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Applications are due **May 3** at 11:59 p.m. for several grant programs that support organizations, artists and art activities that take place between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022. This includes the new **Iowa Arts & Culture Resilience Grants** for artists and nonprofits, which allow for more flexibility than ever before.

Want some tips for an application?  
[Watch a webinar.](#)

Have other questions?  
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## Iowa Fine Arts Education Summit

*Presented by the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, Iowa Department of Education and Iowa Alliance for Fine Arts Education*

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**Registration is now open for the second Iowa Fine Arts Education Summit, set to take place online June 17, 2021.**

The biennial, statewide event for arts educators, teaching artists and education leaders will focus on how essential skills like creativity and collaboration can be cultivated through [Social-Emotional Learning Competencies](#) to promote students' self-management, self-awareness, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision-making. The summit is for educators across all artistic disciplines – dance, media arts, music, theater and visual arts – and educators will be eligible to receive re-licensure credit for their participation.

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

**Keynote: "The Heart of Teaching Art"**

Scott Edgar, Ph.D.

Director of the Center for Arts Education and Social-Emotional Learning



[FULL SCHEDULE](#)

**Social-emotional learning was around before the coronavirus emerged and will remain long after.** However, trauma from the pandemic has magnified the need for schools to help students survive and thrive even when confronted with profound challenges. Social-emotional learning promotes physical, mental, social and emotional health – for students and staff – and the arts can be effective tools to help schools create proactive and preventive learning environments. Since the arts are inherently social and emotional, arts educators can use them to help students develop skills that are more important than ever.

**There is no cost to participate in this year's virtual event** to ensure that everyone has access to professional development in order to reach students in every classroom and corner of the state.

## We're Hiring!

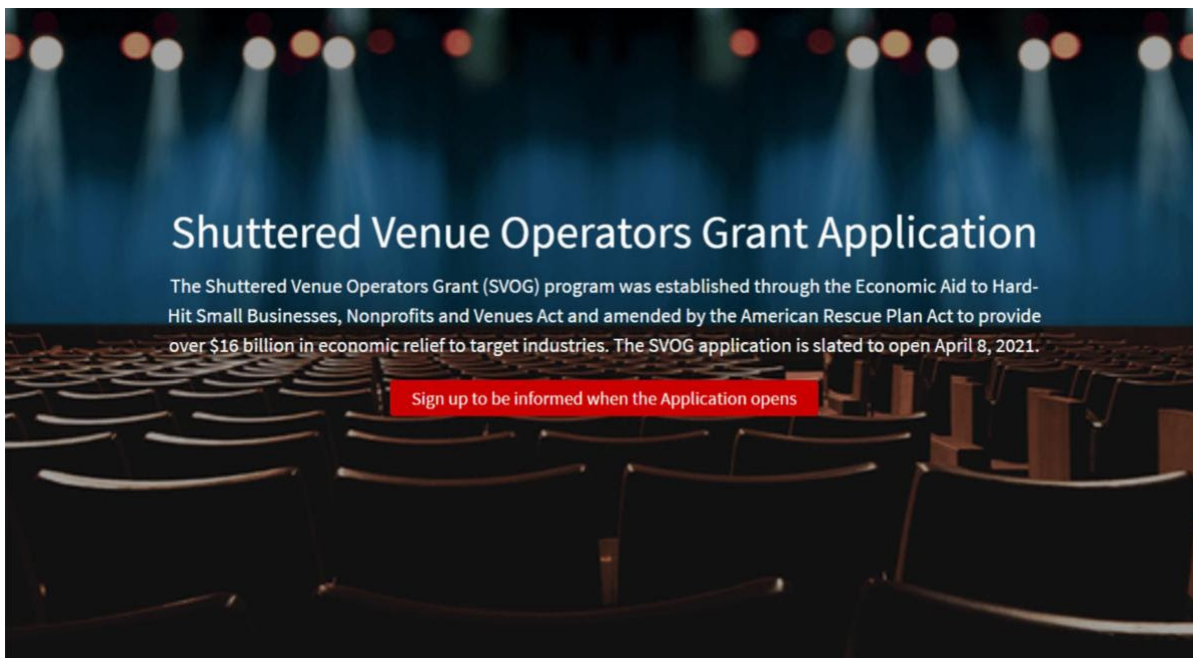
Are you an organized and highly motivated professional who is skilled at project management and passionate about telling the story of arts and culture across Iowa? The Iowa Arts Council is looking to expand its team with an Arts Programs and

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Operations Coordinator. [Learn more](#) and apply by **April 16**.

## Federal Resources



The long-awaited **Shuttered Venue Operators Grant program** will begin accepting applications at 11 a.m. (CDT) today, April 8, through the U. S. Small Business Administration's new [application portal](#). Prospective applicants may also want to watch a recording of the SBA's [informational webinar](#) and read the latest program FAQ.

The Iowa Arts Council continues to keep up-to-date on forthcoming funding opportunities to the cultural sector, as a result of the **American Rescue Plan Act** signed into law in March.



The **National Endowment for the Arts** is determining funding categories and anticipates that the application will be available in late April.

Per Wednesday's [announcement](#), the **National Endowment for the Humanities** will offer two new American Rescue Plan funding opportunities:

- [American Rescue Plan: Humanities Organizations](#) grants provide up to \$500,000 to cultural organizations and educational institutions to support humanities projects across the fields of education, preservation and access, public programming, digital humanities, and scholarly research. **Application deadline: May 14, 2021.**

- [American Rescue Plan: Humanities Grantmaking](#) funding may be used to establish or expand grantmaking programs to support recovery within the humanities sector. **Application deadline: May 13, 2021.**

The **Institute of Museum and Library Services** is also expected to [announce application timelines](#) for direct competitive grants.

To prepare for these opportunities, organizations should make sure they have registered or renewed/verified their current registration with both [Grants.gov](#) and the **System for Award Management (SAM.gov)**. Visit [sba.gov/svagrant](#) for a link to a video tutorial about getting registered in SAM.gov. **This process can take time; start now!**

The **National Endowment for the Arts** has multiple funding opportunities coming up that can be transformative for your community or organization:

- [Challenge America](#) grants extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations and feature an abbreviated application, robust technical assistance and a set award amount of \$10,000. **Application deadline: April 22.**
- [Grants for Arts Projects](#) supports public engagement with and access to excellent art across multiple disciplines, including arts education, folk and traditional arts, literary and media arts, and more. Grants range from \$10,000 to \$100,000. **Application deadline: the second Grants for Arts Projects deadline is June 29, 2021.**
- [Our Town](#) grants support projects that integrate arts, culture, and design activities into efforts that strengthen communities. **Application deadline: August 6, 2021.**



The NEA is the only funder, public or private, that provides access to the arts in all 435 congressional districts, in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. In 2020, Iowa arts organizations received a combined \$250,000 in NEA Cares Act grants, which were limited to prior NEA grant recipients.

## Iowa Keeps Creating: Digital Stage

You can see and support new Iowa artists and performers – right this very minute – on the [#IowaKeepsCreating Digital Stage](#), which the Iowa Arts Council built earlier this year to promote Iowa talent and creativity. The stage's current theme is all about "Arts & Healing," featuring videos from:

- Miss Christine: "[Stay Away](#)"
- Lauren Haldeman: "[Seventeen Powers of Visitation](#)"



- Michelle Marie: "[Field](#)"
- Living Proof: "[Garden Walk](#)"

As always, if you'd like a turn on the stage, please let us know. **The stage's next themes are "Balance,"** coming in June, **and "Emerging Artists"** (25 and under), coming in August.