foundation
- McKnight Foundation
- National Endowment for the Arts
- Springboard for the Arts