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City Awards \$35,000 in Arts and Culture Special Projects Grants

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The Dubuque City Council recently awarded a cumulative \$35,000 in funding to seven Dubuque arts and culture organizations.

This grant program was designed to “encourage the development of new or expanded arts and cultural programs in the Dubuque community.” This is the eleventh round of competitive grants for this program. Six years ago, the City Council approved the commission’s recommendation to limit funding to no more than two consecutive years per organization and that applications had to score at least 75 points out of 100 to be considered for funding. The commission established a minimum point threshold to ensure that only high quality projects are recommended for funding.

The following organizations have been awarded FY 2015 Special Projects Grants. The Commission recommended that the top five ranked applicants be funded at their full grant request and to partially fund the two projects tied for sixth place at 70.65%.

Dubuque Museum of Art, <i>Iowa Public Art Network Conference</i>	\$4,100
Bell Tower Productions, <i>Free Summer Musical Program</i>	\$5,000
Dubuque County Historical Society, <i>Engaging Enactors!</i>	\$8,438
Downtown Dubuque Christian Outreach, <i>Ghost People Seeing all the people in our community</i>	\$2,800
The Children of Abraham, <i>Laughing Together</i>	\$3,500
The Downtown Dubuque Cultural Corridor, <i>A Year of Creative Place making Campaign Video</i>	\$5,157
(Funded at 70.65%)	

St. Mary Church Corporation, *Creativity Program Development*
(Funded at 70.65%)

\$6,005

Total

\$35,000

Requests for funding were reviewed by members of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission who then forwarded their recommendations for funding to the City Council for consideration. For additional information, contact Megan Starr, Economic Development Coordinator, at 563-589-4393 or mstarr@cityofdubuque.org.

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