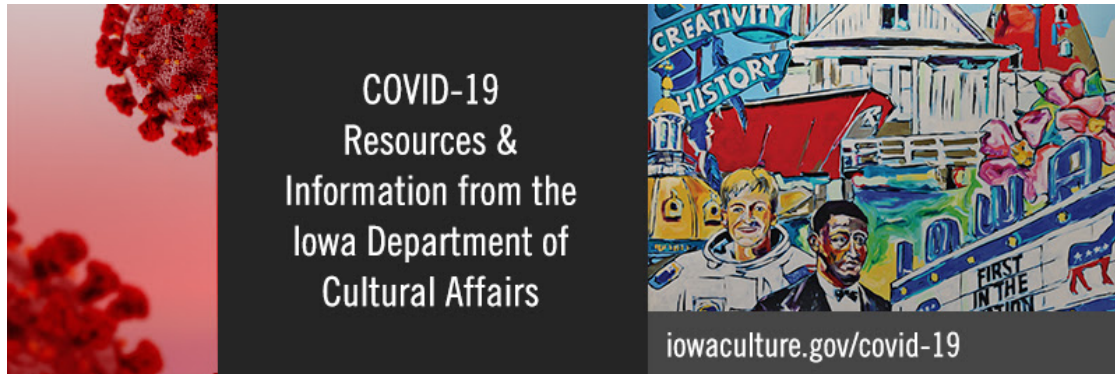


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Finally, some good news: This morning the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs announced that 156 Iowa artists and 14 Iowa nonprofit arts organizations will receive grants in the wake of the Covid-19 outbreak. The first round of grants from the newly created Iowa Arts and Culture Emergency Relief Fund totaled \$191,000.

And more good news: [Round Two is now open](#). We're accepting applications from Iowa arts nonprofits through next Friday, May 1. These grants range from \$1,000 to \$20,000, funded by \$442,700 from the National Endowment for the Arts through the CARES Act.

Also, keep in mind:

- We've extended the deadline to June 1 to apply for our annual [grants for arts, filmmaking, history and other cultural projects](#).
- [Iowa Workforce Development](#) continues to update its array of resources about unemployment and the Paycheck Protection Program.
- Congress approved an additional amount of CARES Act funding for small businesses and nonprofits through the Paycheck Protection Program and provided further clarification this week. The [U.S. Small Business Administration](#) and its [Iowa chapter](#) offer practical guidance for small businesses, as does the [Iowa Economic Development Authority](#), and you can find further advice from your financial institutions.
- The information many of you have reported in the ongoing [Americans for the Arts survey](#) is already shaping public policy and relief efforts. For example, 255 Iowa arts nonprofits reported a total loss of \$2.85 million in revenue as of April 7, a figure that has surely grown in the last few weeks. Please take a moment to take the survey, if you haven't already, and spread the word.
- You can find [more coronavirus-related resources](#) for Iowa's creative entrepreneurs and cultural nonprofits on our website, including timely advice from the [Association of Fundraising Professionals](#) and [a state-by-state list of community foundations](#) that have recently set up relief funds.
- Even if you don't work in arts or culture, there are [lots of ways to support Iowans](#) who do. We discussed a few of them in a recent webinar with Bravo Greater Des Moines and the Greater Des Moines Partnership.

And I can't say it enough: Don't hesitate to [contact our staff](#) with any questions or concerns. We're here to help.

Take care,

Chris Kramer
Director

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