

# 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 currently accepting competitive applications from all interested parties for special projects 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 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 and offer new communities an opportunity to be inspired and participate in the quality programming that Dubuque offers.

“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 there is a strong focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion. We have been encouraged and inspired by the projects we have funded thus far and aim to encourage more groups to take advantage of this funding opportunity.”

Applications, guidelines, and tips are available at [www.cityofdubuque.org/grants](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/grants). A workshop specific to the special projects grant will be held at 12 noon on Wednesday, April 19, at the Multicultural Family Center, 1157 Central Ave. Because the format of the application has changed and attendance is now a scored component, it is highly recommended that applicants attend this workshop.

Applications must be submitted through an online form at [www.cityofdubuque.org/grants](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/grants). The deadline for submissions is midnight on April 26, 2017. All grants are scored by independent, unaffiliated jurors, reviewed by the arts and cultural affairs advisory commission, and approved by the city council. For additional information, please contact Arts and Cultural Affairs Coordinator Debra Alleyne at [dalleyne@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:dalleyne@cityofdubuque.org) or 563-690-6059.

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