Annual Financial Statements

Years Ended December 31, 2019 and 2018





Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Governors St. Louis County Historical Society Duluth, Minnesota

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of St. Louis County Historical Society (the Society), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of St. Louis County Historical Society as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the change in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Wipfli LLP

September 9, 2020

Wippei LLP

Duluth, Minnesota

Statements of Financial Position

December 31,

Assets		2019		2018
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	401,990	\$	344,029
Accounts receivable		1,975		2,210
Grants receivable				37,139
Prepaid insurance		2,762		3,479
Total current assets		406,727		386,857
Other assets				
Assets held by others		112,794		102,036
Collections and exhibits		3,075,321		3,060,011
Property and equipment				
Furniture, fixtures and equipment		530,175		513,100
Leasehold improvements		29,689		29,689
Construction in progress		8,000		5,603
Accumulated depreciation		(346,132)		(281,490)
Net property and equipment		221,732		266,902
Total assets	\$	3,816,574	\$	3,815,806
Liabilities and Net Assets		2019		2018
Current liabilities				
Current portion of capital lease payable	\$	1,934	\$	1,231
Accounts payable	,	5,314	•	4,656
Accrued payroll and taxes		12,535		11,727
		12,555		
Deferred revenue		4,797		15,969
Deferred revenue Total current liabilities				
		4,797		15,969
Total current liabilities Capital lease payable, net of current portion		4,797 24,580		15,969
Total current liabilities		4,797 24,580		15,969
Total current liabilities Capital lease payable, net of current portion Net assets		4,797 24,580		15,969
Total current liabilities Capital lease payable, net of current portion Net assets Without donor restrictions		4,797 24,580 7,306		15,969 33,583
Total current liabilities Capital lease payable, net of current portion Net assets Without donor restrictions Undesignated		4,797 24,580 7,306 3,388,510		15,969 33,583 3,383,747
Total current liabilities Capital lease payable, net of current portion Net assets Without donor restrictions Undesignated Board designated		4,797 24,580 7,306 3,388,510 112,794		15,969 33,583 3,383,747 102,036

Statements of Activities

For the Years Ended December 31,

		2019					2018		
	Without Donor	With Donor				thout Donor	With Donor		
	Restrictions	Restrictions		Total	R	estrictions	Restrictions		Total
Public support and revenue									
Public support									
St. Louis County	\$ 416,998	\$ -	\$	416,998	\$	406,998	\$ -	\$	406,998
Collections contributed	15,310	-	•	15,310	•	13,676	-	•	13,676
Contributions and grants	8,673	78,676		87,349		41,046	189,669		230,715
Donated rents	40,824	-		40,824		40,824	<u>-</u>		40,824
Total public support	481,805	78,676		560,481		502,544	189,669		692,213
Revenue									
Memberships	8,035	-		8,035		8,365	-		8,365
Interest income	229	-		229		212	-		212
Change in value of assets held by others	15,904	-		15,904		(13,380)	-		(13,380)
Book sales	37,131	-		37,131		18	-		18
Special events and tours, net of									
expenses of \$17,115 and \$3,837	26,798	-		26,798		15,777	-		15,777
Miscellaneous	2,902	-		2,902		14,699	-		14,699
Total revenue	90,999	-		90,999		25,691	-		25,691
Total public support and revenue	572,804	78,676		651,480		528,235	189,669		717,904
Net assets released from restrictions	91,732	(91,732))	-		127,349	(127,349)	-
Expenses									
Unallocated payments to									
affiliated organizations	73,116	-		73,116		73,116	-		73,116
Functional expenses									
Program services									
Historical preservation	355,351	-		355,351		388,582	-		388,582
Supporting services									
Management and general	171,672	-		171,672		148,579	-		148,579
Fundraising	48,877	-		48,877		47,125	-		47,125
Total functional expenses	575,899	-		575,899		584,286	-		584,286
Total expenses	649,015	-		649,015		657,402	<u>-</u>		657,402
Change in net assets	15,521	(13,056))	2,465		(1,818)	62,320		60,502
Net assets, beginning of year	3,485,783	296,440		3,782,223		3,487,601	234,120		3,721,721
Net assets, end of year	\$ 3,501,304	\$ 283,384	\$	3,784,688	\$	3,485,783	\$ 296,440	\$	3,782,223

