



New Grant Opportunities

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs recently 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:

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.**

Drop in on virtual office hours via Zoom to ask program staff questions.

Individual Artist Office Hours
11 a.m., Sept. 16, 23 and 30
[Zoom Link Information.](#)

Organization Office Hours
11 a.m., Sept. 15, 22 and 29
[Zoom Link Information](#)

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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.**

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Humanities Project Grant



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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.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE GRANTS AND APPLY](#)

Digital Stage: 'Emerging Artists'

Check out new Iowa artists and performers on the **#IowaKeepsCreating Digital Stage**, which the Iowa Arts Council developed this year to promote Iowa talent and creativity. The stage's new theme features "**Emerging Artists**," with videos from:

~ Andrew Hoyt: "[Good Morning Des Moines](#)"

~ The Grand Opera House & Heartland Ballet: "[A Midsummer Night's Dream](#)"

~ Children of Oakridge Neighborhood: "[Writing History Presents: 'Success Is My Protest'](#)"



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Arts & Economic Survey

The Iowa Arts Council invites Iowa regions, cities, and counties to **participate in the upcoming Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 survey**, through Americans for the Arts, to help strengthen statewide data collection efforts.

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 arts advocacy tool.

Data collection, via organizational budget and attendance information, will take place beginning in 2022 and continuing into 2023. For more information, including



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

Participation deadline: Sept. 30.

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State and Federal Resources

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 Midwest GIG Fund

Arts Midwest has relaunched its [Grow, Invest, Gather \(GIG\) Fund grants](#) to help organizations grow their capacity and host touring artists.

During [Round Two](#), organizations must present performing or visual artists for at least two public events, which can be virtual or in person between January and June 2022.

Application deadline: Oct. 5.



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Institute of Museum and Library Services Grant

The Institute of Museum and Library Services have opened its Inspire! Grants for Small Museums and Museums for America Grants. **Inspire! Grants offer two year grant awards**

between \$5,000-\$50,000 to support projects at small

museums. Museums for America Grants offer three year

awards between \$5,000-\$250,000 to museums of any size to support projects that strengthen their ability to serve the public. **Application deadline: Nov. 15.**



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COVID Mortgage and Rent Resources

The National Endowment for the Arts wants to make artists and arts organizations aware of **resources that are available through the**

Emergency Rental Assistance program, and how they can best be used to keep people in their homes.



The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Federal Housing Finance Agency, Department of Veteran Affairs and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development have teamed up to create a website that can help homeowners and renters during the coronavirus pandemic.

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National Training and Technical Assistance Program

Art-Train is here to help you **access resources and develop strategies** to reach and engage more people, increase community relevance and connection, and find creative ways to be more effective. Housed at Springboard for the Arts, **Art-Train is an**

ongoing virtual technical assistance program for artists, municipal agencies, community non-profits and arts councils in communities of all sizes across the nation.



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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.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION



IMA 2021 Conference

Oct. 4

As part of the Iowa Museum Association's 2021 Conference, Museums Matter, **Laura Lott, CEO of the American Alliance of Museums**, will deliver a keynote talk titled "Museums as Essential Community Infrastructure."

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2021 Iowa Nonprofit Summit

Oct. 5-7

Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for the 2021 Iowa Nonprofit Summit. This interactive virtual event runs Oct. 5-7. The **biennial summit offers essential learning opportunities** for staff in a variety of nonprofit, civic, foundation, volunteer engagement, government and national service roles, including but not limited to board members, executive directors, program directors, resource development staff, and AmeriCorps members.



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National Recognition for Creston Murals Project

A year after launching a community murals project, Creston High School arts educator **Bailey Fry-Schnormeier and Creston Arts can now count a prestigious national award – the Abbey Mural Prize – and a \$10,000 gift for their efforts.** Awarded by the National Academy of Design, the Abbey Mural Prize aims to support and

recognize the role that murals play in social activism, neighborhood revitalization and community engagement efforts. Creston leaders already have plans to put their earnings to good use, through the Mentor Mural Mashup program and painting another wall this fall.



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Grantee Spotlights



Iowa's Latino Heritage Festival

Sept. 25-26

Iowa's Latino Heritage Festival received an Iowa Arts & Culture Resilience Grant to support its festival that **celebrates the historical culture of 22 Latino countries** through a two-day, open-air event in downtown Des Moines. This year's event will be held Sept. 25-26.

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Dubuque Museum of Art

Sept. 11

The Dubuque Museum of Art has organized a series of open studio sessions with the [Biennial](#) artists to complement the current exhibition. The open studio session at 2 p.m. on Sept. 11 will feature Iowa Artist Fellow Louise Kames, pictured at right.



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Coming Up

Grants

Open: [Coronavirus Relief Fund Registered Apprenticeship Expansion Grant Opportunities](#)

Sept. 9: [American Rescue Plan Humanities Grant Webinar](#)

Sept. 15: [Humanities Project Grant Webinar](#)

Sept. 16: [Innovate Grant, Summer 2021](#)

Oct. 1: [American Rescue Plan - Arts Grant](#)

Oct. 1: [American Rescue Plan - Humanities Grant](#)

Oct. 5: [Midwest Arts GIG Fund](#)

Nov. 1: [Humanities Project Grants](#)

Student Opportunities

Dec. 1: [ICon: Iowa Conservatory Program](#)

Calls for Artists

Sept. 12: [Mural Design, Marshall County Arts & Culture Alliance](#)

Sept. 12: [The Curator's Salon](#)

Sept. 15: [Instruments of Memory](#)

Sept. 18: [Lincoln Highway Arts Festival](#)

Sept. 30: [Throughlines, Indianapolis Art Center](#)

Sept. 30: [Sunspot Literary Journal](#)

Oct. 1: [Artist Residency Program, New York](#)

Oct. 1: [SPARC Call for Sculpturists](#)

Oct. 21: [Contemporary Craft's 2022 Elizabeth R. Raphael Founder's Prize](#)

Oct. 29: [2022 Art on Campus Exhibit](#)

Oct. 30: [Contemporary Craft's 2022 Leap Award](#)

Oct. 31: [Rochester Contemporary Art Center](#)

Oct. 31: [Sunspot Literary Journal](#)