

Folk Arts Learning Grant program open

The Iowa Arts Council is encouraging **Iowa folk artists, nonprofits, schools and local governments** to apply for the Folk Arts Learning Grant.

The program **creates opportunities for folk and traditional arts** to thrive in Iowa by investing in learning projects that help **sustain artistic traditions and culture bearers** to pass on their skills and knowledge to Iowans.

Funding for the program comes from the **National Endowment for the Arts**, a federal agency. The NEA annually provides funding to Iowa, along with other arts councils in all 56 states and jurisdictional territories, to support folk and traditional arts across the United States.

Application deadline: Nov. 1

Image: Artisan Tim Blair demonstrates his glassblowing technique to an apprentice during the Creative Escape program, launched by the Villages Folk School in 2022 with support from the Iowa Arts Council.



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Governor's Arts Awards nominations open



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Do you know an Iowa artist, individual, nonprofit, arts service organization, volunteer, community or other entity that has made a **significant impact on the vitality of the arts in Iowa**?

If so, nominate them for the 2023 Governor's Arts Awards. Recipients are selected by a panel of Iowa arts and culture professionals. The Office of the Governor and the Iowa Arts Council present the awards.

Nomination deadline: Nov. 1.

Grant programs with Nov. 1 deadline now open



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Our next round of quarterly grants is now open to applicants who haven't been awarded funding in FY2023, which began July 1. The **maximum award is \$2,500**, to help jumpstart creative projects in the **classroom, studio or community**:

- [School Arts Experience Grant](#)
- [Artist Catalyst Grant](#)
- [Creative Places Project Grant](#)

Application deadline: Nov. 1

Americans for the Arts celebrates arts & humanities

October is National Arts & Humanities Month and the Americans for the Arts has **logos, social media samples and a press release template** that you can use to celebrate and promote arts & humanities in your community.



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State Resources



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. The program is overseen by the **Iowa Economic Development Authority** and is targeted to tourism-

Iowa Creative Placemaking Fund

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

related marketing, meetings or events. For the FY23 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: 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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components of Iowa's workforce attraction and retention strategy.

Application deadline: Sept. 30.

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Community Catalyst Building Remediation Program

This Iowa Economic Development Authority program assists communities with the redevelopment or rehabilitation of buildings to stimulate economic growth or reinvestment in the community. [Register](#) for upcoming in-person application workshops.

Pre-application deadline: Jan. 27, 2023.

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Regional and Federal Resources



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Arts Midwest GIG Fund

Arts Midwest is accepting applications now for funding to offset programming and touring expenses for projects that will take place from Jan. 1 through June 30, 2023.

Application deadline: Oct. 5.

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



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preserve and create access to outstanding humanities materials.

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.



Sept. 24: [West Liberty Arts Council Plein Air Painting Competition](#)

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

Oct. 1: [SculptureWalk Sioux Falls](#)

Oct. 15: [Baytown Sculpture Trail](#)

Oct. 15: [Public Art Opportunity, Rochester Contemporary Art Center](#)

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

Oct. 31: [Art on Campus, West Des Moines Public Arts Advisory Council](#)

Nov. 12: [2023 Summer/Fall Exhibitions, Ankeny Art Center](#)



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

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

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

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

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

Oct. 28: [Academy of American Poets' Capacity-Building Grant Program](#)

Nov. 1: [School Arts Experience Grant](#)

Nov. 1: [Artist Catalyst Grant](#)

Nov. 1: [Creative Places Project Grant](#)

Nov. 1: [Folk Arts Learning Grant](#)

Nov. 15: [The Hopper Prize](#)



Oct. 22: [MediaMasters Greenlight Grant Boot Camp Part One: Story Development](#)

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

Nov. 12: [MediaMasters Greenlight Grant Boot Camp Part Two: Business Development](#)

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

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

Jan. 27, 2023: [Community Catalyst Building Remediation Program](#)



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

Oct. 2: [Bread & Puppet Theater, Public Space One](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

