

New Grant and Designation Opportunities

The Iowa Arts Council has opened its next round of fiscal year 2023 grants and designations. Here's what's new:

– **Creative Places Project Grants**, which range from \$500 to \$2,500, provide funding for small, collaborative projects in communities that are using creative placemaking as a job creation, talent attraction and retention, and tourism strategy.

– **Artist Catalyst Grants**, which range from \$500 to \$2,500, provide support to Iowa's artists, filmmakers, musicians and creative writers to undertake activities that advance their artistic practices and elevate the creative field in Iowa.

– **Three grant programs** have moved to a year-round schedule with quarterly deadlines to provide applicants with greater flexibility: **Artist Catalyst Grants**, **Creative Places Project Grants** and **School Arts Experience Grants**.

Here's the full list of grant and community-designation opportunities administered by the Iowa Arts Council, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs:

[Artist Catalyst Grants](#)

[Art Project Grants](#)

[Creative Places Project Grants](#)

[Cultural Capacity Building Grants](#)

[Cultural & Entertainment District designations](#)

[Greenlight Grants](#)

[Iowa Artist Fellowships](#)

[School Arts Experience Grants](#)

Applicants are highly encouraged to review the guidelines and note the deadlines for the program to which they are applying.

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2022 Iowa Arts Summit

Save the Date: Aug. 11-12

The biennial Iowa Arts Summit brings together **artists, filmmakers, nonprofit professionals and community leaders** to network, learn and celebrate the arts. The 2022 summit will highlight the integral role creatives play in community development and explore ways to fortify the infrastructure that supports this important work.



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Call for Summit Advisors & Planning Committee Members

The Iowa Arts Council seeks a diverse representation of artists, filmmakers, nonprofit professionals and community leaders from across the state to help plan the summit.

Summit advisors are committed to advancing the arts in Iowa and play an integral role in conference planning by:

- Generating and providing input on ideas for topics.
- Proposing speakers and sessions to address specific topics.
- Providing input via short surveys and polls.

A few advisors will be invited to serve on the **Summit Planning Committee**, whose members will participate in six virtual planning meetings and help promote the event.

[APPLY BY MARCH 1](#)

The next season of 'The Film Lounge'

Right on the heels of a successful sixth season of "[The Film Lounge](#)," the Iowa Arts Council, Produce Iowa and Iowa PBS invite Iowa artists, filmmakers, and musicians to submit films to Season 7. The series is an annual **showcase of short films by Iowa filmmakers**. Through a compilation of shorts and interviews, each episode celebrates the work of Iowa filmmakers, acquaints viewers with the state's vibrant film communities and explores the art of filmmaking.



Entries are due June 1.

[ENTRY GUIDELINES](#)

Support for the Greenlight Grants

The **Greenlight Grant program** is administered by the Iowa Arts Council on behalf of Produce Iowa, both divisions under the direction of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. These popular grants are funded by the Iowa Legislature, and we thank our lawmakers for believing in Iowa filmmakers who are building this industry from the ground up.

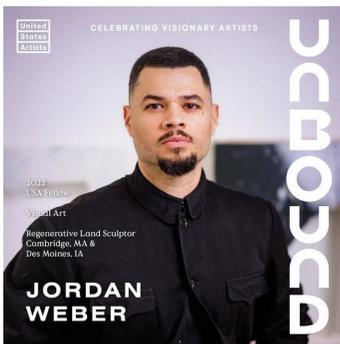


Our department is also grateful for **Gov. Kim Reynolds'** **ongoing support** for film and media production and her recommendation to increase funding for the Greenlight Grants. She has recommended a **new budget line of \$450,000 for the grants** in the upcoming fiscal-year budget for the DCA. The budget will be approved during the current legislative session, so feel free to **share your thoughts with your legislators**.

[Launching the Greenlight Grants](#) three years ago was a major milestone for Produce Iowa. We are proud to help them create new opportunities that help build a sustainable ecosystem for high-quality storytelling here in Iowa.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT GREENLIGHT GRANTS](#)

Iowa Arts Council Grantee Spotlights



Iowa Artist Fellow Jordan Weber of Des Moines is among 63 artists to be named a **2022 United States Artists Fellow in the Visual Arts**, a national award recognizing accomplishment in the arts. The inclusion of an Iowan in this year's class of USA Fellows is a testament to the Iowa Arts Council's programs and its ongoing investment in the careers of Iowa artists.