Statement of Functional Expenses

For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

		Program Services		Supportin	ıg Ser	vices	
		listorical	Ma	nagement	. <u>6</u> 0c.	1.003	
		eservation		d General	Fu	ndraising	Total
Salaries	\$	151,794	\$	77,227	\$	21,036	250,057
Payroll taxes and related payroll expenses	•	14,013		7,129	•	1,942	23,084
Employee health insurance		9,760		4,965		1,351	16,076
Pension		2,888		1,392		484	4,764
Total salaries and related expenses		178,455		90,713		24,813	293,981
Advertising		1,224		-		1,224	2,448
Common area maintenance		10,742		1,343		1,343	13,428
Dues and subscriptions		1,466		366		- -	1,832
Insurance		7,761		5,174		-	12,935
Interest		303		110		138	550
Miscellaneous		2,733		2,733		1,367	6,833
Office supplies		3,517		3,517		1,759	8,793
Postage		1,921		1,921		961	4,803
Printing and reproduction		842		842		421	2,106
Professional services		24,293		48,586		8,098	80,976
Project costs		5,643		705		705	7,054
Rent - donated		38,783		2,041		-	40,824
Repairs and maintenance		6,227		692		-	6,919
Supplies and other for special events						17,115	17,115
Communications		1,582		3,163		527	5,272
Travel and staff expense		2,243		2,243		-	4,485
Museum - exhibits and supplies, conservation,							
repair, and acquisition of collection		7,440		-		-	7,440
Total functional expenses before depreciation		295,175		164,150		58,470	517,794
Depreciation		60,176		7,522		7,522	75,220
Total expenses		355,351		171,672		65,992	593,014
Less expenses included with revenue on the statement of activities:							
Direct cost of special events		-		-		(17,115)	(17,115)
Total functional expenses	\$	355,351	\$	171,672	\$	48,877	\$ 575,899

Statement of Functional Expenses

For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

		Program Services		Supportin	g Ser\	vices		
		listorical	Ma	nagement				
	Pre	eservation	and	d General	Fur	ndraising		Total
Salaries	\$	176,641	\$	61,193	\$	19,578	\$	257,412
Payroll taxes and related payroll expenses	•	16,324	•	5,655	•	1,809	'	23,788
Employee health insurance		9,677		3,353		1,073		14,103
Pension		2,833		1,774		455		5,062
Total salaries and related expenses		205,475		71,975		22,915		300,365
Advertising		1,320		-		1,319		2,639
Common area maintenance		10,742		1,343		1,343		13,428
Dues and subscriptions		1,334		333		-		1,667
Insurance		7,696		5,131		-		12,827
Interest		97		35		44		176
Miscellaneous		2,459		2,459		1,229		6,147
Office supplies		2,667		2,666		1,333		6,666
Postage		507		506		253		1,266
Printing and reproduction		1,015		1,015		508		2,538
Professional services		23,598		47,197		7,866		78,661
Project costs		16,460		2,058		2,058		20,576
Rent - donated		38,783		2,041		-		40,824
Repairs and maintenance		10,250		1,139		-		11,389
Supplies and other for special events		-		-		3,837		3,837
Communications		2,866		1,433		1,433		5,732
Travel and staff expense		1,616		2,424		-		4,040
Museum - exhibits and supplies, conservation,								
repair, and acquisition of collection		7,108		-		-		7,108
Total functional expenses before depreciation		333,993		141,755		44,138		519,886
Depreciation		54,589		6,824		6,824		68,237
Total expenses		388,582		148,579		50,962		588,123
Less expenses included with revenue on the								
statement of activities:								
Direct cost of special events		-		-		(3,837)		(3,837)
Total functional expenses	\$	388,582	\$	148,579	\$	47,125	\$	584,286

Statements of Cash Flows

For the Years Ended December 31,

		2019		2018
Cash flows from operating activities				
Change in net assets	\$	2,465	\$	60,502
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets	*	_,	*	00,000
to net cash provided by operating activities				
Depreciation		75,220		68,237
Collections contributed		(15,310)		(13,676)
Change in value of assets held by others		(15,904)		13,380
Change in operating assets and liabilities				
(Increase) decrease in				
Accounts receivable		235		(1,110)
Grants receivable		37,139		40,641
Prepaid insurance		717		19
Increase (decrease) in				
Accounts payable		658		2,684
Accrued payroll and taxes		808		3,352
Deferred revenue		(11,172)		11,172
Net cash provided by operating activities		74,856		185,201
Cash flows from investing activities				
Withdrawal from assets held by others		5,146		5,475
Purchase of property and equipment		(19,445)		(64,165)
Net cash used in investing activities		(14,299)		(58,690)
Cash flows from financing activities				
Payments on capital lease payable		(2,596)		(2,338)
Net cash used in financing activities		(2,596)		(2,338)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		57,961		124,173
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		344,029		219,856
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$	401,990	\$	344,029
Supplemental disclosures				
Interest paid	\$	550	\$	176
Contributions of collection items		15,310		13,676
Supplemental investing and financing disclosures				
Purchase of equipment with capital lease		10,605		
See accompanying notes to the financial statements.				

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Organization

The St. Louis County Historical Society (the Society) was formed on a nonprofit basis on January 10, 1951, to discover, preserve, and disseminate knowledge about the history of St. Louis County and the State of Minnesota.

The Society receives a substantial amount of its revenue from St. Louis County.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Society have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Net Assets

Net assets and revenues, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Society and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net assets without donor restrictions: Net assets available for use in general operations and not subject to donor (or certain grantor) restrictions. The governing board has designated, from net assets without donor restrictions, net assets for a board-designated endowment.

Net assets with donor restrictions: Net assets subject to donor- (or certain grantor-) imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity. Donor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Society classifies as cash and cash equivalents, all checking, savings and investments maturing within ninety days from the date of purchase which are not restricted by donors for long-term purposes. A certificate of deposit with a balance of \$12,016 and \$11,974 at December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively, is included in cash and cash equivalents in the accompanying financial statements. The certificate bears interest at 0.35 percent and matures April 29, 2020, with penalties for early withdrawal. The certificate can easily be converted to cash and any penalties for early withdrawal would not have a material effect on the financial statements, and therefore management considers the certificate of deposit a cash equivalent.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Accounts and Grants Receivable

Accounts and grants receivable are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances at year-end. Management closely monitors outstanding balances and writes off, as of year-end, all balances that are considered uncollectible. Based on assessment of the credit history with grantors and donors having outstanding balances and current relationships with them, management has concluded that realized losses (if any) on balances outstanding at year-end would be immaterial.

Collections and Exhibits

The Society capitalizes its collections. Accessions are capitalized at cost if purchased and at appraised or fair value at date of accession if received by donation. Exhibits are considered temporary and are expensed as they are purchased.

Property and Equipment

Purchased assets over \$500 and with an estimated life over one year are capitalized at cost, with normal repairs and maintenance charged to operating expenses when incurred. Donated assets are capitalized at their estimated fair value when received. Such donations are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions unless the donor has restricted the donated asset to a specific purpose. Assets donated with explicit restrictions regarding their use and contributions of cash that must be used to acquire property and equipment are reported as increases to net assets with donor restrictions. Absent donor stipulations regarding how long those donated assets must be maintained, the Society reports expiration of donor restrictions when the donated or acquired assets are placed in service as instructed by the donor. The Society reclassifies net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions at that time.

In 2019, the Society had construction in progress of \$8,000 for the Erie Mining Fixed Exhibit and the Joe Gomer Project. In 2018, the Society had construction in progress of \$5,603 for the VMH Hubert Traveling Exhibit and the Erie Mining Fixed Exhibit. Depreciation of furniture and equipment is computed using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives of three to ten years. Depreciation of leasehold improvements is computed using the straight-line method over fifteen years. Depreciation expense was \$75,220 and \$68,237 for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

Advertising and Promotion

Advertising and promotion costs are charged to operations when incurred. For the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, the amount charged to expense was \$2,448 and \$2,639, respectively.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of program and supporting services activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities. The statements of functional expenses present the natural classification detail of expenses by function. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. The expenses allocated include salaries and benefits, which are allocated on the basis of time and effort.

