

Iowa Arts Council
FY 2026 Grant Recipients – Spring Cycle

Art Project Grants — Organizations

Grantee	City	County	Project Title	Grant Award
Corning Opera House Cultural Center	Corning	Adams	Iowa Nebraska Heartland Film Festival	\$2,775.00
Cedar Valley Chamber Music Festival	Waterloo	Black Hawk	2025 Festival: Music from the Hearts of Spain	\$5,920.00
Cedar Falls Community Theatre	Cedar Falls	Black Hawk	Sparking Creativity Through CFCT's Studio Series	\$4,384.00
Waverly Shell Rock Elementary Schools	Waverly	Bremer	Go Hawk Pride Sculptures	\$9,850.00
Charles H. MacNider Museum / City of Mason City	Mason City	Cerro Gordo	MacNider Arts Festival - Music Enhancement	\$3,800.00
McGregor Historical Society	McGregor	Clayton	Scottish Fest	\$7,510.00
Paint it Back	Clinton	Clinton	Paint it Back Street Art Festival 2025	\$15,000.00
The Capitol Theater	Burlington	Des Moines	Inaugural Burlington Jazz Festival	\$7,000.00
The Rose Theater	Omaha	Douglas	Creative Resilience Pilot Program	\$10,000.00
Afriwell hub	Dubuque	Dubuque	African Vibes Tour	\$15,840.00
Dubuque Symphony Orchestra	Dubuque	Dubuque	Innovating in Iowa: Gilbertson Cello Concerto Project	\$14,759.00
Dubuque Museum of Art	Dubuque	Dubuque	In Conversation: Will Wilson	\$20,000.00
Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature	Iowa City	Johnson	Iowa City Book Festival	\$10,000.00
Iowa City Poetry	Iowa City	Johnson	Sarah Kay & Phil Kaye at Mic Check Poetry Fest '25	\$4,000.00
Summer of the Arts	Iowa City	Johnson	Black Belt Eagle Scout at Iowa Arts Festival	\$7,351.00
Dream City	Iowa City	Johnson	Live Music in The South District	\$11,229.00
Brink	Iowa City	Johnson	Malleable and True: A Hybrid Craft Anthology	\$8,000.00

Cedar Rapids Opera	Cedar Rapids	Linn	Smith Young Artist Program Outreach and Lessons	\$10,000.00
Matthew 25	Cedar Rapids	Linn	Matthew 25 Storytelling Project	\$7,131.00
Cedar Rapids Museum of Art	Cedar Rapids	Linn	Fall 2025 Exhibitions and Educational Programming	\$14,759.00
Red Cedar Chamber Music	Marion	Linn	Red Cedar Chamber Music presents GLOBAL CONSORTIUM	\$15,000.00
Revival Theatre Company	Cedar Rapids	Linn	Revival Theatre Company (RTC): Come From Away	\$4,066.00
Earlham Chicks with Checks	Earlham	Madison	Levitt AMP Earlham Music Series	\$8,820.00
Earlham Historical Society	Earlham	Madison	Feed Sacks Quilt Festival of Madison County	\$4,088.00
Glenwood Beautification and Betterment Committee	Malvern	Mills	Mills County Mural Trail - Silver City	\$3,250.00
St. Ansgar Community School	St. Ansgar	Mitchell	Connecting Generations through Stories and Art	\$4,000.00
Cedar Summerstock Theatre	St. Ansgar	Mitchell	An American Youth Musical Project	\$10,000.00
Le Mars Community School District	Le Mars	Plymouth	Bulldog Battle of the Bands	\$9,870.00
City Voices	Des Moines	Polk	Summer Music Academy 2025 Part 2	\$4,033.00
CultureALL Inc	Urbandale	Polk	Heritage Arts Series: CultureALL BALL	\$15,000.00
Council Bluffs Guild of the Omaha Symphony	Council Bluffs	Pottawattamie	2025/26 Omaha Symphony Education Programs for Iowa	\$7,759.00
Wild Prairie Winds	Council Bluffs	Pottawattamie	Iowa Great Lakes Summer Chamber Music Festival	\$4,000.00
City of Mount Ayr	Mount Ayr	Ringgold	Mount Ayr Sesquicentennial Cultural Events	\$15,640.00
Narratives	Rock Island	Rock Island	Rewriting Narratives with Spoken Word Poetry	\$10,000.00
STEAM on Wheels	Rock Island	Rock Island	Build a Robot from Scratch: Family Museum Robotics	\$4,175.00

