



More than \$2 million in grants awarded for Iowa arts and culture

Strike up the band: The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs recently announced [more than \\$2 million in 176 grants](#) for cultural organizations and projects across the state, funded by the Iowa Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

This year's [full list](#) includes more than 129 grants from the Iowa Arts Council to Iowa artists and arts organizations, totaling \$1.3 million.

The funded projects run the gamut and represent a broad range of creativity that will benefit Iowa communities for years to come. This year's grants will help Iowans:

- Transform alleys in Creston with murals painted by professional artists and at-risk youth.
- Adapt the popular annual Northeast Iowa Artists' Studio Tour to an online format.
- Teach students in the Quad Cities how to write, shoot and edit their own films, with help from the Azubuike African American Council for the Arts.
- Provide operational support for museums and other organizations adjusting to the pandemic.
- And so much more.

Learn all about the [Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs grants](#).

Pictured: Mural painted on the streets of Creston.



Iowa Artist Fellows

Congratulations to the newly announced 2020 [Iowa Artist Fellows](#), pictured clockwise from lower left:

- **Garth Greenwell** of Iowa City
- **Olivia Valentine** of Des Moines
- **Tiberiu Chelcea** of Ames
- **Catherine Reinhart** of Ames
- **Levi Robb** of Des Moines

Each artist receives a \$10,000 grant plus professional development opportunities to advance their artistic careers and enrich the cultural landscape in Iowa. Keep an eye out for upcoming Iowa Arts Council opportunities to meet them and learn more about their cutting-edge work.



Iowa Arts Summit

Have you circled Aug. 7 on your calendar yet? The virtual [Iowa Arts Summit](#) is coming right up, with a lineup of state and national experts to help artists, arts educators, nonprofits and community leaders shift from recovery to resilience amid this year's extraordinary challenges. Registration costs \$15 in advance or \$20 on the day of the event. Find the program and details at iowaculture.gov.

REGISTER ONLINE



Foster community – from a distance – by attending this online webinar series for historic and commercial district revitalization professionals and volunteers. Understand the economic reality in Iowa today, and pick up some useful tools to help businesses and communities rebound from the Covid-19 crisis.

Interested? [Register online](#) with the Iowa Economic Development Authority.

Greenlight Grants

Three Iowa filmmakers received [Greenlight Grants](#) from the Iowa Arts Council with help from Produce Iowa, the state office of film and media production.

This year's grantees, pictured from left, are:

- **Justin Norman** of Des Moines, whose comedy series "TubeLords" imagines fading YouTube stars who try to recapture their fame.
- **Graham Swon** of Fairfield, whose feature film "An Evening Song (For Three Voices)" follows one couple's move from the city to the country.
- **Charles Brewton Jr.**, whose documentary "JustUs" offers an intimate look at several men who are adjusting to life after prison.



In Her Own Words

"Sometimes making art or working on projects can be somewhat solitary, and you need a new source for inspiration, support or collaboration. When I attended the Iowa Arts Summit in 2018, I discovered hundreds of arts professionals in Iowa who were doing exciting and engaging work, and I made new relationships, connected with new resources and learned about initiatives that make the Iowa cultural scene so vibrant. I left feeling connected and creative and ready to get back to work."

– [Julia Franklin](#), 2018 Iowa Artist Fellow

Coming Up

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

Grant Opportunities

July 29: [CERF+ Artists' Safety Net](#)
Aug. 1: [American-Scandinavian Foundation Grants](#)
Aug. 25: [Innovate Grant Summer Cycle](#)

Calls for Artists

July 24: [Shutter Priority](#)
July 26: [American Muslim Futures](#)
July 31: [1% for Art, Nebraska Arts Council](#)
July 31: [Holiday Thieves Market 2020](#)
July 31: [Inspiration from Isolation](#)
July 31: [Global Meltdown](#)
Aug. 1: [FAKfulness Art Magazine](#)
Aug. 12: [Imagine Iowa Great Lakes](#)
Aug. 17: [Touchstone Gallery](#)
Aug. 31: [A Show of Heads](#)
Aug. 31: [Create! Magazine Issue #23](#)
Aug. 31: [Momentum: Works of Growth and Recovery](#)
Aug. 31: [Writing a New World](#)
Sept. 12: [Iowa Dance Festival 2020](#)
Oct. 7: [Embracing Our Differences](#)
Dec. 1: [The Painting Center](#)
Dec. 31: ["How's the weather there?"](#)

Art & Culture Jobs

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

Iowa Arts Council Events

Aug. 7: [Iowa Arts Summit 2020](#)

Professional Development

July 23: [Licensing and Permissions Requirements for Livestream and Rebroadcast](#)
July 28-29: [Downtown Rebound Webinar Series](#)
Aug. 4: [Pandemic Response for Performing Arts Organizations](#)
Sept. 24-26: [SEADAE 2020 National Conference](#)
Oct. 26: [World Alliance for Arts Education Virtual Seminar](#)
Nov. 18-21: [2020 National Guild for Community Arts Education Conference](#)

Student Opportunities

July 24: [America's Youth Celebrate 100 Years of Women's Suffrage](#)
Oct. 7: [Embracing Our Differences](#)
Dec. 31: [#CreateBecauseWeCare](#)

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