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The **Business of Art Conference** will take place **March 4-5** in Ames, thanks to the **Ames Community Arts Council** and the **Octagon Center for the Arts**, an Iowa Arts Council grantee. The event is designed to help creatives at all skill levels strengthen their business skills and tap into useful resources. Topics will include developing a brand, transitioning to online sales (and back again), using podcasts and videos as marketing tools, growing an audience, and much more.



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Iowa Arts Council grant recipient **Hinterland Music Festival** returns **Aug. 4-7** to St. Charles with a lineup featuring **Billy Strings, Glass Animals, Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats** and **Phoebe Bridgers**. We are so happy to see the full return of live music festivals this summer.

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Regional & Federal Resources

Grow, Invest, Gather Fund

Through its GIG Fund, **Arts Midwest** helps arts organizations **rebuild and re-imagine creative engagement** in their communities amid the uncertainty that challenges all corners of the creative sector. Applications for the first round of the are open now.

Application deadline: April 12.



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Arts Midwest's Ideas Hub

Arts Midwest recently launched a new **collection of curated articles and tools** that helps arts leaders foster growth within their organizations. The Ideas Hub connects arts professionals with experts in arts programming; communications; leadership and culture; diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility; fundraising; strategy; community engagement; and more.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT for the ARTS

[arts.gov](https://www.arts.gov)

Creative Writing Fellowships

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

Application deadline: March 10.

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Challenge America Grants

The NEA's Challenge America Grants support to help primarily small organizations on 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.

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Challenge America Grants Webinar

March 1, 2 p.m.

[REGISTER FOR THE WEBINAR](#)

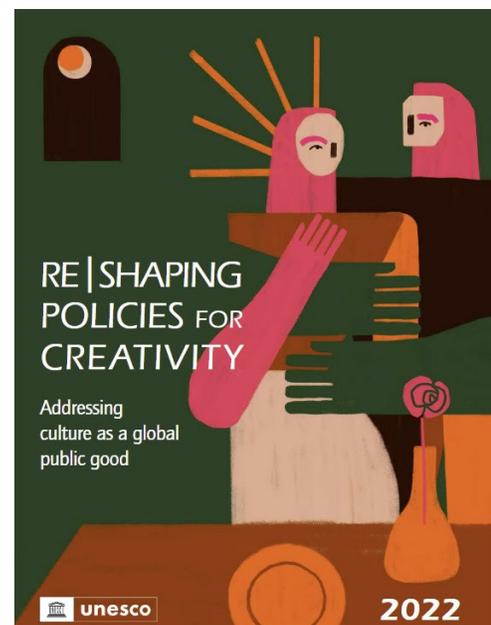
What We're Reading

New UNESCO Report

UNESCO launched a new report called “**2022 Global Report Re|Shaping Policies for Creativity.**”

The [report](#) and accompanying [video](#) urge leaders to develop policies to protect creators and cultural organizations.

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Coming Up

Grants

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

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

March 22: [AARP Community Challenge Quick-Action Grants](#)

March 24: [Innovate Grants](#)

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

April 21: [Challenge America Grants](#)

Professional Development

May 3: [A Seat at the Table, Des Moines Arts Festival](#)

Aug. 9: [A Seat at the Table, Des Moines Arts Festival](#)

Nov 3: [A Seat at the Table, Des Moines Arts Festival](#)

Calls for Artists

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

Feb. 23: [6,371 Records, Des Moines Arts Festival](#)

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

Feb. 25: [The Public Piano Project, City Sounds](#)

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

March 1: [Open Air Media Festival, Public Space One](#)

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

March 3: [Art En Route Bus Shelter Sidewalk Mural Project, Dubuque](#)

March 22: [2022 Regional Art Exhibition, Orange City Arts Council](#)

March 28: [ArtFest Midwest](#)

Student Opportunities

March 15: [Iowa Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest 2022](#)

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

