Auditor of State Rob Sand today released a report on the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs for the year ended June 30, 2018.

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs has primary responsibility for development of the State’s interest in arts, history and other cultural matters.

Sand recommended the Department implement procedures to ensure receipts are deposited timely. The Department responded favorably to this recommendation.

A copy of the report is available for review on the Auditor of State’s web site at https://auditor.iowa.gov/reports/audit-reports/.

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Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs
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Des Moines, Iowa  

To Chris Kramer, Director of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs:  

I am pleased to submit to you the Report of Recommendations for the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs for the year ended June 30, 2018. The report includes audit findings pertaining to the Department’s compliance which resulted from the fiscal year 2018 audit.  

I appreciate the cooperation and courtesy extended by the officials and employees of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs throughout the audit. If I or this office can be of any further assistance, please contact me or my staff at 515-281-5834.  

Sincerely,  

Rob Sand  
Auditor of State
Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs
To Chris Kramer, Director of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs:

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs is a part of the State of Iowa and, as such, has been included in our audits of the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the State's Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2018.

In conducting our audits, we became aware of an aspect concerning the Department’s operations for which we believe corrective action is necessary. As a result, we have developed a recommendation which is reported on the following page. We believe you should be aware of this recommendation pertaining to the Department’s compliance. This recommendation has been discussed with Department personnel and their response to the recommendation is included in this report. While we have expressed our conclusion on the Department’s response, we did not audit the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs’ response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials and employees of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, citizens of the State of Iowa and other parties to whom the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs may report. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of the Department during the course of our audits. Should you have questions concerning the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss it with you at your convenience. Individuals who participated in our audits of the Department are listed on page 5 and they are available to discuss these matters with you.

Marlys K. Gaston, CPA
Deputy Auditor of State

cc: Honorable Kim Reynolds, Governor
    David Roederer, Director, Department of Management
    Glen P. Dickinson, Director, Legislative Services Agency
Findings Reported in the State’s Single Audit Report:

No matters were noted.

Findings Reported in the State’s Report on Internal Control:

No matters were noted.

Other Findings Related to Internal Control:

No matters were noted.

Findings Related to Statutory Requirements and Other Matters:

Timely Deposits – In accordance with Chapter 12.10 of the Code of Iowa, the Department is required to deposit 90% of collections with the Office of Treasurer within 10 business days. The remaining 10% of collections shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars and shall not be held more than thirty days.

We identified seven transactions which were not deposited within 10 days. Although the checks were deposited within 30 days, six of the seven checks exceeded $5,000.

Recommendation – The Department should develop procedures to ensure all receipts are deposited timely to comply with Chapter 12.10 of the Code of Iowa.

Response – In November 2018, the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) increased the frequency of its check deposits to weekly. Therefore, DCA thinks this issue is already mitigated.

Conclusion – Response accepted.
Staff:

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