

Iowa Arts Council  
FY 2026 Grant Recipients

Art Project Grants — Organizations

Grantee	City	County	Project Title	Grant Award
Groundswell Joy Collective	Dubuque	Dubuque	Brigid's Flame: A Tale of Spring	11,500.00
Southeast Iowa Symphony Orchestra	Mount Pleasant	Henry	SEISO Season 75 March Concert Series	\$20,000.00
Iowa High School Speech Association	West Des Moines	Dallas	IHSSA Videocasting New Category	\$10,000.00
Drake Neighborhood Association	Des Moines	Polk	Magic of the Night - Night Market and Parade	\$10,000.00
Wartburg Community Symphony Association (Wartburg College)	Waverly	Bremer	This Tender Land: An Iowa Tribute	\$11,800.00
Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre Co.	West Liberty	Muscatine	Local History Collaborative Puppet Show	\$8,000.00
Central Iowa Wind Ensemble	Ankeny	Polk	Youth Band Festival with Composer in Residence	\$4,330.00
Maquoketa Betterment Corp/Hometown Pride	Maquoketa	Jackson	Maquoketa Summer Concert Series	\$5,000.00
The University of Iowa	Iowa City	Johnson	Caring Cadences	\$9,850.00
Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa	Urbandale	Polk	Girl Scouts: Leadership Through Film.	\$11,010.00
American Midwest Ballet	Council Bluffs	Pottawattamie	Season 16	\$15,000.00

			Education and Community Engagement	
Zenith Chamber Music Festival	Des Moines	Polk	Classical and Jazz Collective: Forces Unite	\$12,000.00
Japan America Society of Iowa	Des Moines	Polk	The Way of Tea	\$8,000.00
Bell Tower Theater	Dubuque	Dubuque	Free Summer Musical Program	\$19,900.00
University of Northern Iowa	Cedar Falls	Black Hawk	Spectrum Project: Arts for All Showcase	\$14,559.00
Bluff Strokes Art Center	Dubuque	Dubuque	Reflections on the Constitution	\$6,047.00
Iowa Dance Collective	Fairfield	Jefferson	Bringing the Legacy of Isadora Duncan to Iowa	\$20,000.00
CSPS Hall	Cedar Rapids	Linn	World Music Series: Celebrating Cultures at CSPS	\$14,964.00
Ames City Auditorium	Ames	Story	Fifth and Clark Friday's Rural Artist Spotlight	\$3,500.00
Heartland Family Service (HFS)	Council Bluffs	Pottawattamie	HFS Arts	\$10,000.00
Orange City Arts Council	Orange City	Sioux	Stepping into Heritage:Community Wood Shoe Project	\$5,151.00
Civic Music Association	Des Moines	Polk	The Power of Inclusive Music	\$11,000.00
Coralville Asian Festival	Coralville	Johnson	Coralville Asian Festival	\$2,500.00

Amana Arts Guild	Amana	Amana Colonies	Brushes in Bloom: Fresh Paint Plein Air	\$7,200.00
Fairfield Arts & Convention Center	Fairfield	Jefferson	Cirque Kalabante: Afrique en Cirque!	\$15,000.00
Surf Ballroom & Museum	Clear Lake	Cerro Gordo	Not Fade Away: Grand Opening Partnership Programs	\$15,000.00
Legacy Learning Boone River Valley	Webster City	Hamilton	Third Space, "Sitting on Seneca"; Finding Friends	\$13,014.00
Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature	Iowa City	Johnson	Iowa City Book Festival	\$10,000.00
Earlham Chicks with Checks	Earlham	Madison	Levitt AMP Earlham Music Series	\$8,820.00
Afriwell hub	Dubuque	Dubuque	African Vibes Tour	\$15,840.00
University Museums, Iowa State University	Ames	Story	Beth Lipman: Middle of the Story exhibition	\$16,625.00
Cedar Rapids Opera	Cedar Rapids	Linn	Smith Young Artist Program Outreach and Lessons	\$10,000.00
Waverly Shell Rock Elementary Schools	Waverly	Bremer	Go Hawk Pride Sculptures	\$9,850.00
Narratives	Rock Island	Rock Island	Rewriting Narratives with Spoken Word Poetry	\$10,000.00
Matthew 25	Cedar Rapids	Linn	Matthew 25 Storytelling Project	\$7,131.00
City Voices	Des Moines	Polk	Summer Music Academy 2025 Part 2	\$4,033.00
Le Mars Community School District	Le Mars	Plymouth	Bulldog Battle of the Bands	\$9,870.00

