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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Dubuque Awarded Iowa Community Cultural Grant**

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque has been awarded one of 19 Iowa Community Cultural Grants (ICCG) by the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. Awards totaling \$264,500 were made to organizations in 14 Iowa communities, including four Iowa Great Places: Adams County, Dubuque, Jackson County and Marquette-McGregor.

The \$13,700 grant to the City of Dubuque, an Iowa Great Places project, will expand the position of the City's arts and cultural affairs coordinator in order to develop increased funding for existing programs, unify local arts groups, allow involvement with new City initiatives of the Historic Millwork District and Sustainable Dubuque, and to serve as captain of the Region 9 CHAT, a statewide arts communication network.

Governor Chet Culver and Lt. Governor Patty Judge announced the grants that support jobs and enhance artistic, cultural and historical resources in Iowa. "The arts play a vital role in our communities. I am proud to announce these 19 awards, which invest in our communities by creating new jobs and growing the quality of life in Iowa," said Governor Culver.

The ICCG program supports projects and employment for museum exhibits, historic restoration and archaeology, folklife and other arts festivals, public art, ethnic heritage and performing arts events and companies. ICCG-supported jobs include a wide range of positions for Iowans: contracts for artists to perform or teach; labor costs for renovation or construction projects in cultural organizations; and part-time and full-time educators, program managers, tour guides, executive directors and more.

"Iowa's arts, cultural and historical organizations not only enhance the quality of life in our communities, they create jobs and economic opportunities for Iowans," Lt. Governor Patty Judge said. "The projects supported by these grants are tremendously exciting. I continue to be energized and inspired by Iowa's cultural leaders and workers."

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