



New Grant Opportunities

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs recently announced a whole lot of grant opportunities, so we'd like to break it down for you.

Our [Greenlight Grants](#) are at the top of the list for Iowa filmmakers. They're designed to help take your scripts to screen, create jobs and encourage collaborations with other filmmakers in Iowa to grow our industry's ecosystem. Grants range from **\$10,000 to \$50,000** with a required 50 percent cash-match. **Apply by May 2.**

Next, take a look at the [Artist Catalyst Grants](#), which range from **\$500 to \$2,500** and support activities that advance your artistic practices and elevate the creative field in Iowa. Film festival submission fees are an example of how you might use these grant funds to help market your work. This grant also requires a 50 percent cash-match. **Apply by May 2.**

If you demonstrate exceptional creativity and a commitment to advancing your artistic practices at a pivotal moment in your career, consider applying for the [Iowa Artist Fellowship](#) program. If selected, you'll receive a **\$10,000** grant (with no matching requirement) along with personalized professional development. But hurry: To be considered for this fantastic opportunity, you'll need to **apply by March 15.**

Finally, Iowa film festival directors should take note: If you'd like to produce an educational project or arts experience, now is your chance to apply for an [Art Project Grant](#). Funding ranges from **\$2,500 to \$10,000** with a 50 percent cash-match. These grants provide support for arts activities that are accessible to Iowans and positively impact the vitality of the arts in Iowa. **Apply by May 2.**

Funding for these grants, administered through the Iowa Arts Council, is provided by the Iowa Legislature and by the National Endowment for the Arts. Informational webinars and office hours are available to answer your questions. But here's a hot tip: Please don't wait until days before the deadline to start asking your questions. Staff time becomes more limited closer to the deadline, so start preparing soon!

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE GRANTS](#)

Executive Directors' Picks

Another year of festivals, another year for the Executive Directors' Film Festival Picks program. This **one-hour showcase** features six short films curated by the executive directors of Iowa film festivals and our staff and is **available for screenings**. It's just a sampling of the unique independent programming that premiered last year at film festivals across our state. Please contact [EJ Philby](#) if you'd like to host a screening.



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Winter Film Series



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If you're as excited as we are for the upcoming **Julien Dubuque International Film Festival** but can't wait until April, you can get a taste of it with a special screening during the [Winter Film Series](#). "Where is Nancy?" will screen at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 10, at the Hotel Julien in Dubuque. You don't need a ticket, and the filmmakers will be there for a Q&A after the show.

Happy Campers

Here's your chance to animate at Iowa City's favorite summer camp. FilmScene's successful [Animation Camp](#) returns this summer with another year of learning, creating and storytelling. Students in grades 3-8 are invited to **learn the art of stop-motion animation**, while experienced campers can join the Advanced Camp or make their own models at Miniatures Camp. Enrollment is now open and scholarships are available through the generous support of **Hills Bank and Trust Company**. Bonus: You can [apply for a scholarship](#) online.



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Iowa City Filmmaker Hao Zhou

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From the **Academy Awards** to “**The Film Lounge**” to the **British Parliament**, the short Iowa film “**Frozen Out**” continues to make its mark this year along with its Iowa City filmmakers, **Hao Zhou and Tyler Hill**.

The film was recently chosen for the British Council and the British Film Institute’s global LGBTQIA+ rights campaign, “Five Films for Freedom.” The short film will screen at BFI Flare and globally through the BFI Player March 18-27.

The best part: Zhou is being flown in along with the other four film directors for an **exclusive reception with the British Parliament in London**. Congratulations!

Iowa Arts Summit: Aug. 11-12

Mark your calendars for Aug. 11-12 for the biennial **Iowa Arts Summit**. This two-day event will bring together **artists, filmmakers, nonprofit professionals and community leaders** to network, learn and celebrate the arts. The planning has begun and details will be forthcoming.



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Join Our Team

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs seeks an experienced and creative **Graphic Designer and Website Manager**. This full-time professional will manage and design **digital marketing and communications platforms** including the department's website, Iowa Culture mobile app, social media and various printed materials. The position requires **experience with project management and excellent communication skills** as an important member of

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the department's communications team working in support of the arts, film, history and humanities industries in Iowa. [Learn more](#) about the role and responsibilities, qualification requirements and application information.

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Beware of Spammers!

You may have been hit with a recent round of spamming. We don't know the source, but **they are hitting up state film offices** across the country. Common themes from these hackers seem to be awkward salutations, a call for production assistants, a required resume even though they claim to have already seen your profile, and a promise of good pay up front. We apologize for the inconvenience. As always, **please [contact our office](#) if you have any questions** about job solicitations.

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

March 10: [Winter Film Series: "Where's Nancy?"](#)

March 15: [Iowa Artist Fellowship applications due](#)

April 20-24: [Julien Dubuque International Film Festival](#)

May 2: [Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs grant applications due](#)

May 14: [Iowa Motion Picture Awards in Ottumwa](#)

June 1: ["The Film Lounge": Season 7 submissions due](#)

June 24-26: [Interrobang Film Festival at Des Moines Arts Festival](#)

Aug. 11-12: [Iowa Arts Summit](#)

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