Contribution Revenue

Contributions, including promises to give, are considered conditional or unconditional, depending on the nature and existence of any donor or grantor conditions. A contribution or promise to give contains a donor or grantor condition when both of the following are present:

- An explicit identifying of a barrier, that is more than trivial, that must be overcome before the revenue can be earned and recognized
- An implicit right of return of assets transferred or a right of release of a donor or grantor's obligation to transfer assets promised, if the condition is not met

Conditional contributions are recognized when the barrier(s) to entitlement are overcome. Unconditional contributions are recognized as revenue when received.

Unconditional contributions or conditional contributions in which the conditions have been substantially met or explicitly waived by the donor are recorded as support with or without donor restrictions, depending on the existence and nature of any donor restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Contributions that are restricted by the donor are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions if the restrictions expire in the fiscal year in which the contributions are recognized.

Contributed property and equipment are recorded at fair value at the date of donation. Contributions with donor-imposed stipulations regarding how long the contributed assets must be used are recorded as net assets with donor restrictions; otherwise, the contributions are recorded as net assets without donor restrictions.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Income Taxes

The Society is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. However, income from certain activities not directly related to the Society's tax-exempt purpose is subject to taxation on unrelated business income.

Subsequent Events

The Society has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements through September 9, 2020, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Beginning in March 2020, the United States economy began suffering adverse effects from the COVID-19 Crisis (CV19 Crisis) including financial markets, supply chains, businesses, and communities. Specific to the Society, COVID-19 may impact various parts of its 2020 operations and financial results. Management believes the Society is taking appropriate actions to mitigate the negative impact. However, the full impact of COVID-19 is unknown and cannot be reasonably estimated as these events occurred subsequent to year-end and are still developing.

Change in Accounting Policy

On June 21, 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-08 Clarifying the Scope and the Accounting Guidance for Contributions Received and Contributions Made. The amendments in this ASU assist in (1) evaluating whether transactions should be accounted for as contributions (nonreciprocal transactions) subject to Subtopic 958-605 or as exchange (reciprocal) transactions subject to Accounting Standards Codification 606 and (2) determining whether a contribution is conditional. The contribution guidance in Subtopic 958-605 requires an entity to determine whether a transaction is conditional, which affects the timing of the revenue recognized. The entity has applied the amendments in this ASU on a modified prospective basis. There was no change on opening balances of net assets and no prior period results were restated.

Accounting Standards Updates

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)*. This ASU, as amended, provides comprehensive guidance on the recognition of revenue from customers arising from the transfer of goods and services, guidance on accounting for certain contract costs, and new disclosures. The new standard supersedes current revenue recognition requirements in FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 606, *Revenue Recognition*, and most industry-specific guidance. When adopted, the amendments in the ASU must be applied using one of two retrospective methods. ASU No. 2014-09 is effective for nonpublic entities for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2019. The Society is currently evaluating the impact of the provisions of ASC 606.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, *Leases* (Topic 842). This ASU requires that a lease liability and related right-of-use-asset representing the lessee's right to use or control the asset be recorded on the statement of financial position upon the commencement of all leases except for short-term leases. Leases will be classified as either finance leases or operating leases, which are substantially similar to the classification criteria

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Accounting Standards Updates (Continued)

for distinguishing between capital leases and operating in existing lease accounting guidance. As a result, the effect of leases in the statement of activities and the statement of cash flows will be substantially unchanged from the existing lease accounting guidance. In 2020, the FASB delayed the effective date for nonpublic entities to fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021. Early adoption is permitted. The Society is currently evaluating the full effect that the adoption of this standard will have on the financial statements.

Note 2: Fair Value Measurements

The Society categorizes its assets and liabilities measured at fair value into a three-level hierarchy based on the priority of the inputs to the valuation technique used to determine fair value. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). If the inputs used in the determination of the fair value measurement fall within different levels of the hierarchy, the categorization is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Assets and liabilities valued at fair value are categorized based on the inputs to the valuation techniques as follow:

Level 1 - Inputs that utilize quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Society has the ability to access.

Level 2 - Inputs that included quoted market prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument. Fair values for these instruments are estimated using pricing models, quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics, or discounted cash flows.

Level 3 - Inputs that are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, which are typically based on an entity's own assumptions, as there is little, if any, related market activity.

Assets held by others are measured on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs.

