



New opportunity: Humanities Collaboration Grant

Filmmakers and nonprofits take note: The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs has rolled out the new [**Humanities Collaboration Grant**](#) program for projects that focus on the study and interpretation of what makes us human, such as archaeology and comparative religion, ethics, folklore, gender studies, history, languages, laws, literature and much more.

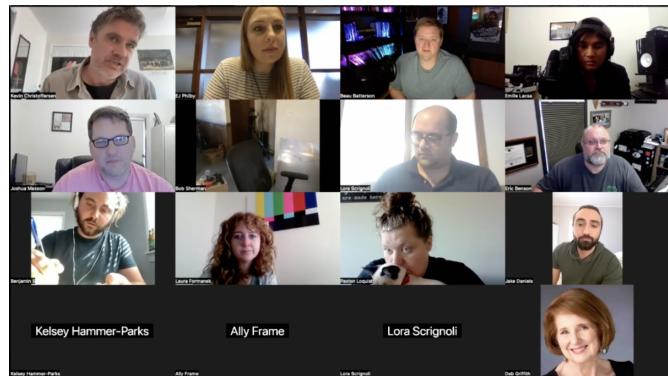
Grants up to **\$30,000 will be awarded to films, podcasts, workshops, festival discussions** and other eligible projects that take place now through June 30, 2023. The applicant must collaborate with another nonprofit organization, college/university or school, and at least one humanities scholar.

Applications are due Dec. 1.

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MediaMasters Part Two on Saturday

Did you know we're holding an interactive workshop that guides you through applying for our next **Greenlight Grant**? Our speaker, **Kevin Christoffersen**, is teaching filmmakers how to take creative ideas and get down to business. You'll learn how to develop the operations, legal and financing aspects of your project. This three-part series has already begun, but you can still [**jump in and join us**](#) as we work through the grant submission process for your project. The next virtual class is 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Nov. 12, with live feedback and Q&A afterward.



Bonus: It's free for members of our [Media Production Directory](#).

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Renovo workshops give filmmakers an edge

Filmmakers who want to polish their skills or learn new jobs should participate in Renovo Media Group's **new filmmaking workshops**. Topics run the gamut, from their renowned **Production Assistant Academy** to celebrating women filmmakers and training high schoolers.

Next up: A hands-on [Creative Development Workshop](#) Dec. 2-3.

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Spotlight: Graham Swon and 'An Evening Song'

Filmmaker Graham Swon discovered at least three things when he and his wife moved from **New York to Fairfield**, Iowa, in 2019: a beautiful landscape that inspired his screenplay, historic homes that were both authentic and affordable locations, and a state-funded **Greenlight Grant** that helped him leverage the film's financing and accelerate the production. Check out this [behind-the-scenes video](#).



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New film festival in the state



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A new film festival is growing in **Washington, Iowa**, home of the world's longest operating cinema! The [Farm to Film Fest](#) aims to inspire thought-provoking conversations and a love of local filmmaking. Filmmakers can submit films to the festival now on [FilmFreeway](#). The festival will take place in May.

Submission deadline: Dec. 18

A Note of Caution

From time to time, **scammers try to take advantage of film-industry professionals**. Disregard any vague pitches that offer unusually high payment, don't mention specific filming locations, and/or ask you to send updated materials. A legitimate production will never ask you to spend your own money to purchase props or equipment. If you suspect you've shared personal information with a scammer, we encourage you to contact **Iowa's Attorney General** or the **Federal Trade Commission's fraud information portal** to help compile information that could shut down the scam and protect others.



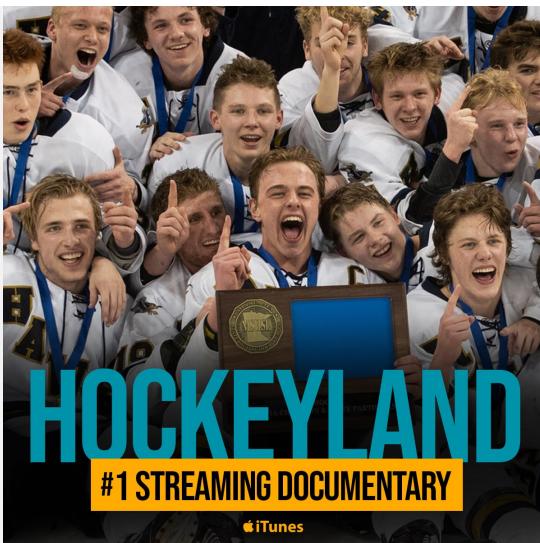
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Success Stories

If you have a success story, [share it](#) with us so we can help you celebrate. Here are four that recently came across our desk:

'Hockeyland' nominated for awards

Way to go, "Hockeyland" team, for being nominated for the Critics' Choice Documentary Awards! Nominated under the category of "**Best Sports Documentary**," the film features the work of Iowa filmmakers **Tommy Haines** and **Andrew**



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'Kinnick' premieres in Japan

Iowa has another worldwide claim to fame: Filmmaker and Greenlight Grant recipient [Scott Siepker](#) recently attended the international premiere of his film, "[Kinnick: The Documentary](#)," in Yokosuka, Japan. More than 600 people came to learn Hawkeye legend Nile Kinnick. The biopic is [available on demand](#) on Vimeo.



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Sherburne, who you may remember as part of the team behind the award-winning documentary "[Saving Brinton](#)." "Hockeyland" also topped the documentary charts as the most streamed on-demand film in America. Watch it on Apple TV, iTunes, Vimeo, Amazon Prime Video and most on-demand platforms.

Muscatine Music and Independent Film Festival

Congratulations to the [Muscatine Music and Independent Film Festival](#), which returned bigger and better this weekend after a pandemic hiatus. This year, festival director [Chad Bishop](#) added live music and music videos in response to an economic-impact survey we conducted in 2019. The addition of music helped the festival secure more funding and entice more locals to attend. Keep an eye out for news about the festival's return in 2023.

New life for 'G.I. Joe'

Are you a fan of the 1980s "G.I. Joe" cartoon series? "Crimson Archer" is a fan film created by Iowa filmmakers (pictured from left) **Chris Hansen, Pierre Doanetto, Eric Bench and John Doanetto**. Their feature film opened at The Palms in Waukee and has been making the rounds in Iowa cinemas, most recently last Sunday in Perry. Due to copyright restrictions, the filmmaking team welcomed donations instead of ticket sales and raised funds for local nonprofits in each of the screening communities.

You'll have another chance to see the show at **7 p.m. Dec. 10** at the **Copper Creek Theatres in Pleasant Hill**. Proceeds from the event will support the **Iowa Asian Alliance**.