Cedar Rapids Museum of Art	Cedar Rapids	Linn	Fall 2025 Exhibitions and Educational Programming	\$14,759.00
Cedar Valley Chamber Music Festival	Waterloo	Black Hawk	2025 Festival: Music from the Hearts of Spain	\$5,920.00
Council Bluffs Guild of the Omaha Symphony	Council Bluffs	Pottawattamie	2025/26 Omaha Symphony Education Programs for Iowa	\$7,759.00
Dubuque Symphony Orchestra	Dubuque	Dubuque	Innovating in Iowa: Gilbertson Cello Concerto Project	\$14,759.00
Corning Opera House Cultural Center	Corning	Adams	Iowa Nebraska Heartland Film Festival	\$2,775.00
Turkey River Cultural Center	Ridgeway	Winneshiek	Traditional Music Workshops and Events	\$4,568.00
The Capitol Theater	Burlington	Des Moines	Inaugural Burlington Jazz Festival	\$7,000.00
Iowa City Poetry	Iowa City	Johnson	Sarah Kay & Phil Kaye at Mic Check Poetry Fest '25	\$4,000.00
St. Ansgar Community School	St. Ansgar	Mitchell	Connecting Generations through Stories and Art	\$4,000.00
Glenwood Beautification and Betterment Committee	Malvern	Mills	Mills County Mural Trail - Silver City	\$3,250.00
Summer of the Arts	Iowa City	Johnson	Black Belt Eagle Scout at Iowa Arts Festival	\$7,351.00
The Rose Theater	Omaha	Douglas	Creative Resilience Pilot Program	\$10,000.00
Dream City	Iowa City	Johnson	Live Music in The South District	\$11,229.00
Flux Dance Company	Sioux City	Woodbury	Dance on Film: A Dance Intensive	\$11,800.00
Dubuque Museum of Art	Dubuque	Dubuque	In Conversation: Will Wilson	\$20,000.00

STEAM on Wheels	Rock Island	Rock Island	Build a Robot from Scratch: Family Museum Robotics	\$4,175.00
Cedar Summerstock Theatre	St.Ansgar	Mitchell	An American Youth Musical Project	\$10,000.00
City of Mason City	Mason City	Cerro Gordo	MacNider Arts Festival - Music Enhancement	\$3,800.00
Brink	Iowa City	Johnson	Malleable and True: A Hybrid Craft Anthology	\$8,000.00
Fresh Films	Rock Island	Rock Island	Fresh Films Career Path Program Engages Underserve	\$4,000.00
Wild Prairie Winds	Council Bluffs	Pottawattamie	Iowa Great Lakes Summer Chamber Music Festival	\$4,000.00
Quad City Arts	Rock Island	Rock Island	MLK Park Mural Project	\$14,844.00
Red Cedar Chamber Music	Marion	Linn	GLOBAL CONSORTIUM	\$15,000.00
Cedar Falls Community Theatre	Cedar Falls	Black Hawk	Sparking Creativity Through CFCT's Studio Series	\$4,384.00
Quad Cities Chamber	Davenport	Scott	Alternating Currents Film Festival Guest Speakers	\$6,490.00
Revival Theatre Company	Cedar Rapids	Linn	Come From Away	\$4,066.00
Earlham Historical Society	Earlham	Madison	Feed Sacks Quilt Festival of Madison County	\$4,088.00
City of Mount Ayr	Mount Ayr	Ringgold	Mount Ayr Sesquicentennial Cultural Events	\$15,640.00
McGregor Historical Society	McGregor	Clayton	Scottish Fest	\$2,555.00
Paint it Back	Clinton	Clinton	Paint it Back Street Art Festival 2025	\$15,000.00
Seed Savers Exchange	Decorah	Winneshiek	50th Anniversary Conference and Celebration	\$20,000.00
Bertha Bartlett Public Library Foundation	Story City	Story	Story City Song Centennial Celebration	\$2,960.00

