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Award Year	Grant Recipient	County	Award	Project Description
2015	Appalachian Barn Alliance	Madison	\$7,000	creation of a historical archive and a self-guided driving tour of old barns in Madison County
2015	Appalachian State University	Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes	\$7,500	development of multimedia lesson plans about North Carolina's music traditions for 8 th grade students
2015	Asheville Art Museum	Buncombe	\$5,000	development of an exhibit on the role of women in the Craft Revival
2015	Blue Ridge Conservancy	Watauga	\$7,000	outdoor and online exhibits showcasing the natural and cultural heritage of the Middle Fork River and Greenway in Watauga County
2015	Clay County Historical & Arts Council	Clay	\$6,000	interpretive landscaping with native plants and heritage fruit trees at the Old Jail Museum in Hayesville
2015	Fines Creek Community Association	Haywood	\$3,950	enhancement of the Fines Creek Community Center as a venue for indoor and outdoor traditional music performances in Haywood County
2015	Forest History Society	Transylvania	\$8,000	production of a 30 minute documentary about forestry pioneer Carl Schenck for public television and for use at the Cradle of Forestry
2015	Graham Revitalization Economic Action Team	Graham	\$13,050	creation of a Cherokee-themed outdoor classroom with interpretive signage next door to Robbinsville High School
2015	Isothermal Community College WNCW-FM	Rutherford	\$8,000	upgrades to WNCW-FM's Studio B which presents live broadcasts of regional and traditional musicians
2015	John C. Campbell Folk School	Cherokee	\$10,000	renovations and improvements to the interpretive Rivercane Walk and Little Brasstown Creek Park on the school campus
2015	Liston B. Ramsey Center for Regional Studies at Mars Hill University	Madison	\$5,000	development of a documentary film about Madison County master fiddler Roger Howell

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2015	Mayland Community College	Avery, Mitchell, Yancey	\$15,000	architectural designs to establish a heritage crafts training center on campus
2015	Mount Airy Museum of Regional History	Surry	\$6,500	development of traveling exhibits on dulcimer makers
2015	Muddy Sneakers	Buncombe, Henderson	\$7,000	expansion of an outdoor experiential education program to additional schools in Henderson and Buncombe counties
2015	Museum of the Cherokee Indian	Buncombe, Clay, Cherokee, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain	\$10,000	training of tour guides for Cherokee heritage sites across eight far western counties
2015	North Carolina Trail of Tears Association	Clay, Cherokee, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain	\$5,000	development of a website and brochure showcasing Cherokee Trail of Tears interpretive sites in six far-western counties
2015	Penland School of Crafts	Mitchell	\$10,000	creation of a rotating interpretive exhibit about the school's craft heritage in the visitor center on campus
2015	Playhouse Incorporated of Burnsville	Yancey	\$6,000	upgrades to the lighting and sound systems to support further music programming at the Parkway Playhouse
2015	Smoky Mountain Host of NC	Clay, Cherokee, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain	\$7,000	creation of a pocket guide to rivers in seven far-western counties and a companion website
2015	Surry Arts Council	Surry	\$5,000	sound system and exhibit improvements at the Earle Theatre/Old-Time Music Heritage Hall in Mount Airy

