

11 organizations to participate in first Iowa Culture Leadership Cohort

Eleven Iowa arts, culture, history and humanities organizations have been selected for the first [Iowa Culture Leadership Cohort](#) program, which helps participants build leadership skills and increase organizational capacity in different areas, including operations, sustainability and programming.



The skill-building program will offer **training opportunities and resources to help Iowa's next generation of arts and cultural leaders** be successful in running museums, arts centers and other cultural institutions that drive tourism and experiential learning in their communities across the state. Although some of the participating organizations are in larger cities, the program will also help nonprofits in rural areas, where arts and culture can play an especially vital role in economic and community development.

The program is jointly administered by the **Iowa Arts Council** and **State Historical Society of Iowa**, divisions of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. The following 11 groups were chosen to participate:

- **After School Arts Program**, Des Moines
- **Fort Madison Area Arts Association**, Fort Madison
- **George Daily Auditorium**, Oskaloosa
- **Grinnell Area Arts Council**, Grinnell
- **Historical Society of Pottawattamie County**, Council Bluffs
- **Madison County Historical Society**, Winterset
- **Mahaska County Historical Society**, Oskaloosa
- **Maquoketa Art Experience**, Maquoketa
- **Public Space One**, Iowa City
- **Swedish Heritage Society Foundation**, Swedesburg
- **Winnebago Historical Society**, Forest City

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Selections made for 'The Film Lounge: Season 7'

Congratulations to the filmmakers selected for "The Film Lounge: Season 7," which **celebrates the arts and filmmaking in Iowa** through two, one-hour episodes that feature interviews and short films by Iowa artists on **Iowa PBS**. Stay tuned for more information about air dates and watch parties in early 2023.

The list of selected filmmakers, their communities and film titles is below:



- **Charlie Borowicz**, Des Moines, "It is Other"
- **Kaitlyn Busbee and Benjamin Handler**, Clive, "Bed Bugs"
- **Antonio Chalmers, Tone Da Boss**, Cedar Rapids, "Black Excellence"
- **Russ Curry, Lily Skove, TJ Hellmuth and McKenzie Stubbart**, Coralville, "Iešana"
- **Emille Lacs, LOVESBLIND**, Burlington, "LOVESBLIND - letdown"
- **Antoinette Laval**, Des Moines, "Leah's Year"
- **Spencer Loucks, Lev Cantoral and Joe Fiala**, Iowa City, "Sea Dogs"
- **Michael Minard**, Waterloo, "From the Void"
- **Adam Orton and Michael A. Levine**, Cedar Rapids, "The Aspirant"
- **Matthew Williams and Juan Luna**, Dubuque, "El Principe Azul"

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New Greenlight Grant recipients

Produce Iowa and the Iowa Arts Council have awarded **\$120,000 to three Iowa filmmakers** to greenlight production of films showcasing home-grown Iowa stories. The grants will help the filmmakers collaborate with other resident filmmakers and create jobs that feed a more diverse ecosystem for the film and television industry in Iowa.

Congratulations to all three filmmakers and grant recipients, (pictured above from left to right):

- **Chris Filippone of Iowa City** will receive support for "Untitled Pacific Junction," a feature-length documentary about the small railroad town of Pacific Junction in southwestern Iowa, the catastrophic flood of 2019, and the people who have chosen to return to rebuild their homes and community.
- **Antoinette Lavallo of Des Moines** will receive support for "Peck," a feature-length narrative film about a young woman addressing her mental health in the late 19th century. When her mother and father urge her to see someone who may help, she begins a journey toward independence and love.
- **Spencer Smith of Des Moines** will receive support for "The Diane Schofield Cold Case," a short proof-of-concept documentary that will investigate the Schofield cold case, its effect on legislation in relation to cold case investigation unit funding in Iowa, and the community of novice sleuths who've bonded over the case.

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There's still time to **join us Friday, Aug. 12**, for the final day of the Iowa Arts Summit. Check-in and on-site registration starts at 8 a.m. at **Mainframe Studios in Des Moines**. Friday's sessions and workshops will focus on creative entrepreneurs, cultivating partnerships, expanding opportunities for artists, and more.

You'll also learn, connect and celebrate the arts in Iowa while becoming inspired, gaining new ideas and learning practical

Looking Ahead

2023 Iowa Fine Arts Education Summit

Every other year, Iowa arts educators, artists, teaching artists and others gather for the [Iowa Fine Arts Education Summit](#) to discuss new ways to inspire students through the fine arts.

tips from artists and creatives, nonprofit professionals and community leaders.

Aug. 12

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mainframe Studios

Des Moines

\$50 per person registration will be sold at the door and includes refreshments and lunch.

See the full schedule at iowaculture.gov.

Image: "Among Friends" and "I Love Music" by [Chaveevah Ferguson](#) of Waterloo.

Co-presented by the **Iowa Arts Council** and **Iowa Alliance for Arts Education**, this is a great opportunity to take arts education to the next level.

Please take a [brief survey](#) to help us make the 2023 summit the best one yet. This upcoming summit will be held in person. Date and location will be announced.

