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Plains Art Museum Receives NDCA Institutional Support Grant

Fargo, N.D. – Fargo, N.D. – In support of their efforts to provide arts programming in their community, Plains Art Museum was awarded a \$12,000 Institutional Support grant by the North Dakota Council on the Arts (NDCA).

The Museum was among 58 recipients of Institutional Support funding. The Institutional Support program is designed to benefit artists, arts organizations, and the general public. The program provides general support for qualifying arts and cultural organizations that have proven they have strong management and leadership, quality artistic programming and services, and are an important part of the arts infrastructure in their communities. A total of \$437,323 was awarded during this grant round.

The grant will be put toward general Museum operating expenses.

“The Institutional Support funds provided by the NDCA are extremely important to Plains Art Museum being able to serve our audiences around the state with high quality exhibitions, programs, and outreach,” said Colleen Sheehy, Plains Art Museum executive director. “We extend our gratitude to the legislature and the citizens of North Dakota for making these funds available.”

The North Dakota Council on the Arts is the state agency responsible for the support and development of the arts throughout North Dakota, and is funded by the state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

For more information on this and other grant programs, visit the North Dakota Council on the Arts web site at www.nd.gov/arts or contact NDCA directly at jwebb@nd.gov or 701-328-7590.

Plains Art Museum is located at 704 First Avenue North. It is accredited by the American Association of Museums and is a nonprofit, regional fine arts museum with plans to significantly expand its programs through its “Little Artist in All of Us” campaign. The campaign is raising funds for the Center for Creativity and Lifelong Learning which includes the Fingerprints Interactive Education Gallery and working with Fargo Public Schools and other educational entities to build teaching studios. The campaign is also strengthening operations by enhancing the Museum’s endowment and visitor services.

Museum programs are made possible, in part, by major funding from members of the Museum, The FUNd at Plains Art Museum, the cities of Fargo, Moorhead and West Fargo through The Arts Partnership, The McKnight Foundation, the Minnesota State Arts Board through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature, the North Dakota Council on the Arts through an appropriation by the North Dakota State Legislature and a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. More information is available at 701.232.3821 or at www.plainsart.org.