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2015	Town of Lansing	Ashe	\$10,000	renovations to a historic barn to create a dance hall for traditional music events
2015	UNC Asheville	Buncombe	\$8,000	creation of interpretive pollinator meadows on campus and hosting of a how-to workshop for property managers
2013	Altapass Foundation	McDowell	\$6,560	new dance floor and seating for the Historic Orchard at Altapass music hall
2013	Ashe Civic Center	Ashe	\$18,000	new sound system for the Civic Center
2013	Asheville Art Museum	Buncombe, Jackson, Swain	\$18,000	support for the collection, archiving, and presentation of contemporary Cherokee art
2013	Cradle of Forestry in America Interpretive Association	Transylvania	\$18,000	support the "Four Elements of Climate" exhibits at the Cradle of Forestry
2013	Cullowhee Revitalization Endeavor	Jackson	\$17,500	economic impact study and interpretive materials for a proposed Tuckaseegee Heritage River Corridor in Jackson County
2013	Exploring Joara Foundation	Burke	\$18,000	outdoor living history exhibit on 16 th century Native American life-ways at the Catawba Meadows Recreation Park in Morganton
2013	Forest History Society	Transylvania	\$14,000	production of an hour-long documentary film about pioneering forestry educator Carl Schenck and the Cradle of Forestry
2013	Friends of the WNC Nature Center	Buncombe	\$2,370	publication of a promotional rack card for the WNC Nature Center
2013	HandMade in America	regional	\$24,000	craft entrepreneurship and small town revitalization initiatives (2013)
2013	Haywood Community College Foundation	Haywood	\$20,000	start up of a continuing education program providing instruction in traditional Appalachian music
2013	John C. Campbell Folk School	Cherokee	\$8,950	development of a CD documenting ballad, folksong, and instrumental traditions in far-western North Carolina
2013	Macon County	Macon	\$10,697	sound system and lighting to create a new music venue at the historic Cowee School

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2013	Miles J.O.B. Fund	Alleghany, Surry, Yadkin	\$5,500	marketing campaign for the scenic Highway 21 corridor through Yadkin, Surry, and Alleghany Counties
2013	Mitchell High School	Mitchell	\$18,000	construction of a greenhouse to support the development of a working farm at the high school
2013	Stecoah Valley Cultural Arts Center	Graham	\$10,000	a mobile website, enhancements to a backstage green room, and new exhibits for visitors
2013	Surry Arts Council	Surry	\$15,000	enhancements to the Old-Time Music Heritage Hall in Mount Airy and the packaging of local music experiences for group tours
2013	Toe River Arts Council	Mitchell, Yancey	\$7,035	expansion of the Traditional Art Program for Students (TAPS) in Mitchell and Yancey counties
2013	Town of Marshall	Madison	\$14,150	staging and other improvements to enhance Marshall Depot music hall
2013	University of North Carolina at Asheville	regional	\$10,000	outreach workshops and informational brochures for the WNC Vitality Index
2013	Wilkes Heritage Museum	Wilkes	\$3,238	enhancements to exhibits at the Blue Ridge Music Hall of Fame
2012	HandMade in America	regional	\$24,000	craft entrepreneurship and small town revitalization initiatives (2012)
2011	Altapass Foundation	McDowell	\$8,850	development of a guided walking tour for visitors to the Historic Orchard at Altapass
2011	Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project	regional	\$17,850	an initiative to link new farmers to available farmland and to stimulate farm and food tourism
2011	Asheville Art Museum	Buncombe, Jackson, Swain	\$5,000	an exhibition of Appalachian, Cherokee, and Low Country baskets
2011	Bethel Rural Community Organization	Haywood	\$1,500	nomination of the Francis Mill in Waynesville to the National Register of Historic Places
2011	Center for Craft, Creativity and Design	Jackson, Yancey	\$3,500	an interpretive brochure highlighting the EnergyXchange in Yancey County and the Jackson County Energy Park
2011	Clay County Communities Revitalization Association	Clay	\$3,525	curriculum materials and events supporting the Cherokee Homestead Exhibit in Hayesville

