



SONS of
NORWAY
FOUNDATION

Celebrating **60** Years

1966-2026

2026 is the Sons of Norway Foundation's 60th anniversary and we're proud to award **60 grants totaling over \$100,000 for the 2025-26 cycle**. There are grants for all ages to enjoy Nordic heritage and culture in our communities, just as our mission promises. ***Congratulations to our award winners!***

Community Partnership Grant – Total Funding Support: \$62,170

- **Mitch Utterback** | Honoring Operation Rype: The United States' Only Combat Operation Conducted in Norway During World War II
- **Desiah Melby & Eric Bestul** | Echoes of Norway: Reviving Hardanger Fiddle Traditions Through Music and Education
- **Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County** | Preserving Hardanger Fiddle Building with Apprentices
- **With Snowshoe Thompson 6-78** | Norwegian and Swedish Heritage Museum Initiative - Preserving the Nordic Story
- **Skillcraft Institute** | Building Community Through Woodworking and the Sløyd Experience
- **Silen Wellington** | Land & Longing: New Music on Norwegian Heritage
- **Tine May Fatland Kvalvagnes** | The Dole Horse: a Living Tradition of Norwegian Heritage
- **Concordia Language Villages** | Increasing Cultural Authenticity at Skogfjorden, the Norwegian Language Village
- **Hardanger Fiddle Association of America** | Valdrespringar Dance Course for Hardanger Fiddlers, Norwegian Folk Dancers and Community Members
- **Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study** | SASS 2026: Brooklyn
- **Oda Voltersvik** | Modern Interpretations of an Iconic Master: Edvard Grieg Works Performed by Oda Voltersvik
- **Jennifer Fergesen** | Polarlit: The Svalbard Literary Magazine
- **iEARN** | Living Norway: Virtual Cultural Connections for Youth
- **Nordic Culture Clubs** | The History and Culture of Bunads
- **University of Wisconsin Green Bay** | The Midwest Viking-era Festival Artist in Residence Program Project Narrative
- **Shannon Sadler** | Grieg & Ibsen: A Peer Gynt 4-Hands Multimedia Experience
- **Community Building Partners dba: Jacklin Arts & Cultural Center** | Norwegian Cultural Workshop Series: "The Art of Rosemaling"
- **District Six Language & Heritage Camps** | Norwegian Language Instruction from Native Teachers
- **Camp Norge (District 6)** | Upgrade and Rehabilitate Camp Norge's RV and Tent Camping Spaces to Appeal to New Visitors
- **Canadian Chamber Orchestra** | GriegFest
- **Giants of the Earth Heritage Center** | Skinnfell Stamps Lending Library
- **Joseph Grodahl** | Sangerfest 2026
- **Ski for Light** | Program Support for 2026

Lodge Culture & Heritage Grant – Total Funding Support: \$16,690

- **Bemidji Lodge 1-500** | Syttende Mai Celebration, Hardanger Fiddles with Bud Larsen
- **Stavanger Lodge 1-538** | Pioneer Women in Southwest Minnesota, 1880-1915
- **NOR-WIN Lodge 1-505** | Stoughton Norwegian Dancers come to Winona Minnesota!
- **Norsota Lodge 1-602** | Celebrating Constitution Day and Norwegian American Women
- **Terje Viken Lodge 1-017** | Two Harbors Community Scandinavian Music/Dance Weekend
- **Nortonna Lodge 1-638** | Rosemaling Workshop
- **Harald Haarfager Lodge 2-011** | Local Kids Camp
- **Poulsbo Lodge 2-044** | Valkarie Boat Rental

- **Bernt Balchen Lodge 2-046** | Enhancement of Bernt Balchen Lodge Library Collection
- **Kringen Lodge 4-025** | Kolrosing Class Tools and Supplies
- **Henrik Ibsen Lodge 4-565** | Bestemor Norge to Come to the Henrik Ibsen lodge
- **Gyda-Varden 4-021** | Craft Cafe; Learn to Knit Selbuvotter/Selbu Mittens
- **Sverdrup Lodge, 4-107** | Motivational Speaker
- **Edvard Grieg Lodge 5-657** | Norwegian Concert
- **Freya Lodge 6-062** | Scandinavian Cultural Presenters and Musicians
- **Varden Lodge Sons of Norway 7-19** | Norwegian Meatball Dinner

Lodge Vitality Grant – Total Funding Support: \$11,500

- **Scandia Lodge 1-680** | Community Performance by Monroe Crossing
- **SOLGLIMT 1-547** | From Our Roots and Customs
- **Poulsbo Lodge 2-044** | Window Replacement
- **Helgeland Lodge 2-30** | Furnace Repairs / Replacement
- **Kringen Lodge 4-025** | Ballroom Sound System Replacement
- **Gyda-Varden 4-021** | Lodge Air Conditioning Update
- **Normanden Lodge 4-424** | Fair Flooring and Fridge
- **Heim Lodge 4-178** | Restoration of Room
- **Nordahl Grieg 6-052** | Hall Floor Fundraiser
- **Steinfjell Lodge, 6-114** | Cards to Community Members

Helping Hands to Children Grant – Total Funding Support: \$13,060

- **Viking Lodge 7-081** | Adopt a School to Assist Hjorth Road Elementary
- **Norsota Lodge, 1-602** | Bring The Kids - Hands On Experiences, Nordic Style
- **Vesterdalen Lodge 2-131** | Vesterdalen Lodge Supports a Little League Baseball Team
- **Sonja Lodge 2-038** | Sponsor a Local Elementary Age Soccer Team
- **Normanden 4-424** | Missoula Back to School Project
- **Gyda-Varden 4-021** | Story Time at the Lodge
- **Mollargutten 4-478** | Together We Will Keep Technology a Priority
- **Sons of Norway District Five Lodge** | Bridging the Atlantic: Enhancing Cultural Immersion at Masse Moro through Authentic Instruction
- **Valhall Lodge 6-025** | Tents for Kid's Camps
- **Solheim Lodge 6-069** | Nordic Youth Folk Dance Outreach Program
- **Vegas Vikings 6-152** | Vegas Vikings Speakers Bureau

**Total grant awards by the Sons of Norway Foundation
for the 2025-2026 Cycle: \$103,420**



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