Dear County Fair Representative,

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is now accepting applications for the 2011 County Fairs Arts Access and Cultural Heritage - Equal Share grant. This grant is funded by revenue raised by the Outdoor Heritage, Clean Water, Parks and Trails, and Arts and Cultural Heritage Amendment, commonly known as the "Legacy Amendment." Each of the state's 95 county fairs is eligible to apply for and receive a grant of $7,368.42, for projects that directly enhance arts access and education and the preserve and promote Minnesota's history and cultural heritage.

Grant applications will be reviewed as they are received. The first award payment will be released by either direct deposit or paper check, depending on recipient's request, approximately four weeks after the MDA receives the application.

Applications for the 2011 County Fairs Arts Access and Cultural Heritage—Equal Share grant must be postmarked no later than December 1, 2011, or submitted electronically over the website or by email by 5pm, December 1, 2011. Keep a copy of your application for your own records. A list of example projects and an application checklist are attached to this email, in addition to the Equal Share application.

To submit the application, you may:

Mail or deliver in person, completed application to:
Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Attention: Emily Murphy
625 Robert St N.
St Paul, MN 55155

Email completed application to: Emily.Murphy@state.mn.us

Complete and submit application online at:
www.mda.state.mn.us/grants/grants/countyfair/cfshare.aspx

If you have any questions about the grant program or the Equal Share application, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 651-201-6648 or by email at Emily.Murphy@state.mn.us, or visit the MDA's website at http://www.mda.state.mn.us/grants/grants/countyfair.aspx

Regards,

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