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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 is currently accepting competitive applications from all interested parties for special projects grants for the fiscal year (FY) 2019 grant cycle, which runs July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019.

Since 2005, the City of Dubuque has awarded over \$3.1 million to area arts and culture organizations and other non-profits for programs that reach thousands of Dubuque adults and children each year. These funds have leveraged other community support for arts and culture events and programs, both in cash and in kind. "Part of what makes our community as vibrant as it has been is connected to exuberance that exists within our well-established arts and cultural organizations and the community at-large," said Commissioner David Schmitz.

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 diverse communities an opportunity to be inspired and participate in the quality programming. "Dubuque is bursting with individuals that are innovative and engaged and this grant program is one of the ways the Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs seeks to connect good ideas to great organizations," said Debra Alleyne, arts and cultural affairs coordinator for the City of Dubuque. There is a significant focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion and grantees will be required to engage diverse audiences. Information on how to apply, guidelines, tips, and applications are available at www.cityofdubuque.org/artsgrants.

Workshops specific to the special projects grant will be held at the Multicultural Family Center on Monday, March 26, at noon and Wednesday, April 3, at 5:00 p.m. It is highly recommended that applicants attend one of these workshops as the format of the application has changed and attendance is now a scored component. Applications must be submitted through an online form at www.cityofdubuque.org/artsgrants. The deadline for submissions is midnight on Thursday, April 19, 2018.

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 Debra Alleyne at dalleyne@cityofdubuque.org or 563-690-6059. Complete application materials are posted online at www.cityofdubuque.org/artsgrants

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