The following table presents the balances of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis by level within the fair value hierarchy at December 31, 2019:

Fair Value Measurements Listing	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Assets at Fair Value
Assets held by others	\$ - \$	- \$	112,794	112,794
Total	\$ - \$	- \$	112,794	5 112,794

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2: Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

The following table presents the balances of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis by level within the fair value hierarchy at December 31, 2018:

Fair Value Measurements Listing	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Assets at Fair Value
Assets held by others	\$ - \$	- \$	102,036	\$ 102,036
Total	\$ - \$	- \$	102,036	\$ 102,036

There were no assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis as of December 31, 2019 and 2018.

Information regarding the changes in the fair value of the Society's assets using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) is as follows:

Years Ended December 31,	2019	2018
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 102,036 \$	120,891
Contributions Withdrawals	200 (5,346)	(5,475)
Change in value	15,904	(13,380)
Balance, end of year	\$ 112,794 \$	102,036

Quantitative Information about Significant Unobservable Inputs Used in Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

The following table represents the Society's level 3 asset, the valuation techniques used to measure the fair value of the asset, and the significant unobservable inputs and ranges of values for those inputs.

			Principle		
	Fair Value	Fair Value	Valuation	Unobservable	
Instrument	12/31/19	12/31/18	Technique	Inputs	Range
			Quoted		
			Market Prices		
			or Third Party	Market price	
Assets held by others	\$ 112,794	\$ 102,036	Pricing	of assets held	Unknown

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 3: Assets Held by Others

The Mike Colalillo Medal of Honor Scholarship Fund was established with the Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation by the St. Louis County Historical Society. The St. Louis County Historical Society is the sole beneficiary.

The St. Louis County Historical Society Designated Endowment Fund was established with the Depot Foundation by the Society in prior years. The St. Louis County Historical Society is the sole beneficiary.

Under Financial Accounting Standards Board's Accounting Standards Codification, Not-for-Profit Entities, Revenue Recognition, the portion of the funds contributed by the St. Louis County Historical Society is considered a reciprocal transfer because the St. Louis County Historical Society is also the beneficiary of the funds. The funds are reported as an asset of the St. Louis County Historical Society. The fair value of this asset was \$112,794 and \$102,036 as of December 31, 2019 and 2018.

Unrealized changes in fair value are recorded in the change in value of assets held by others in the statement of activities.

Note 4: Endowment Funds

The Board has established an Endowment Fund. The assets of the fund are held by the Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation (DSACF) and the Depot Foundation (Depot) (see Note 3). DSACF and the Depot have authority to hold, manage and invest the funds held on behalf of the Society.

DSACF distributes net income at least annually. The distributions are available for the purposes of the Society. The Society may request additional distributions in accordance with the agreement with DSACF.

Changes in net assets with donor restrictions - Board Designated Endowment for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, were as follows:

	2019	2018
Balance, January 1	\$ 102,036 \$	120,891
Investment fees	(233)	(237)
Contributions	200	-
Withdrawals	(5,346)	(5,475)
Net appreciation (depreciation) - realized and unrealized	16,137	(13,143)
Balance, December 31	\$ 112,794 \$	102,036

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 5: Net Assets with Donor Restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions are restricted for the following purposes or periods at December 31, 2019 and 2018.

	2019	2018
American Indian Project	\$ 14,463 \$	38,113
Scholarships-VMH	20,082	24,030
Erie Mining Book Project	147,247	173,019
Veterans Memorial Hall Gomer/Wheat Statue Maintenance	-	6,555
Collection Care	3,307	3,257
Veterans Memorial Hall - Joe Gomer Project	9,039	-
Eli's Farm	7,280	7,280
Veterans Oral History/Traveling Exhibit	10,000	10,000
Ryan Room	24,600	24,600
County Built on Iron	40,000	-
Fessler Gallery Project	5,366	7,586
Civil War Reenactors	2,000	2,000
Total	\$ 283,384 \$	296,440

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purpose as follows for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018:

Years Ended December 31,	2019	2018
American Indian Project	\$ 27,511 \$	45 <i>,</i> 457
Erie Mining Book Project	46,309	71,661
Scholarships-VMH	5,132	1,508
Veteran Memorial Hall - Joe Gomer Project	6,555	8,723
Fessler Gallery Project	6,225	-
Total	\$ 91,732 \$	127,349

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 6: Amounts Paid to Affiliated Organizations