CultureAll Inc	Urbandale	Polk	Heritage arts series: CultureALL BALL	\$15,000.00
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## Partnership Grants

Grantee	City	County	Amount
Whiterock Conservancy	Coon Rapids	Guthrie	\$20,000.00
Living History Farms	Urbandale	Polk	\$20,000.00
Iowa Cultural Coalition	Des Moines	Polk	\$10,000.00

## Iowa Artist Career Accelerator

Grantee	City	County	Amount
Sarah Ndagire	Dubuque	Dubuque	\$2,980.00
Andrew Southern	Ankeny	Polk	\$3,000.00
Andonia Giannakouros	Dubuque	Dubuque	\$3,000.00
Marvin Johnson	Newhall	Benton	\$3,000.00
Anthony Worden	Coralville	Johnson	\$3,000.00
Laura McGarvey	Iowa City	Johnson	\$3,000.00

Makayla Carlson	Ogden	Boone	\$2,973.00
Torina Gedler	Des Moines	Polk	\$3,000.00
Mamadou Yattassaye	Iowa City	Johnson	\$2,500.00
Stephanie Miracle	Iowa City	Johnson	\$2,500.00
Augustina Gonzalez	Burlington	Des Moines	\$3,000.00
Mirzam Perez	Grinnell	Poweshiek	\$2,500.00
Barbara Thompson	Cedar Rapids	Linn	\$3,000.00
Anna Stoysich	Malvern	Mills	\$3,000.00
Felicia Cass	Waterloo	Black Hawk	\$3,000.00
Katherine Robbins	Iowa City	Johnson	\$2,997.00
Keith Lesmeister	Decorah	Winnebago	\$3,000.00
Aaron Longoria	Iowa City	Johnson	\$2,845.00
Kelli Forman	Des Moines	Polk	\$3,000.00

## Iowa Culture Leadership Cohort Grant

Grantee	City	County	Amount
Playtime Poppy Children's Theatre	Cedar Rapids	Linn	\$4,500.00
Uplifting Puppet Company	Oskaloosa	Mahaska	\$4,500.00
Corning Opera House Cultural Center	Corning	Adams	\$4,500.00
Lake Park Historical Society	Lake Park	Dickinson	\$4,500.00
Pella Historical Museums & Tulip Time	Pella	Marion	\$4,500.00
Cedar Rapids Independent Filmmakers	Springville	Linn	\$4,500.00
Clear Lake Arts Center	Clear Lake	Cerro Gordo	\$4,500.00
Iowa Motion Picture Association	Forest City	Winnebago	\$4,500.00
American Gothic Performing Arts	Ottumwa	Wapello	\$4,500.00

## Creative Places Accelerator

Grantee	City	County	Amount
Jefferson Matters Main Street - Tower View Team	Jefferson	Greene	\$23,000.00



The Le Mars Arts Center	Le Mars	Plymouth	\$23,000.00
City of McGregor	McGregor	Clayton	\$23,000.00
Art Center of Burlington	Burlington	Des Moines	\$23,000.00
Webster City Area Chamber of Commerce	Webster City	Hamilton	\$23,000.00
Indianola Chamber of Commerce	Indianola	Warren	\$23,000.00