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2011	Graham County Cooperative Extension	Graham	\$3,455	a brochure, rack card, and website to market the Graham County Barn Quilt Trail
2011	Great Smoky Mountains Association	Swain	\$12,500	production of videos highlighting points of interest within the North Carolina portion of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park
2011	High Country Council of Governments	Mitchell, Yancey	\$5,000	development of a bike routes map for Mitchell and Yancey Counties
2011	Junior Appalachian Musicians, Inc.	regional	\$15,000	curriculum and teacher development for local Junior Appalachian Musicians programs
2011	Land-of-Sky Regional Council	Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, Transylvania	\$25,000	outreach and training for regional green infrastructure planning (Linking Lands and Communities Initiative)
2011	Mount Airy Museum of Regional History	Surry	\$25,000	development of a traveling exhibit on local instrument-making traditions
2011	Polk County	Polk	\$24,700	programming to establish the Mill Spring School as a resource center for agricultural and other heritage-related businesses
2011	Rutherford County	Rutherford	\$10,000	development of a documentary film about the Bechtler Mint and gold mining
2011	Stecoah Valley Arts, Crafts & Educational Center	Graham	\$22,000	classes and workshops on craft, music, dance, and culinary arts
2011	Surry Arts Council	Surry	\$10,820	enhancements to the Old-Time Music Heritage Hall in Mount Airy
2011	Transylvania Youth Strings	Transylvania	\$8,675	start up of a Junior Appalachian Musicians program at the Boys and Girls Club of Transylvania County
2011	University of North Carolina at Asheville Foundation	Buncombe	\$9,453	the addition of blacksmithing residencies to the Meet the Maker lecture series

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2011	Western Carolina University Hunter Library	Buncombe, Clay, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain	\$24,998	documentation of mountain potteries and Cherokee pottery; creation of a pottery trail brochure
2011	Yadkin Valley Heritage Corridor Partnership	Caldwell, Surry, Wilkes, Yadkin	\$8,000	brochure marketing heritage sites in the four-county corridor
2010	Blue Ridge Forever	regional	\$25,000	public awareness campaign for farmland preservation and best practice research on farmland protection
2009	Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project	regional	\$33,500	creation of Farm Promotion best practice guidebook and support for a Farm Promotion Summit
2009	Asheville Art Museum	Buncombe	\$6,500	staging of an exhibit titled <i>American Masterpieces: Southern Craft & Traditional Art</i>
2009	Black Mountain Center for the Arts	Buncombe, Madison, Mitchell	\$12,000	second year of operational support for new Junior Appalachian Musicians programs in Madison, Mitchell, and Buncombe counties
2009	Blue Ridge Parkway 75	regional	\$45,000	support for a symposium and other public events celebrating the Parkway's 75th anniversary
2009	Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy	Henderson, Rutherford	\$5,000	production of a short film documenting the conservation of the World's Edge tract adjoining Chimney Rock State Park
2009	Clay County Communities Revitalization Association	Clay	\$12,500	construction of an outdoor Cherokee winter house exhibit in Hayesville
2009	Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park	Swain	\$20,000	production of cultural history exhibits for the new Oconaluftee Visitor Center
2009	Friends of Mountain History	Avery, Burke, Transylvania	\$6,876	production of oral histories and exhibits on local agricultural heritage for museums in Avery, Burke, and Transylvania counties
2009	Friends of W. Kerr Scott Lake	Wilkes	\$35,000	creation of native tree/flora exhibits at the lake's visitor and environmental education center
2009	HandMade in America	McDowell	\$10,000	development of a master plan for a greenway along Mill Creek in Old Fort

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2009	Historic Carson House	McDowell	\$10,000	repair and stabilization of a century-old barn to house a farm life exhibit
2009	Historic Johnson Farm	Henderson	\$20,200	renovations to the farm's historic boarding house, creating space for classes and demonstrations
2009	Junior Appalachian Musicians, Inc.	regional	\$25,000	support for the start up of a regional resource center for Junior Appalachian Musicians programs
2009	Land Trust for the Little Tennessee	Macon	\$7,000	entrance improvements and a pedestrian plan for the Cowee-West Mill National Historic District
2009	McDowell County Tourism Development Authority	McDowell	\$7,500	production of oral history videos to preserve local stories and showcase them for tourism promotion
2009	Mountain Heritage Center, Western Carolina University	Jackson, Swain	\$5,627	development of artist profile videos showcasing Cherokee crafts and traditions
2009	North Carolina Bartram Trail Society	Graham, Macon, Swain	\$5,450	creation of an interpretive visitor map for the historic Bartram Trail
2009	One Dozen Who Care	Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain	\$10,000	further research for a book documenting the music and culture of African Americans in far-western North Carolina
2009	Parkway Playhouse	Yancey	\$13,000	development of an original musical on the life and legacy of African-American musician Lesley Riddle
2009	Smoky Mountain Native Plants Association	Graham	\$5,800	branding of the organization's locally-produced cornmeal and ramps products
2009	Stecoah Valley Arts, Crafts & Educational Center	Graham	\$15,000	implementation of a strategic marketing plan
2009	Surry Arts Council	Surry	\$23,000	creation of an Old-Time Music Heritage Hall as part of the expansion of the Andy Griffith Playhouse