Fresh Films	Rock Island	Rock Island	Fresh Films Career Path Program Engages Underserve	\$4,000.00
Quad City Arts	Rock Island	Rock Island	MLK Park Mural Project	\$14,844.00
Quad Cities Chamber	Davenport	Scott	Alternating Currents Film Festival Guest Speakers	\$6,490.00
University Museums, Iowa State University	Ames	Story	Beth Lipman: Middle of the Story exhibition	\$16,625.00
Bertha Bartlett Public Library Foundation	Story City	Story	Story City Song Centennial Celebration	\$2,960.00
Turkey River Cultural Center	Ridgeway	Winneshiek	Traditional Music Workshops and Events	\$4,568.00
Seed Savers Exchange	Decorah	Winneshiek	50th Anniversary Conference and Celebration	\$20,000.00
Flux Dance Company	Sioux City	Woodbury	Dance on Film: A Dance Intensive	\$11,800.00

Cultural Capacity Building Grants

Grantee	City	County	Grant Award
Tallgrass Theatre Company	West Des Moines	Dallas	\$5,000.00
Dubuque Chorale	Dubuque	Dubuque	\$5,000.00
Voices Productions	Dubuque	Dubuque	\$5,000.00
Charles City Arts Center	Charles City	Floyd	\$5,000.00
Floyd County Historical Society	Charles City	Floyd	\$5,000.00
Iowa Alliance for Arts Education	Hampton	Franklin	\$5,000.00
Porch Light Literary Arts Center	Iowa City	Johnson	\$5,000.00
Iowa City Foreign Relations Council	Iowa City	Johnson	\$5,000.00
Mount Vernon Lisbon Community Theatre	Mount Vernon	Linn	\$5,000.00
F.A.C.E. of Mahaska County	Oskaloosa	Mahaska	\$5,000.00
Emmetsburg Main Street Community Theatre	Emmetsburg	Palo Alto	\$5,000.00
The Le Mars Arts Center	Le Mars	Plymouth	\$5,000.00

Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation	Des Moines	Polk	\$5,000.00
Iowa Radio Reading Information Service for the Blind and Print	Des Moines	Polk	\$5,000.00
Iowa Architectural Foundation	Des Moines	Polk	\$5,000.00
ASAP, the After School Arts Program	Des Moines	Polk	\$5,000.00
Iowa Stage Theatre Company	Des Moines	Polk	\$5,000.00
Bix Beiderbecke Museum & World Archives	Davenport	Scott	\$5,000.00
Davenport Junior Theatre	Davenport	Scott	\$5,000.00
Wieting Theatre	Toledo	Tama	\$5,000.00
Creston: Arts	Creston	Union	\$5,000.00
Oneota Valley Community Orchestra	Decorah	Winnebago	\$5,000.00
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center	Sioux City	Woodbury	\$5,000.00

Cultural Leadership Partners Grant Program

Grantee	City	County	Grant Award
Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area	Waterloo	Black Hawk	\$15,000.00
James & Meryl Hearst Center for the Arts	Cedar Falls	Black Hawk	\$15,000.00
Waterloo Center for the Arts	Waterloo	Black Hawk	\$20,000.00
Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony Orchestra	Cedar Falls	Black Hawk	\$15,000.00
Youth Art Team	Waterloo	Black Hawk	\$10,000.00
Ballet Des Moines	West Des Moines	Dallas	\$20,000.00
Pearson Lakes Art Center	Okoboji	Dickinson	\$15,000.00
Dubuque County Historical Society	Dubuque	Dubuque	\$20,000.00
Grand Opera House	Dubuque	Dubuque	\$15,000.00
Figge Art Museum	Davenport	Dubuque	\$20,000.00
Amana Heritage Society	Amana	Iowa	\$10,000.00