### Cultural Capacity Building Grants

Grantee	City	County	Amount
Porch Light Literary Arts	Iowa City	Johnson	\$5,000.00
Iowa Alliance for Arts Education	Hampton	Franklin	\$5,000.00
Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation	Des Moines	Polk	\$5,000.00
Dubuque Chorale	Dubuque	Dubuque	\$5,000.00
Creston Arts Inc	Creston	Union	\$5,000.00
Tallgrass Theatre Company	West Des Moines	Polk	\$5,000.00
Mount Vernon Lisbon Community Theatre	Mount Vernon	Linn	\$5,000.00
Oneota Valley Community Orchestra	Decorah	Winneshiek	\$5,000.00

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Iowa Radio Reading Information Service for the Blind and Print Handicapped, Inc.	Des Moines	Polk	\$5,000.00
Heritage Works	Dubuque	Dubuque	\$5,000.00
Wieting Theatre	Toledo	Tama	\$5,000.00
Voices Productions	Dubuque	Dubuque	\$5,000.00
Iowa Architectural Foundation	Des Moines	Polk	\$5,000.00
Charles City Arts Center	Charles City	Floyd	\$5,000.00
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center	Sioux City	Woodbury	\$5,000.00
Floyd County Historical Society and Museum	Charles City	Floyd	\$5,000.00
Bix Beiderbecke Museum & World Archives	Davenport	Scott	\$5,000.00
ASAP, the After School Arts Program	Deseloy Moines	Polk	\$5,000.00
Emmetsburg Main Street Community Theatre	Emmetsburg	Palo Alto	\$5,000.00
Iowa Stage Theatre Company	Des Moines	Polk	\$5,000.00
Davenport Junior Theatre	Davenport	Scott	\$5,000.00

The Le Mars Arts Center	Le Mars	Plymouth	\$5,000.00
F.A.C.E. of Mahaska County	Oskaloosa	Mahaska	\$5,000.00
Iowa City Foreign Relations Council	Iowa City	Johnson	\$5,000.00

### Cultural Leadership Partners Grant Program

Grantee	City	County	Amount
Sioux City Symphony Orchestra	Sioux City	Woodbury	\$20,000.00
Hoyt Sherman Place	Des Moines	Polk	\$20,000.00
Orchestra Iowa	Cedar Rapids	Linn	\$20,000.00
Marshall County Arts & Culture Alliance	Marshalltown	Marshall	\$10,000.00
FilmScene	Iowa City	Johnson	\$20,000.00
Quad City Symphony Orchestra	Davenport	Scott	\$20,000.00
Des Moines Performing Arts	Des Moines	Polk	\$20,000.00
NewBo City Market	Cedar Rapids	Linn	\$15,000.00
Des Moines Playhouse	Des Moines	Polk	\$20,000.00
Ballet Des Moines	West Des Moines	Polk	\$20,000.00
Des Moines Metro Opera, Inc.	Indianola	Warren	\$20,000.00
Blank Park Zoo	Des Moines	Polk	\$20,000.00

Amana Heritage Society	Amana	Iowa	\$10,000.00
Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden	Des Moines	Polk	\$20,000.00
Putnam Museum and Science Center	Davenport	Scott	\$20,000.00
Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area	Waterloo	Black Hawk	\$15,000.00
Sioux City Public Museum	Sioux City	Woodbury	\$20,000.00
Mainframe Studios	Des Moines	Polk	\$20,000.00
African American Museum of Iowa	Cedar Rapids	Linn	\$15,000.00
Living History Farms	Urbandale	Polk	\$20,000.00
Science Center of Iowa	Des Moines	Polk	\$20,000.00
The History Center	Cedar Rapids	Linn	\$15,000.00
Dubuque County Historical Society	Dubuque	Dubuque	\$20,000.00
Iowa Children's Museum	Coralville	Johnson	\$20,000.00
German American Heritage Center	Davenport	Scott	\$10,000.00
James & Meryl Hearst Center for the Arts	Cedar Falls	Black Hawk	\$15,000.00
Pearson Lakes Art Center	Okoboji	Dickinson	\$15,000.00
Waterloo Center for the Arts	Waterloo	Black Hawk	\$20,000.00
Muscatine Art Center	Muscatine	Muscatine	\$15,000.00
Grand Opera House	Dubuque	Dubuque	\$15,000.00
National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library	Cedar Rapids	Linn	\$20,000.00
Art Center Association of Sioux City	Sioux City	Iowa	\$20,000.00
Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum	Decorah	Winnebago	\$20,000.00
Public Space One	Iowa City	Johnson	\$10,000.00
Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony Orchestra	Cedar Falls	Black Hawk	\$15,000.00