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Call for art: The Annals of Iowa



Apply to have your artwork featured on the cover of the state's flagship historical journal, **The Annals of Iowa**.

The journal, established in 1863, is distributed quarterly to hundreds of subscribers throughout the United States and Canada, and its digital footprint is even larger, with **more than 2 million downloads from readers throughout the globe**, including more than 400,000 downloads in 2021.

The call for art is organized by the Iowa Arts Council and State Historical Society of Iowa, divisions of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.

Cover art: *Raluca Iancu, "Tornadogenesis," 2020, tunnel book with drypoint, monotype, cut paper, watercolor and colored pencil.*

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State Resources

City Parks & Open Spaces funding is available to cities of all sizes. Parkland expansion and multi-purpose recreation developments are typical projects funded under this REAP program. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources administers the city grant program, and city officials representing the **Iowa Park and Recreation Association** and **League of Cities** select which projects receive funding.



Application deadline: Aug. 15.

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Rural Enrichment Grant Program

Administered by the **Iowa Economic Development Authority**, the Rural Enrichment Grant Program aims to support small quality-of-life projects that will create meaningful results in rural communities. Iowa businesses, colleges and universities, city or county government, and nonprofit organizations and foundations are eligible to apply.

Application deadline: Sept. 1.

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Iowa Creative Placemaking Fund is Now Open!

Iowa cities and counties that want to create attractive and memorable places for people to live and work are encouraged to apply for the **Iowa Economic Development Authority's Iowa Creative Placemaking Fund**, now available through the **Destination Iowa** program. Nonprofit organizations may submit a coordinated application with a city or county.

The program encourages cities and counties to **develop transformational projects** that leverage local community assets to **improve the experience for visitors and residents** of the area. Community placemaking projects and recreational opportunities are vital components of Iowa's workforce attraction and retention strategy.

Application deadline: Sept. 30.

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Iowa Tourism Grants

Tourism-related organizations – including nonprofits, for-profits, cities, counties, and regional government and planning entities – can **apply for the Iowa Tourism Grant beginning Aug. 24**. The program is overseen by the **Iowa Economic Development Authority** and is targeted to tourism-related

marketing, meetings or events. The IEDA will hold a program [webinar](#) at 10 a.m. Aug. 23.

Application deadline: 4 p.m. Sept. 28.



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Community Attraction and Tourism Grants

Improve your community's vitality through the **Iowa Economic Development Authority's** Enhance Iowa program, which offers Community Attraction and Tourism grants to projects that provide recreational, cultural, entertainment and educational attractions, as well as sports tourism.

Application deadline: Jan. 15, 2023.

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Regional and Federal Resources



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USDA's Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge

This program helps rural communities create plans to enhance capacity for broadband access; preserve cultural and historic structures; and support the development of transportation, housing, and recreational spaces.

Application deadline: Aug. 15

Our Town Placemaking Grants Program

The funding period for the National Endowment for the Arts' Our Town placemaking grants program is currently open. Our Town projects advance **local economic, physical or social outcomes** in communities, laying the groundwork for systems change and centering equity. Projects require a partnership between a nonprofit organization and a local



government entity. **Grants range from \$25,000 to \$150,000**, with a minimum cost-share or match equal to the grant amount.

Application deadline: Aug. 16.

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Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grants

With a maximum award of \$1 million, this program is designed to strengthen the institutional base of the humanities by enabling infrastructure development and capacity building, and help institutions secure long-term support for their core activities and expand efforts to preserve and create access to outstanding humanities materials.



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Application deadline: Oct. 5

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Arts Midwest GIG Fund

Arts Midwest is accepting applications now for projects that will take place January – June 2023. **Awards have been increased to \$4,000 (from \$2,500)** to offset programming and touring expenses.

Application deadline: Oct. 5.

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Coming Up

Looking for opportunities to create, exhibit or have your artwork recognized? Check our [calendar](#) often for calls for artists. Want to hire an Iowa artist? [Submit your opportunity](#) and we'll spread the word.





Aug. 16: [Mural Design, Marshall County Arts & Culture Alliance](#)

Aug. 26: [Art on the Square \(Jefferson, IA\)](#)

Oct. 31: [Enchanted Illusion, The Sunny Porch](#)



Oct. 1-2: [Kristin M Roach's Migration Mapping Debut](#)



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

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

Sept. 18-21, 2023: [Midwest Arts Xpo](#)



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

Aug. 15: [City Parks & Open Spaces](#)

Aug. 15: [USDA's Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge](#)

Aug. 16: [NEA Our Town Placemaking Grant](#)

Aug. 19: [Rauschenberg Medical Emergency Grants](#)

Sept. 1: [Rural Enrichment Grant Program](#)

Sept. 1: [USArtists International, Mid Atlantic Arts](#)

Sept. 15: [Innovate Grant](#)

Sept. 28: [Iowa Tourism Grants](#)

Sept. 30: [Iowa Creative Placemaking Fund](#)

Oct. 5: [Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grants](#)

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

Jan. 15, 2023: [Community Attraction and Tourism Grants](#)

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