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Applications Available for FY 2017 Arts and Cultural Operating Support Grant

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque and the Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission are now accepting competitive applications from all interested parties for operating support for the fiscal year (FY) 2017 grant cycle, which runs July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017.

The operating support grant is designed to assist 501(C) (3) arts and cultural 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. Since 2005, the City of Dubuque has awarded over \$2.7 million to area arts and culture organizations and other non-profits for programs that reach thousands of Dubuque adults and children each year. In addition, these funds have leveraged other community support for arts and culture events and programs both in cash and in kind. Information about how to apply, guidelines, tips and applications are available at www.cityofdubuque.org/grants.

Applicants are encouraged to attend one of two workshops specific to the operating support grant since the format of the application has changed. Workshops will be held at noon on Thursday, March 10, 2016, and at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, in the Aigler Auditorium, third floor of the Carnegie-Stout Public Library, 360 W. 11th St.

All grants are reviewed by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission and approved by the City Council. Current members of the commission include Marina O'Rourke (chairperson), Katherine Kluseman, Sue Riedel, Ellen Henkels, Gina Siegert, Jessica Teckemeyer and Matthew Gregory.

Applications must be submitted through an online form found on www.cityofdubuque.org/grants. The deadline for submissions is midnight on Sunday, April 17, 2016. For additional information, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/grants or contact City of Dubuque Arts and Cultural Affairs Coordinator Debra Alleyne at 563-690-6059 or dalleyne@cityofdubuque.org.

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