Theatre Cedar Rapids	Cedar Rapids	Linn	\$20,000.00
Figge Art Museum	Davenport	Scott	\$20,000.00
Riverside Theatre	Iowa City	Johnson	\$15,000.00
Englert Theatre	Iowa City	Johnson	\$20,000.00
Youth Art Team	Waterloo	Black Hawk	\$10,000.00
Des Moines Art Center	Des Moines	Polk	\$20,000.00
Museum of Danish America	Elk Horn	Shelby	\$20,000.00
Common Chord	Davenport	Scott	\$20,000.00
Pottawattamie Arts, Culture & Entertainment (PACE)	Council Bluffs	Pottawattamie	\$20,000.00
George Daily Auditorium	Oskaloosa	Mahaska	\$10,000.00
Brucemore, Inc	Cedar Rapids	Linn	\$20,000.00

### Art Project Grants — Artists

Grantee	City	County	Project	Amount
Katie Roche	Iowa City	Johnson	Still Awful After All These Years	\$4,675.00
Lori King	Drakesville	Davis	Rural Music Access Through Education & Performance	\$10,000.00
Alyssa Ottmar	Coralville	Johnson	Band of Strings	\$8,500.00
Katharine Ruestow	Iowa City	Johnson	The Night Lights	\$10,000.00
Klinton McGinnis	Urbandale	Polk	Lookers	\$9,840.00
Scott Eickman	Manning	Carroll	Forever Young	\$4,850.00
Cianon Jones	Iowa City	Johnson	Barberman: The Alexander Clark Story	\$10,000.00

Thomasin Ringler	Dubuque	Dubuque	Dubuque Rendezvous! a cooler world gathering	\$10,000.00
Nickolai Zielinski	Decorah	Winneshiek	Electronic Music in Iowa Public Schools	\$7,500.00
Vivian Cook	Ames	Story	Eco-Theatre New Play Festival	\$5,140.00
David Thomas	Carter Lake	Pottawattamie	Grief Work: Diasporic Storytelling and Placemaking	\$4,300.00
Akwi Nji	Cedar Rapids	Linn	In Living Color	\$10,000.00
Catherine Reinhart	Ames	Story	lightlightlightlightlightlight	\$3,568.00
Sarah Pratt	Cumming	Warren	The Sculpt Butter Project	\$9,600.00
Kelly Crull	Des Moines	Polk	The Black Mambas	\$10,000.00
Judy Bales	Fairfield	Jefferson	Publication of Monograph and Wikipedia page	\$7,650.00
Anna Gebhardt	Des Moines	Polk	On the Sound - 6 Songs by Annalibera	\$8,500.00
Auden Lincoln-Vogel	Iowa City	Johnson	Sophie and Ashley Make \$850	\$7,925.00
Kong Ho	Mason City	Cerro Gordo	Luminosity: Paintings by Kong Ho	\$1,100.00
Joseph Plum	Lovilia	Monroe	Iowa Bardic Poetry Paintings	\$5,000.00
Steven Gross	Iowa City	Johnson	The Boy with the Sun in His Eyes Workshop	\$9,000.00
Siriaco Garcia	Huxley	Story	Middle of NOWhere Rural Arts & Music Festival 2025	\$8,150.00
Kristin Marrs	Iowa City	Johnson	Chalk	\$10,000.00

