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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Arts and Culture Operating Support Grant Applications Due April 10**

The City of Dubuque and the Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission is now accepting competitive applications from all interested parties for operating support grants for the fiscal year (FY) 2018 grant cycle, which runs July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018.

Since 2005, the City of Dubuque has awarded over \$2.9 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, in both cash and in-kind contributions, for arts and culture events and programs.

The operating support fund is designed to assist 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. Information on how to apply, guidelines, tips, and applications are available at [www.cityofdubuque.org/grants](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/grants).

Due to significant changes to the grant materials and requirements, all grant applicants are required to attend or send a representative to one of three workshops specific to the

operating support grant. Workshops will be held at noon on Friday, March 10, and 5 p.m. on Monday, March 20, at the Carnegie-Stout Public Library, 360 W. 11th St., and at noon on Monday, March 27, at the Multicultural Family Center, 1157 Central Ave. Applications must be submitted through an online form at [www.cityofdubuque.org/grants](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/grants). The deadline for submissions is Monday, April 10, 2017.

All grants are scored by a review panel, reviewed by the arts and cultural affairs advisory commission, and approved by the City Council. For additional information, please contact City of Dubuque Arts and Cultural Affairs Coordinator Debra Alleyne at [dalleyne@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:dalleyne@cityofdubuque.org) or 563-690-6059 or visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/artsandculture](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/artsandculture).

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