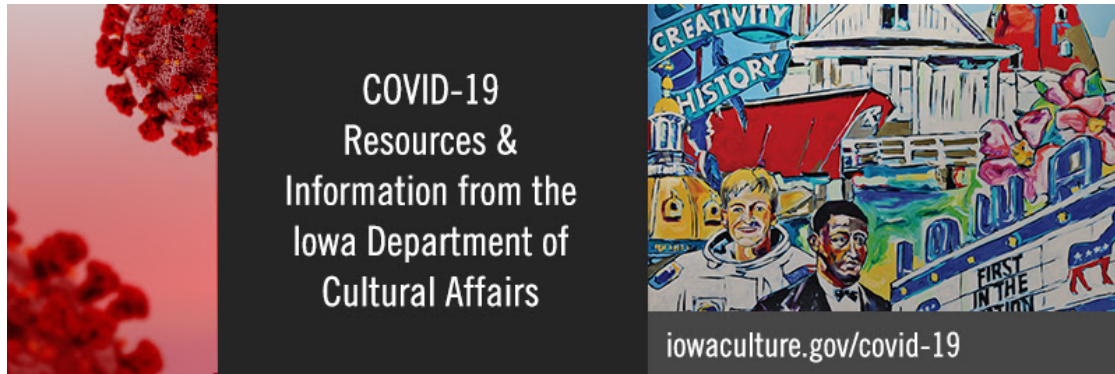


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Well, we've made it to May! Nobody knows what the "new normal" will look like, but we're at least starting to see some hopeful signs.

This week the Iowa Department of Public Health released [new safety guidelines](#) for the 77 Iowa counties where some businesses and nonprofits are allowed to partially re-open. Please note, however, that Iowa's theaters, museums and art centers should remain closed until further notice.

But there's some good news:

- We're still accepting applications – through 11:59 tonight – for the second round of grants from the [Iowa Arts & Cultural Emergency Relief Fund](#), which is funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts through the CARES Act. This second round, just for Iowa's cultural nonprofits, follows the [\\$191,000 in first-round grants](#) we announced last week for 170 individuals and nonprofits.
- A full month remains before June 1, the extended deadline for our [annual grants for arts, history, filmmaking and other cultural projects](#).
- Our partners at Travel Iowa are inviting Iowa's museums, performing arts centers, boutique hotels and other cultural attractions to sign up for a free online service, through Bandwango, to sell gift cards and admission tickets in increments of \$10 and \$25. Register by May 8 to be included in the statewide "[Dream Now, Visit Later](#)" campaign that will launch around Memorial Day.
- [Iowa Workforce Development](#) continues to update its array of resources about unemployment and the Paycheck Protection Program.
- The [U.S. Small Business Administration](#) and its [Iowa chapter](#) offers practical guidance for small businesses, as does the [Iowa Economic Development Authority](#), and you can find further advice from your financial institutions.
- We'll continue to update our list of [coronavirus-related resources](#) on our website and to keep offering a little bit of homegrown Iowa inspiration during our #IowaCultureCoffeeBreak series at 3 p.m. every weekday on [Iowa Culture's Facebook page](#).

Thank you for all the good work you're doing in every corner of the state and, as always, [please let our staff know](#) how we can help.

Take care,

Chris Kramer
Director

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