For the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Society distributed the following amounts to other regional historical societies and museums pursuant to its funding agreement with St. Louis County:

Years Ended December 31,	2019	2018
Ely-Winton Historical Society	\$ 16,164 \$	16,164
Hibbing Historical Society	14,596	14,596
Tower-Soudan Historical Society	9,108	9,108
Virginia Historical Society	14,696	14,696
Museum of Mining	11,372	11,372
Sisu Heritage, Inc.	7,180	7,180
Total	\$ 73,116 \$	73,116

Note 7: Donated Rents and Services

Space is being donated at the University of Minnesota-Duluth (U.M.D) for use by the Society. The following donated rent is shown in the accompanying financial statements as both contribution income and expense.

U.M.D. (space)	40,824	\$ 40,824

Donated services are recognized if the services (a) create or enhance nonfinancial assets or (b) require specialized skills, are performed by people with those skills, and would otherwise be purchased by the Society. Volunteers also provided a variety of tasks and fund-raising services throughout the year that are not recognized as contributions in the financial statements since the recognition criteria were not met. Those amounts have an estimated value of \$54,238 and \$46,200 for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Note 8: Pension Plan

The Society participates in a defined contribution plan through TIAA-CREF. This plan covers employees who work at least 1,000 hours per year, are twenty-one years of age and older, and have at least eighteen months of service. Contributions are three percent of each covered employee's salary and totaled \$4,764 and \$5,062 for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Note 9: Operating Leases

The Society has an annual renewable lease with St. Louis County. The lease is for the use of office and exhibit space located at 506 West Michigan Street. The lease has been extended verbally on an annual basis. In July 2019, the Society entered into a lease agreement with St. Louis County through December 31, 2019.

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Note 9: Operating Leases (Continued)

The lease requires an additional annual common area maintenance charge when actual operating costs of the building, as described in the lease agreement, exceed an allocated based amount. The common area maintenance charges to the Society were \$13,428 and \$13,428 for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Note 10: Capital Lease Obligation

The Society leased a copier with lease payments of \$209 per month beginning July 2014 through June 2019. The capital lease obligation was recorded at the present value of future minimum lease payments, discounted at an interest rate of 7 percent. The capitalized cost of \$10,578 less accumulated depreciation of \$9,697 at December 31, 2018, is included in furniture, fixtures and equipment in the accompanying financial statements.

The Society entered into a new lease agreement replacing the existing agreement in March 2019. The Society leases a copier with lease payments of \$210 per month beginning March 2019 through February 2024. A capital lease obligation has been recorded at the present value of future minimum lease payments, discounted at an interest rate of 7 percent. The capitalized cost of \$10,605 less accumulated depreciation of \$1,768 at December 31, 2019 is included in furniture, fixtures and equipment in the accompanying financial statements.

The Society incurred interest expense on the leases of \$550 and \$176 during the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Depreciation expense for equipment was \$2,650 and \$2,116 for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

The future minimum lease payments under the current capital lease and the net present value of future minimum lease payments are as follows as of December 31, 2019:

Year Ending December 31,		
2020	\$	2,520
2021	7	2,520
2022		2,520
2023		2,520
2024		630
Future minimum lease payments		10,710
Less amount representing interest		(1,470)
Total capital lease obligation	\$	9,240

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Note 11: Liquidity and Availability of Financial Resources

The following table reflects the Society's financial assets as of December 31, 2019, and 2018, reduced by amounts that are not available to meet general expenditures within one year of the statement of financial position date. Amounts not available to meet general expenditures within one year include net assets with donor restrictions.

December 31,	2019	2018
Cash	\$ 401,990 \$	344,029
Accounts receivable	1,975	2,210
Grants receivable	-	37,139
Total financial assets as of end of year	403,965	383,378
Less: Net assets with donor restrictions	(283,384)	(296,440)
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditure within		
one year	\$ 120,581 \$	86,938

As part of the Society's liquidity management, it has a policy to structure its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations come due. To help manage unanticipated liquidity needs, the Society holds money in a certificate of deposit further described in Note 1. Additionally, the Society has a board-designated endowment, further described in Note 4. Although the Society does not intend to spend from its Board-designated endowment other than amounts distributed for general expenditure, amounts from its Board-designated endowment could be made available if necessary.