



Last Call: Apply for Humanities Emergency Relief Grants by May 26

Please [read the guidelines](#), help spread the word and apply by 11:59 p.m. May 26.

Last week, we announced that total grant funding for Iowa cultural organizations that have been hit hard by the Covid-19 pandemic will now exceed \$1.3 million, thanks in part to CARES Act funding through the National Endowment for the Arts and National Endowment for the Humanities.

With these new funds, the department re-opened the emergency relief grants to new applicants that serve Iowans through the humanities. The grants are intended to help sustain cultural projects, preserve jobs and keep the doors open at cultural organizations that boost the economy and creative life of communities statewide.

Annual Grants & Designations: Apply by June 1 & June 15

In addition to the emergency grants, applications for annual [state grants for arts, film and history projects and capacity building](#) are due June 1. Applications for [Iowa Great Places](#) and [Iowa Cultural & Entertainment District](#) designation and re-designation are due June 15.



Iowa Arts Summit

The first-ever virtual [Iowa Arts Summit](#) is set for Aug. 7, with a mix of presentations, panel discussions and collaborative online art projects. [Registration](#) is \$15 in advance and \$20 on the day of the event, and [scholarships](#) are available for artists



Create the Governor's Arts Awards

Would you like to create four original plaques or sculptures for the 2020 [Governor's Arts Awards](#), which will be announced during the Iowa Arts Summit? If so, please [read the guidelines](#) and submit a proposal by June 12 for the awards

and art students. After registering, join the [Iowa Arts Summit Connections](#) Facebook group to start networking with your peers across the state.



Call for Iowa Films

Calling all Iowa filmmakers: We're 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. Submit films between 2 and 20 minutes long, in any genre, before the deadline on June 1.

Arts Research & Resources

The [Music Cities Resilience Handbook](#) from the Nashville-based nonprofit Sound Diplomacy suggests nine steps any city, state or region can do to increase the value of music in their communities. Their list of #BetterMusicCities tips includes building music into infrastructure plans, developing registries to support local songwriters, and refining and diversifying music education programs.

that honor Iowa artists, artist teams, nonprofits and communities that have made a significant impact on the vitality of the arts in Iowa.



Edible Artwork Is In Your Future

Iowa Artist Fellow Amenda Tate is part of a [worldwide art installation](#) dreamed up by the late Cuban-American artist Felix Gonzalez-Torres. As one of 1,000 participating artists, Tate will pile up hundreds of fortune cookies, free for the taking, between May 25 and July 5 at her Des Moines studio. Stay tuned for details on [Tate's website](#).



Coming Up

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

State Grant Opportunities

May 26: [Iowa Arts & Culture Emergency Relief Fund: Round Three](#)

June 1: [Art Project Grant](#)

June 1: [Capacity Building Grant](#)

June 1: [Cultural Heritage Project Grant](#)

June 1: [Greenlight Grant](#)

June 1: [Rural Innovation Grant](#)

June 1: [School Arts Experience Grant](#)

June 15: [Iowa Cultural & Entertainment District](#) designation

June 15: [Iowa Great Places](#) designation & re-designation

Non-State Grant Opportunities

May 30: [Rapid Response for a Better Digital Future](#)

June 1: [Arts & Culture Leaders of Color Emergency Fund](#)

June 1: [Dramatist Guild Foundation Emergency Grants](#)

June 1: [Foundation for Contemporary Arts Emergency Grants](#)

June 1: [The Authors League Fund Emergency Support](#)

June 1: [Verizon Small Business Recovery Fund](#)

June 12: [CARES Act Grants, Institute of Museum & Library Services](#)

June 12: [CARES Act Grants, Native American/Native Hawaiian Museums & Libraries](#)

June 30: [JustFilms](#)

July 9: [Challenge America](#)
July 9: [NEA Grants for Arts Projects](#)
Aug. 1: [American-Scandinavian Foundation Grants](#)

Calls for Artists

May 22: [Art Educators of Iowa Conference Logo Design](#)
May 24: [NPR Live Stream Concerts During Covid-19](#)
May 24: [Quarantine Magazine](#)
May 26: [UCS Healthcare](#)
May 30: [Blue Cat Gallery & Studio](#)
May 30: [Rapid Response for a Better Digital Future](#)
May 31: [Aesthetic Short Film Festival 2020](#)
May 31: [Art on the Square, Jefferson](#)
May 31: [Art Week Des Moines Artwork Donation](#)
May 31: [Encapsulated Motions](#)
May 31: [Heaven & Hell National Fine Art Exhibition](#)
May 31: [Sunspot Literary Journal](#)
May 31: [Zoom Against the Machine](#)
June 1: [The Film Lounge](#)
June 1: [Waukee Arts Festival 2020](#)
June 4: [Living Proof Exhibit](#)
June 5: [Microcosm Community Coloring Book](#)
June 12: [Art Therapy in the Time of Covid-19](#)
June 12: [Governor's Arts Awards Design](#)
June 13: [New Bohemia Arts Festival](#)
June 15: [Necro Magazine](#)
June 17: [Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site](#)
June 18: [Council Bluffs Mural](#)
June 18: [Historic Dubuque Mural](#)
June 19: [DSM Emerald City](#)
June 27: [Square Foot Exhibit](#)
June 30: [100 Bucks for 100 Words](#)
June 30: [Brookings Public Art Commission](#)
June 30: [Strange Figurations](#)
July 4: [Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art](#)
July 5: [2020 River to River Juried Exhibition](#)
July 10: [Deeds Not Words Art Show](#)

Art & Culture Jobs

May 29: [Iowa Western Community College Arts Center Patron Service Manager](#)
July 31: [Mount Ayr Community Schools Art Teacher](#)

Iowa Arts Council Events

Now-June 30: [Iowa Women's Art Exhibition: "Illusive" by Renee Meyer Ernst](#)
Aug. 7: [Iowa Arts Summit 2020](#)

Professional Development

May 24: [Kolaj Institute Pandemic Artist Lab](#)
May 29: [2020 Arts Education Partnership \(Virtual\) Annual Convening](#)
June 17: [Dance/USA Annual Conference](#)
June 26-28: [AFTA Annual Convention and Public Art & Civic Design Conference](#)
July 1: [Photography Education Award](#)
July 20: [2020 American Alliance for Theatre & Education Conference](#)

Student Opportunities

May 22: [2020 Congressional Art Competition](#)
June 1: [ICF Student Composer Competition](#)
June 15-19: [Young Writers' Workshop](#)
June 20: [#Enough: Plays to End Gun Violence](#)