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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Commission Seeks Applicants for Arts and Culture Funds

DUBUQUE, Iowa -- The City of Dubuque Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission is soliciting competitive applications from all interested parties for two distinct Arts and Culture funding programs.

Since 2005, the City of Dubuque has awarded \$970,000 to area arts and culture organizations and other non-profits for programs that reach thousands of Dubuque adults and children each year. This funding is one way in which the City fulfills its seven Cultural Arts Goals in the strategic plan. According to Robert Lynch, CEO of Americans for the Arts, “communities that invest in the arts reap the additional benefit of jobs, economic growth, and a quality of life that positions those communities to compete in our 21st century creative economy.”

### **FY 2010 Arts and Culture Funding Program for Operating Support**

This program provides operating support funding to high-quality, established 501 (C)(3) arts and culture organizations located in the city of Dubuque that primarily serve Dubuque residents with year-round arts and culture events, programs, and services and can demonstrate a record of programmatic and administrative stability. There is \$200,000 available. **Applications are due on April 13, 2009.**

### **FY 2010 Arts and Culture Grant Program for Special Projects**

The grant program is designed to encourage the development of new or expanded arts and cultural programs in the Dubuque community. Eligible applicants are Dubuque not-for-profit arts and culture organizations and other non-profit organizations whose mission is consistent with furthering the City of Dubuque's arts and culture goals. A total of \$35,000 in funding is available. The minimum grant awarded through the program will be \$2,500. **Applications are due May 11, 2009.**

Two grant application workshops will be presented to provide additional information on these funding programs. Interested applicants are encouraged to attend one of these free sessions.

**Wednesday, March 25, 2009**

**Workshop 1: Noon-1:00 p.m. or Workshop 2: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

Carnegie-Stout Public Library  
360 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Dubuque  
Board Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Application forms are available at the City Manager's Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall, 50 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Dubuque, IA 52001, 563-589-4110, or on the City of Dubuque's website at:

<http://www.cityofdubuque.org/grants>

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