Thomas Chouteau	Davenport	Scott	Kaleidoscope Odyssey	\$10,000.00
Michael Hicks	Cedar Rapids	Linn	Brain Food	\$5,000.00
James Tutson	Iowa City	Johnson	You Ain't Alone	\$10,000.00
Joshua Cox	Marshalltown	Marshall	Live from the Iowa Alps	\$3,600.00
Ian Carstens	Des Moines	Polk	Mississippi Dragon - Dubuque and Dragon Boat Racing	\$10,000.00
Katherine Wild	Fairfield	Jefferson	From My Father's Table	\$4,843.00
Jonathan Sharp	Ankeny	Polk	Mallets in Motion: A Marimba Initiative	\$8,835.00
Jodi Goble	Hubbard	Hardin	Frauenliebe und --leben: The Clara Chronicles	\$6,750.00
Pieta Brown	Iowa City	Johnson	BORDERLINES (Short Film + Original Soundtrack)	\$5,000.00
Jose Marentes-Gonzalez	Des Moines	Polk	Bienvenidos A Des Moines/Welcome to Des Moines	\$9,025.00
Naomi Spence	Cedar Rapids	Linn	Epiphanies Don't Last Long	\$8,000.00
William Yager	Waterloo	Black Hawk	IN A DARK ROOM - New Works for Double Bass	\$2,150.00
Antonio Chalmers	Cedar Rapids	Linn	Kings of Iowa	\$5,000.00

## Iowa Artist Fellowship Program

Grantee	City	County	Amount
Susan Metrican	Fairfield	Jefferson	\$10,500.00
Jason Snell	Cedar Rapids	Linn	\$10,500.00
Eloy Barragán	Iowa City	Johnson	\$10,500.00
Nicholas Cladis	Iowa City	Johnson	\$10,500.00
Kelly Devitt	Creston	Union	\$10,500.00

## Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Grant

Grantee	City	County	Amount
Samantha Treankler	Fairfield	Jefferson	\$1,000.00
Suzanne Cantrell	Pleasant Hill	Polk	\$1,500.00
Tamara Pavich	Council Bluffs	Pottawattamie	\$3,500.00
Edwin Ritter	Creston	Union	\$4,000.00
Blake Fry-Schnormeier	Creston	Union	\$1,000.00
Timothy Blair	Keosauqua	Van Buren	\$4,000.00

## Greenlight Grant Program

Grantee	City	County	Amount
Kevin Kelley	Iowa City	Johnson	\$49,750.00
Jude Rawlins	West Des Moines	Polk	\$37,975.00
Michael White	Sioux City	Woodbury	\$18,350.00

## Iowa Screenwriters Grant Program

Grantee	City	County	Amount
Paul Bland	Waterloo	Black Hawk	\$700.00
Bej'a Christmas	Cedar Rapids	Linn	\$1,250.00

## Certified Film Festival

Grantee	City	County	Amount
Cedar River Film Festival	Cedar Falls	Black Hawk	\$1,500.00
Iowa Independent Film Festival	Mason City	Cerro Gordo	\$1,500.00
Snake Alley Festival of Film	Burlington	Des Moines	\$1,500.00
Julien Dubuque International Film Festival	Dubuque	Dubuque	\$5,000.00



Refocus Film Festival	Iowa City	Johnson	\$5,000.00
Farm to Film Fest Inc	Washington	Washington	\$2,500.00
Iowa Disability Film Festival	Iowa City	Johnson	\$1,500.00
Cedar Rapids Independent Film Festival	Springville	Linn	\$1,500.00
Interrobang Film Festival	Des Moines	Polk	\$1,500.00
Halloweenapalooza	Ottumwa	Wapello	\$2,500.00
Oneota Film Festival	Decorah	Winneshiek	\$2,500.00
Sioux City International Film Festival	Sioux City	Woodbury	\$2,500.00