FilmScene	Iowa City	Johnson	\$20,000.00
Iowa Children's Museum	Coralville	Johnson	\$20,000.00
Public Space One	Iowa City	Johnson	\$10,000.00
Riverside Theatre	Iowa City	Johnson	\$15,000.00
Englert Theatre	Iowa City	Johnson	\$20,000.00
Orchestra Iowa	Cedar Rapids	Linn	\$20,000.00
NewBo City Market	Cedar Rapids	Linn	\$15,000.00
African American Museum of Iowa	Cedar Rapids	Linn	\$15,000.00
The History Center	Cedar Rapids	Linn	\$15,000.00
National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library	Cedar Rapids	Linn	\$20,000.00
Theatre Cedar Rapids	Cedar Rapids	Linn	\$20,000.00
Brucemore, Inc.	Cedar Rapids	Linn	\$20,000.00
George Daily Auditorium	Oskaloosa	Mahaska	\$10,000.00
Marshall County Arts & Culture Alliance	Marshalltown	Marshall	\$10,000.00
Muscatine Art Center	Muscatine	Muscatine	\$15,000.00
Hoyt Sherman Place	Des Moines	Polk	\$20,000.00
Des Moines Performing Arts	Des Moines	Polk	\$20,000.00
Des Moines Playhouse	Des Moines	Polk	\$20,000.00
Blank Park Zoo	Des Moines	Polk	\$20,000.00
Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden	Des Moines	Polk	\$20,000.00
Mainframe Studios	Des Moines	Polk	\$20,000.00
Living History Farms	Urbandale	Polk	\$20,000.00
Science Center of Iowa	Des Moines	Polk	\$20,000.00
Des Moines Art Center	Des Moines	Polk	\$20,000.00
Pottawattamie Arts, Culture & Entertainment (PACE)	Council Bluffs	Pottawattamie	\$20,000.00

Quad City Symphony Orchestra	Davenport	Scott	\$20,000.00
German American Heritage Center	Davenport	Scott	\$10,000.00
Common Chord	Davenport	Scott	\$20,000.00
Museum of Danish America	Elk Horn	Shelby	\$20,000.00
Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum	Decorah	Winneshiek	\$20,000.00
Sioux City Symphony Orchestra	Sioux City	Woodbury	\$20,000.00
Sioux City Public Museum	Sioux City	Woodbury	\$20,000.00
Art Center Association of Sioux City	Sioux City	Woodbury	\$20,000.00

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Grantee	City	County	Grant Award
William Yager	Waterloo	Black Hawk	\$2,150.00
Kong Ho	Mason City	Cerro Gordo	\$1,100.00
Jodi Goble	Hubbard	Hardin	\$6,750.00
Judy Bales	Fairfield	Jefferson	\$7,650.00
Katherine Wild	Fairfield	Jefferson	\$4,843.00
Auden Lincoln-Vogel	Iowa City	Johnson	\$7,925.00
Steven Gross	Iowa City	Johnson	\$9,000.00
Kristin Marrs	Iowa City	Johnson	\$10,000.00
James Tutson	Iowa City	Johnson	\$10,000.00
Pieta Brown	Iowa City	Johnson	\$5,000.00
Michael Hicks	Cedar Rapids	Linn	\$5,000.00
Naomi Spence	Cedar Rapids	Linn	\$8,000.00
Antonio Chalmers	Cedar Rapids	Linn	\$5,000.00
Joshua Cox	Marshalltown	Marshall	\$3,600.00
Joseph Plum	Lovilia	Monroe	\$5,000.00

Kelly Crull	Des Moines	Polk	\$10,000.00
Anna Gebhardt	Des Moines	Polk	\$8,500.00
Ian Carstens	Des Moines	Polk	\$10,000.00
Jonathan Sharp	Ankeny	Polk	\$8,835.00
Jose Marentes-Gonzalez	Des Moines	Polk	\$9,025.00
Thomas Chouteau	Davenport	Scott	\$10,000.00
Catherine Reinhart	Ames	Story	\$3,568.00
Siriaco Garcia	Huxley	Story	\$8,150.00
Sarah Pratt	Cumming	Warren	\$9,600.00

Iowa Artist Fellowship Program

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

Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Grant

Grantee	City	County	Grant Award
Samantha Treankler	Fairfield	Jefferson	\$1,600.00
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	\$3,400.00

Greenlight Grant Program

Grantee	City	County	Grant Award
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	Grant Award
Paul Bland	Waterloo	Black Hawk	\$700.00

Certified Film Festival

Grantee	City	County	Grant Award
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
Iowa Disability Film Festival	Iowa City	Johnson	\$1,500.00
Cedar Rapids Independent Film Festival	Springville	Linn	\$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