

Folk Arts Apprenticeship Pilot Program

Iowa nonprofit organizations that serve traditional and folk artists are invited to [apply for up to \\$5,000](#) in grant funds to develop apprenticeships or residencies.

The program aims to help sustain artistic traditions and cultural heritage in Iowa by encouraging master artists and culture bearers to pass along their knowledge and skills to emerging and apprentice artists.



Photo: Living History Farms blacksmith shop

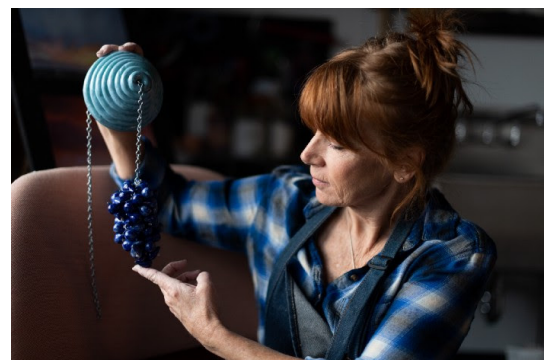
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The Folk Arts Apprenticeship Pilot Program is made possible by support from the National Endowment for the Arts. **Application deadline: Feb. 14.**

Relief Grants Stabilize Iowa's Creative Workforce

Gabi Torres of Clinton. **Ann Brugenhemke** of Council Bluffs. **Darrell Johnston** of Leon.

All three artists received relief grants from the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs to help move their projects forward during these times of hardship and uncertainty. But they're not the only artists or cultural organizations that have found some help through the department. Since the spring of 2020, the department has distributed nearly **\$11 million in grants** funded by the **Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act** and the subsequent **American Rescue Plan Act**.



The **federal funds have more than doubled the department's competitive grants** over the past two years, benefiting more Iowa artists and arts organizations than ever. The investments have helped stabilize the state's arts businesses and entrepreneurs as they move into 2022.

[Learn more](#) about Torres, Brugenhemke and Johnston and the department's ongoing efforts to support Iowa artists and cultural organizations.

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The Film Lounge: Season 6

The new season of “**The Film Lounge**” will make its television premiere on **Iowa PBS** at 9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, followed by the second episode at 9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7. Each episode will also stream in real time on [Facebook](#), where viewers can interact with contributing filmmakers and other film fans using the hashtag **#TheFilmLounge**.



An in-person watch party will be held at 12:30 p.m. this Saturday, Jan. 29, at **FilmScene in Iowa City**, where you can enjoy both one-hour episodes on the big screen. The screening will be followed by a reception with the filmmakers. Find all the details at thefilmounge.org.

Now in its sixth season, “The Film Lounge” is an **annual showcase of short films created by Iowa filmmakers**. Through a compilation of shorts and interviews, each episode celebrates the work of Iowa filmmakers, acquaints viewers with the region’s vibrant film communities and explores the art of filmmaking. “The Film Lounge” is produced by **Iowa PBS** in partnership with the **Iowa Arts Council** and **Produce Iowa**, both divisions of the **Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs**.

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Changes for Federal and State Grant Applicants

Beginning April 4, the federal government will switch to a new verification system for all businesses and organizations seeking federal and state grant awards. As part of this change, the **Unique Entity Identification (UEI) number** will replace the current DUNS number as the authoritative identifier used by federal and state agencies, including the Iowa Arts Council. If your organization is currently registered with SAM.gov, a new UEI number has been automatically created for you, and you do not have to take further action. **If you do not currently have a SAM.gov registration and/or DUNS number**, visit [this page](#) for more instructions.

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Arts Midwest's Grow, Invest, Gather (GIG) Fund

Through the GIG Fund, Arts Midwest provides financial support to arts organizations for **rebuilding and re-imagining creative engagement** in their communities amid the challenging uncertainty affecting all corners of the creative sector.

Applications for the first round of the 2022 GIG Fund are open now. **Application deadline: April 12.**

The National Endowment for the Arts is the only arts funder that seeks to award grants in every state and congressional district. Iowa artists and arts organizations are highly encouraged to apply for the NEA's ongoing opportunities.



Case in point: Congratulations to four Iowa arts organizations that were [awarded](#) direct support from the NEA through American Rescue Plan Act grants:

- **Pine Ridge Center for Artists and Crafters** (Pine Ridge Art Center), Ankeny
- **Rising Star Theatre Company**, Dubuque
- **Des Moines Metro Opera**, Indianola
- **FilmScene**, Iowa City

Current NEA Opportunities

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Grants for Arts Projects

The NEA's Grants for Arts Projects range from \$10,000 to \$100,000 for projects that span a range of arts disciplines and begin in 2023.

Application deadline: Feb. 10.

Creative Writing Fellowships

The National Endowment for the Arts Literature Fellowships program offers \$25,000 grants in prose (fiction and creative nonfiction) and poetry to published creative writers that enable the recipients to set aside time for writing, research, travel, and general career advancement.

Application deadline: March 10.

Challenge America Grants

The NEA's Challenge America Grants offer support primarily to small organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations. Grants are \$10,000 for projects that begin in 2023.

Application deadline: April 21.

Challenge America Grants Webinar

March 1, 2 p.m.

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Coming Up

Grants

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

Jan. 28: [Music Education Partnership Grants, Chorus America](#)

Feb. 1: [Creative Capital x Skoll Foundation Fund](#)

Feb. 10: [Grant for Arts Projects](#)

Feb. 14: [Paint Iowa Beautiful, Keep Iowa Beautiful](#)

Feb. 16: [Wellmark Foundation Access to Healthy Foods and Built Environment](#)

Feb. 25: [Derelict Building Grant Program, Iowa Department of Natural Resources](#)

April 21: [Challenge America Grants](#)

March 24: [Innovate Grant](#)

March 30: [USArtists International Grants Program, Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation](#)

Dec. 12: [Wellmark Foundation Access to Healthy Foods](#)

Student Opportunities

Feb. 11: [Keep Iowa Beautiful Annual High School Senior Scholarships](#)

April 1: [Iowa Scholarship for the Arts](#)

Calls for Artists

Jan. 28: [Polk County Community Visioning Committee](#)

Jan. 28: [Performing Arts Discovery Program, Western Alliance](#)

Jan. 30: [Create! Magazine](#)

Jan. 31: [Waldemar A. Schmidt Art Gallery, Wartburg College](#)

Feb. 3: [Works in Wood, Le Mars Arts Center](#)

Feb. 7: [The Curator's Salon](#)

Feb. 11: [Wayne Public Art Committee \(Nebraska\)](#)

Feb. 13: [Materials Hard + Soft, Greater Denton Arts Council](#)

Feb. 15: [Ring Out For Art](#)

Feb. 18: [2022 Art Project, Knoxville Public Library](#)

Feb. 25: [Boosting the Signal: Women's History in Art, Gal's Guide Library](#)

Feb. 25: [2022 WDMurals, City of West Des Moines](#)

March 1: [Fine Arts and Cultural Events of Mahaska County](#)

March 28: [ArtFest Midwest](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES