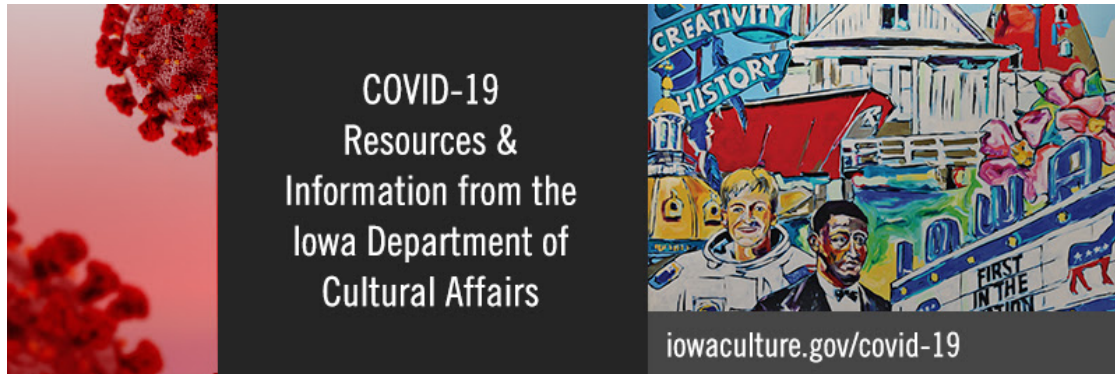


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Well, we're learning more every day. This week we have a much clearer picture of some new coronavirus-related resources, including CARES Act funding, which can help Iowa's artists, filmmakers, creative small businesses and cultural nonprofits anticipate the next few weeks and months.

More than 500 Iowans tuned in from across the state on Wednesday for a webinar with leaders from here at the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, as well as our partners at Iowa Workforce Development, Community Bankers of Iowa and Bravo Greater Des Moines. Thank you to everyone who participated; your questions and collective wisdom are guiding us forward together.

If you missed the webinar, feel free to watch the [60-minute recording](#) when you get a chance and check out the other takeaways:

- The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs' [evolving list of coronavirus-related resources](#). By Monday we'll post details about the Iowa Arts Council's new Arts & Culture Emergency Relief Grants for Artists and Nonprofits.
- The department's [newsletters](#), including this coronavirus-resources update that we'll send you most Fridays.
- [State cultural grant applications](#), which are now due a month later, on June 1. Applications for community designation programs, such as [Iowa Great Places](#) and [Iowa Cultural & Entertainment Districts](#), are now due June 15.
- [Historical Resource Development Program](#) grant information, including another recent webinar with [tips on applying](#). These applications are also due June 1.
- [National Endowment for the Arts guidelines](#) for applying for new CARES Act grants. Eligible Iowa organizations can apply directly to the NEA by April 22 for up to \$50,000 for operating support. Additionally, we'll post more information soon about the \$442,700 in funds the NEA has appropriated to the Iowa Arts Council for re-granting to eligible Iowa organizations.
- [Iowa Workforce Development's latest updates](#) about unemployment claims and the Paycheck Protection Program.
- [The U.S. Small Business Administration's relief options](#), plus the [Iowa chapter's guidance](#) about Economic Injury Disaster Loans. Additionally, the [Iowa Economic Development Authority's resources](#) can help businesses of all sizes.
- [The Americans for the Arts survey](#), which collects data and stories about how the coronavirus is affecting artists, creative businesses and cultural nonprofits. The Iowa Arts Council is working with AFTA to use this survey information to help guide state and federal relief and recovery efforts. Please [take the survey](#) as soon as you get a chance.

As always, feel free to [contact our staff](#) with specific questions. We're here to help.

Have a good weekend -- and please take care,

Chris Kramer
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