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2009	Western North Carolina History Association	Buncombe	\$7,975	development of an exhibit in the Smith-McDowell House Museum about the relationships of the Smith and McDowell families to the mountain landscape in the 19 th century
2009	Western Piedmont Community College	Burke	\$10,420	addition of local, historical traditions of pottery production to the professional crafts curriculum
2007	Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project	regional	\$27,100	regional tailgate market promotional campaign and start up support for the Asheville City Market
2007	Black Mountain Center for the Arts	Buncombe, Madison, Mitchell	\$25,000	expansion of the Junior Appalachian Musicians (JAM) program to Madison, Mitchell, and Buncombe counties
2007	Center for Craft, Creativity & Design	regional	\$10,000	economic impact study of the professional craft industry in Western North Carolina
2007	HandMade in America	Avery, Watauga	\$11,350	expansion of the Appalachian Quilt Trails to Avery and Watauga Counties
2007	Land-of-Sky Regional Council	Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, Transylvania	\$31,683	conservation planning for Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, and Transylvania Counties (Linking Lands and Communities Initiative)
2007	Mars Hill College	Madison	\$25,399	development of Cherokee and WNC Farmers Federation exhibits
2007	Mitchell County Development Foundation	Mitchell	\$25,000	expansion of retail space for the Home of the Perfect Christmas Tree Gallery in Spruce Pine and creation of a craft demonstration area
2007	Mount Airy Museum of Regional History	Surry	\$7,680	website improvements and creation of a promotional video for the museum
2007	North Carolina Arboretum Society	Buncombe	\$26,000	creation of a springhouse exhibit in the Arboretum's new demonstration greenhouse
2007	Old Wilkes, Inc	Wilkes	\$7,016	development of a traditional music exhibit at the Wilkes Heritage Museum

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2007	Penland School of Crafts	Buncombe, Mitchell, Watauga	\$22,068	joint marketing campaign for the Penland School, Asheville Art Museum, and the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts
2007	Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre	Madison	\$20,000	production of a biographical musical play about Bascom Lamar Lunsford
2007	Stecoah Valley Arts, Crafts & Educational Center	Graham	\$15,000	addition of a heritage dining experience to the Center's "Appalachian Evening" concert series
2007	Swain County	Swain	\$23,000	construction of a kiln shed for the Heritage Arts Institute at Southwestern Community College
2007	Town of Dillsboro	Jackson	\$15,000	development of a master plan for the preservation of the Monteith Farmstead and the creation of an Appalachian Women's Museum
2007	Tryon Arts & Crafts	Polk	\$20,000	development of a heritage gallery
2007	Wilkes County	Caldwell, Surry, Wilkes, Yadkin	\$20,000	economic impact study for the proposed Yadkin River Heritage Corridor
2007	Wilkes County Schools	Wilkes	\$5,000	taping of heritage-related oral histories of county residents
2006	Appalachian State University	Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes	\$19,166	creation of a web-based exhibit of folksongs collected in Western North Carolina
2006	Cherokee County	Cherokee	\$29,900	trail development for the Murphy River Walk and for the Valley River Heritage Park in Andrews
2006	City Seeds, Inc.	Buncombe	\$5,200	portable exhibits documenting the contributions of Jewish businesses to the development of Asheville
2006	Cradle of Forestry in America Interpretive Association	Transylvania	\$20,000	creation of a new interpretive film for the Cradle of Forestry
2006	Crossnore School	Avery	\$15,313	renovations and exhibits for the historic Crossnore Weaving Room

