



Relief and Resources for Now and Later

Friday is the deadline to apply for the first round of grants through the new [Iowa Arts & Culture Emergency Relief Fund](#). These one-time grants of \$1,000 for individual artists and \$2,500 for small arts nonprofits are designed to help, even in a small way, those who have lost opportunities during the coronavirus outbreak.

We expect that requests will exceed available funding, so we're limiting this first round, at least, to artists and nonprofits with annual operating budgets between \$50,000 and \$150,000. Stay tuned for the next round of relief grants, which will include additional funding from our federal partner, the [National Endowment for the Arts](#).

- We invite you to tune in to [a webinar at 10 a.m. Friday](#) about various ways we can all support artists and cultural groups during these challenging times. The Iowa Arts Council's new administrator, David Schmitz, will moderate the discussion with Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs Director Chris Kramer and Bravo Greater Des Moines Executive Director Sally Dix. The session is hosted by the Greater Des Moines Partnership. It's free, but please register in advance.
- Please check our website for [the latest coronavirus-related resources](#) for Iowa artists, filmmakers, musicians, cultural nonprofits and creative small businesses.
- And don't forget: We've extended the application deadline to June 1 for most of our [annual cultural grants](#) and to June 15 for our community designation programs, such as [Iowa Great Places](#) and [Iowa Cultural & Entertainment Districts](#).



Meet the Artists Goes Virtual



Fellow Spotlight: Amenda Tate

The remaining stops on the Iowa Artist Fellows' annual statewide tour have been combined into a single [virtual event](#) on Facebook Live at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, April 23 [@IowaArtsCouncil](#). Tune in to hear these five remarkable Iowa artists discuss their latest work: Ange Altenhofen of Chariton, Scott Bradley of West Branch, Matthew Kluber of Cedar Rapids, Rachel Merrill of Des Moines, and Amenda Tate of West Des Moines.

Iowa Artist Fellow [Amenda Tate](#) has spent the last few years developing a motion-sensing robot that paints its user's movements. She has demonstrated the robot and its human-guided handiwork at schools, museums, the State Capitol of Iowa, the World Maker Faire in New York and even a weather report on live TV. Read more about her latest career plan -- "Have robot. Will travel." -- [on our blog](#).



Now Accepting Submissions for 'The Film Lounge' Season 5

Watch Party: 'The Film Lounge: Student Challenge'

Calling all Iowa filmmakers: We're now accepting submissions for the fifth season of "[The Film Lounge](#)," the statewide showcase of Iowa filmmaking produced by Iowa PBS in partnership with the Iowa Arts Council and Produce Iowa. We're looking for films between 2 and 20 minutes long, in any genre, before the deadline on June 1.

Congratulations to Postville High School filmmaker Aleesa Lavrenko, whose short art film about a ballet dancer won "[The Film Lounge: Student Challenge](#)," an educational spin-off of the original "Film Lounge." You can see Aleesa's film, plus a dozen more from students across the state, during a [virtual watch party](#) at 3 p.m. April 25.



Creating an Internship Program

Governor's Arts Awards

Learn how to create a win-win internship program – for your organization and your interns – during a free webinar with Matthew Beyer, who coordinates the internship program for the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. A former intern himself, and current education coordinator for the State Historical Museum of Iowa, he'll explain how to develop relationships with local colleges and universities and meet the needs of today's students. [Register now](#) for the session at noon April 22.

Do you know an Iowa artist, artist team, nonprofit organization or community that has made a big impact in the arts over the last couple of years – or longer? Nominate them for a [Governor's Arts Award or Governor's Arts Legacy Award](#)? Nominations are due May 1, and the awards will be presented during the [Iowa Arts Summit](#).

Iowa Arts Summit Will Be Virtual

Our biennial [statewide summit](#) featuring creative leaders from across the state and country will still take place Aug. 7, but we're shifting to an online format, with a mix of live webinars and interactive virtual events. Mark your calendars now and stay tuned; we'll post details about registration and schedules soon at iowaculture.gov.



Coming Up

Note that some of the following events may be canceled or postponed. Please check online for updates.

State Grant Opportunities

- April 17: [Iowa Arts & Culture Emergency Relief Fund: Round One](#)
- June 1: [Rural Innovation Grant](#)
- June 1: [Capacity Building Grant](#)
- June 1: [School Arts Experience](#)
- June 1: [Cultural Heritage Project Grant](#)
- June 1: [Art Project Grant](#)
- June 1: [Greenlight Grant](#)
- June 15: [Iowa Great Places](#) designation & re-designation
- June 15: [Iowa Cultural & Entertainment District](#) designation

Non-State Grant Opportunities

- April 22: [National Endowment for the Arts CARES Act Grants](#)
- April 23: [Artist Relief Fund](#)
- April 29: [Art Midwest Touring Fund](#)
- April 30: [New Music Solidarity Fund](#)
- April 30: [Artist Relief Fund](#)
- May 1: [Humanities Iowa Grant](#)
- May 7: [Innovate Grant](#)
- May 15: [AARP Community Challenge](#)
- May 19: [The Hopper Prize](#)
- May 20: [Arts Writers Grant Program](#)
- July 9: [Challenge America](#)
- July 9: [NEA Grants for Arts Projects](#)

Calls for Artists

- April 19: [Des Moines Underground Film Festival](#)
- April 25: [6x6 2020](#)
- April 25: [National Park Service](#)
- April 30: [Clear Lake Arts Center](#)
- April 30: [Global Meltdown](#)
- April 30: [Create! Magazine](#)
- May 1: [City of Dubuque](#)
- May 1: [Guthrie County Arts Council](#)
- May 2: [Art as Medicine](#)
- May 4: ["Final Draft" Exhibition](#)
- May 13: [San Francisco Bay International Photography Awards](#)
- May 15: [ARTapalooza](#)
- May 15: [Kitchen Table Times](#)
- May 22: [Art Educators of Iowa Conference Logo Design](#)
- May 24: [NPR Live Stream Concerts During Covid-19](#)
- May 31: [Sunspot Literary Journal](#)
- May 31: [Art on the Square, Jefferson](#)
- June 1: [Waukee Arts Festival 2020](#)
- June 1: [The Film Lounge](#)
- June 4: [Living Proof Exhibit](#)
- June 13: [New Bohemia Arts Festival](#)
- June 17: [Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site](#)
- June 27: [Square Foot Exhibit](#)

June 30: [100 Bucks for 100 Words](#)

Art & Culture Jobs

May 14: [Fairfield Arts and Convention Center Executive Director](#)

May 29: [Iowa Western Community College Arts Center Patron Service Manager](#)

July 31: [Mount Ayr Community Schools Art Teacher](#)

Open: [Dubuque Museum of Art Executive Director](#)

Iowa Arts Council Events

Now-June 30: [Iowa Women's Art Exhibition: "Illusive" by Renee Meyer Ernst](#)

Now-April 30: [Art at the Café: Works by Matthew Kluber](#)

Now-April 30: [Art at the Library: "Capturing the Beauty of Iowa's Public Parks"](#)

Now-May 2: