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NEWS RELEASE

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Applications Available for Arts and Cultural Special Projects Grants

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

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.

The special projects fund is designed to fund creative and artistic projects that have a strong community engagement focus. These grants are intended to fund arts and cultural projects that are unique and innovative that offers new communities an opportunity to be inspired and participate in the quality programming that Dubuque has to offer. “Each time we offer these grants, we challenge our innovative community to find the new and different ways to excite and delight us and to incorporate more arts and culture into the lives of Dubuque residents,” says Debra Alleyne, arts and cultural affairs coordinator for the City of Dubuque. “This year is no different. With this grant, our goal is to promote arts and culture in new ways, in new places, and to include new people.” Information about how to apply, guidelines, tips and applications are available at www.cityofdubuque.org/grants.

Two workshops specific to the special projects grant will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, and 12:30 p.m. on Monday, April 18, in the Aigler Auditorium, 3rd Floor, Carnegie-Stout Public Library, 360 W. 11th Street. It is highly recommended that applicants attend one of these workshops as the format of the application has changed. Applications must be submitted through an online form at www.cityofdubuque.org/grants. The deadline for submissions is midnight on Sunday, May 15, 2016.

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 Siegart, Jessica Teckemeyer, and Matthew Gregory. For additional information, please contact Debra Alleyne at dalleyne@cityofdubuque.org or 563-690-6059. Complete application materials are posted online at www.cityofdubuque.org/grants

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