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2006	Cultural Arts Council of Wilkes	Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Wilkes	\$14,400	development of the Benjamin F. IV Long Fresco Trail
2006	Grove Arcade Public Market Foundation	Buncombe	\$30,750	marketing of the ARTS & Heritage Gallery and Mountain Stories Map Exhibit
2006	HandMade in America	Ashe, Avery, Cherokee, Clay, Madison, Mitchell, Rutherford, Watauga	\$90,000	eight small town revitalization projects: mural brochure and pocket park improvements (West Jefferson); sidewalk improvements (Crossnore); electrical upgrades to Valley Town Cultural Arts Center (Andrews); Jack Rabbit Trail construction (Hayesville); gateway street lighting (Mars Hill); creek walk pavilion construction (Bakersville); community park entrance improvements (Chimney Rock); community entrance improvements (Todd)
2006	HandMade in America	Ashe, Madison, Mitchell, Yancey	\$38,000	development and launch of Appalachian Quilt Trails in Madison, Mitchell, Yancey, and Ashe Counties
2006	John C. Campbell Folk School	Cherokee	\$10,000	production of a CD anthology of traditional music in far-western North Carolina
2006	Mitchell County Development Foundation	Mitchell	\$15,000	production of a product catalog for the The Home of the Perfect Christmas Tree initiative
2006	North Carolina Folklife Institute	regional	\$30,580	development of an online, juried Traditional Artist Directory for Western North Carolina
2006	One Dozen Who Care	Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain	\$6,000	research for a book documenting the music and culture of African Americans in far-western North Carolina
2006	Penland School of Crafts	Mitchell	\$20,000	renovations to the Penland Gallery and Visitors Center
2006	Surry Arts Council	Surry	\$10,000	production of a musical drama celebrating radio station WPAQ's live "Merry-Go-Round" broadcast

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2006	The Media Arts Project	Buncombe	\$10,000	development of a documentary film about Mrs. Hyatt's OpraHouse
2006	Wilkes Community College Endowment Corporation	Wilkes	\$8,800	pre-production planning for public television programming about MerleFest
2005	Friends of Mountain History	regional	\$10,000	development of a fundraising workshop and interpretation workshops for museums, historical sites, and cultural organizations
2005	HandMade in America	Ashe, Avery, Clay, Madison, Mitchell, Rutherford, Swain, Watauga	\$45,000	nine small town revitalization projects: streetscape development (West Jefferson); walking trail development (Crossnore); Jack Rabbit Trail plan development (Hayesville); streetscape development (Mars Hill); riverwalk and park development (Hot Springs); creek walk development (Bakersville); streetscape and riverwalk development (Chimney Rock); streetscape development (Bryson City); and music park site development (Todd)
2005	HandMade in America	regional	\$10,000	development of an agri-tourism interpretation manual
2005	Museum of the Cherokee Indian	Jackson, Swain	\$5,000	tour guide training for Cherokee Heritage Trails sites
2005	North Carolina Folklife Institute	Cherokee	\$20,000	development of Cherokee Heritage Trail interpretive panels for the Cherokee County Historical Museum in Murphy
2005	North Carolina Folklife Institute	Cherokee	\$10,000	development and installation of a series of Cherokee Heritage Trails interpretive panels for the John C. Campbell Folk School Rivercane Walk
2005	North Carolina Folklife Institute	Clay	\$3,000	development of Cherokee Heritage Trails interpretive panels for the Hayesville Historical and Arts Council Museum
2005	North Carolina Folklife Institute	Macon	\$6,000	development of Cherokee Heritage Trails outdoor interpretive exhibits at the Nikwasi Mound and Little Tennessee Greenway in Franklin
2005	Penland School of Crafts	Mitchell	\$20,000	architectural design work for renovations to Horner Hall and the Penland Gallery and Visitors Center

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2005	Southern Highland Craft Guild	Buncombe	\$30,000	development of an outdoor exhibit at the Folk Art Center highlighting the building of the Blue Ridge Parkway