



GRANTS

New American Rescue Plan Grant Opportunities

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs has announced **new grant funding opportunities** to help put Iowa's arts, culture, history and creative sectors back to work and launch innovative humanities programming. See the information below to learn more and register for an upcoming webinar:

American Rescue Plan – Arts

Made possible by an appropriation to the department from the National Endowment for the Arts through the American Rescue Plan Act. American Rescue Plan Arts Grants will be awarded to eligible organizations and individual artists. **Deadline: Oct. 1.**

Register for the following webinars to learn more:

[**American Rescue Plan Arts Grant - Individual Artists Webinar**](#)

Sept. 7, 2 p.m.

[**American Rescue Plan Arts Grant - Organizations Webinar**](#)

Sept. 8, 2 p.m.

American Rescue Plan – Humanities

Made possible by an appropriation to the department from the National Endowment for the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan Act. American Rescue Plan Humanities Grants will be awarded to eligible organizations. **Deadline: Oct. 1.**

Register for the following webinar to learn more:

[**American Rescue Plan Humanities Grant Webinar**](#)

Sept. 9, 2 p.m.

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Humanities Project Grant

In addition, the department has opened an **annual funding cycle of Humanities Project grants**. The funding is available through a National Endowment for the Humanities state partnership award to the department, as Iowa's interim state humanities council partner. **Deadline: Nov. 1.**

Register for the following webinar to learn more:

[Humanities Project Grant Webinar](#)

Sept. 15, 2 p.m.

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Poetry Returns – Out Loud and In Person!

The **Poetry Out Loud in Iowa** state competition will return to the State Historical Museum of Iowa on March 6, 2022.

This annual arts education program encourages students in grades 9-12 to study great poetry and recite it at local, state and national competitions. Along the way, students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence and learn about their literary heritage.



The program was created by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation in partnership with arts agencies in all 50 states and U.S. territories.

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Iowan Named Rural Regenerator Fellow

Congratulations to **Alice M. McGary** of the Mustard Seed Community Farm north of Ames on being named **one of 11 Rural Regenerator Fellows** by Springboard for the Arts. McGary will receive \$10,000 in flexible funds to support her existing work or to launch a new project, and will participate in two years of learning exchanges with her fellow artists.

McGary is a farmer, fiddler, potter, fiber artist and a community facilitator. She works to create spaces and opportunities to encounter beauty, build justice and community resilience, and examine personal and societal beliefs through events, music, art, publications and everyday practical objects of joy.



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Iowa Tourism Grants

Iowa Tourism Grants promote tourism in Iowa by funding tourism-related marketing initiatives, meetings and events that benefit both local economies and the state's economy. For the fiscal year 2022 grant cycle, **\$300,000 is available**, and awards will range from \$2,500 to \$10,000 with a required 25 percent cash match.

Application deadline: Sept. 29.



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Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 Survey

The Iowa Arts Council invites Iowa cities, counties and regions to participate in the upcoming **Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 Survey** to help strengthen efforts to collect statewide data.

Offered by Americans for the Arts, the AEP is the **leading national survey for demonstrating the impact of the nonprofit arts and culture industry** on local spending, tourism and revenues. As a local survey partner, you will receive a detailed data report, which can be a useful tool for arts advocacy.

Data collection, via organizational budget and attendance information, will take place from the fall of 2022 through 2023.



For more information, including participation costs, community testimonials and examples of past AEP reports, contact Lindsay Keast at lindsay.keast@iowa.gov.

Deadline: Sept. 30.

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Professional Development Opportunities



2021 Arts Midwest Online Conference Sept. 17-22

This conference offers a virtual **gathering space for artists, managers, agents, presenters and beyond** to connect, learn and celebrate the creativity that keeps us moving forward.

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2021 Iowa Nonprofit Summit

Oct. 5-7

Registration is open for the 2021 Iowa Nonprofit Summit, an interactive virtual event set for Oct. 5-7. The biennial summit offers **essential learning opportunities** for leaders and staff working in nonprofit, civic, foundation and government organizations, including board members, executive directors, program directors, and others involved with resource development, volunteer engagement and AmeriCorps.



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Federal & Regional Resources

Community Collections Grants

Offered by the Library of Congress and the American Folklife Center, the **Community Collections grant program** helps individuals or nonprofits produce cultural documentation – photographs, interviews, audio or video recordings – focused on local communities and perspectives. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$60,000. **Application deadline: Sept. 7.**

