



*Masterpiece on the Mississippi*

Arts & Culture  
FY27  
Operating  
Support Grant



# INFORMATION



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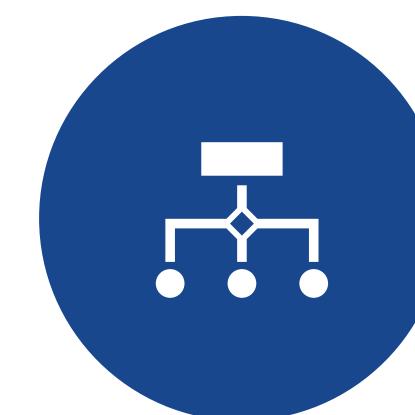
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**CHANGES FOR FY27**



NEW FOR  
FY2027

# FY27 SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

**Funding modifications were implemented as an incentive for organizations to complete final reports in a timely manner.**

- Organizations who submit their previous (FY26) final report prior to Aug. 1, 2026, will have their FY27 funding processed August 1, 2026
- Organizations who submit their previous (FY26) final report August 2-31, 2026, will have their FY27 funding processed September 1, 2026

# PURPOSE & IMPORTANT DATES

# PURPOSE OF OPERATING SUPPORT GRANTS

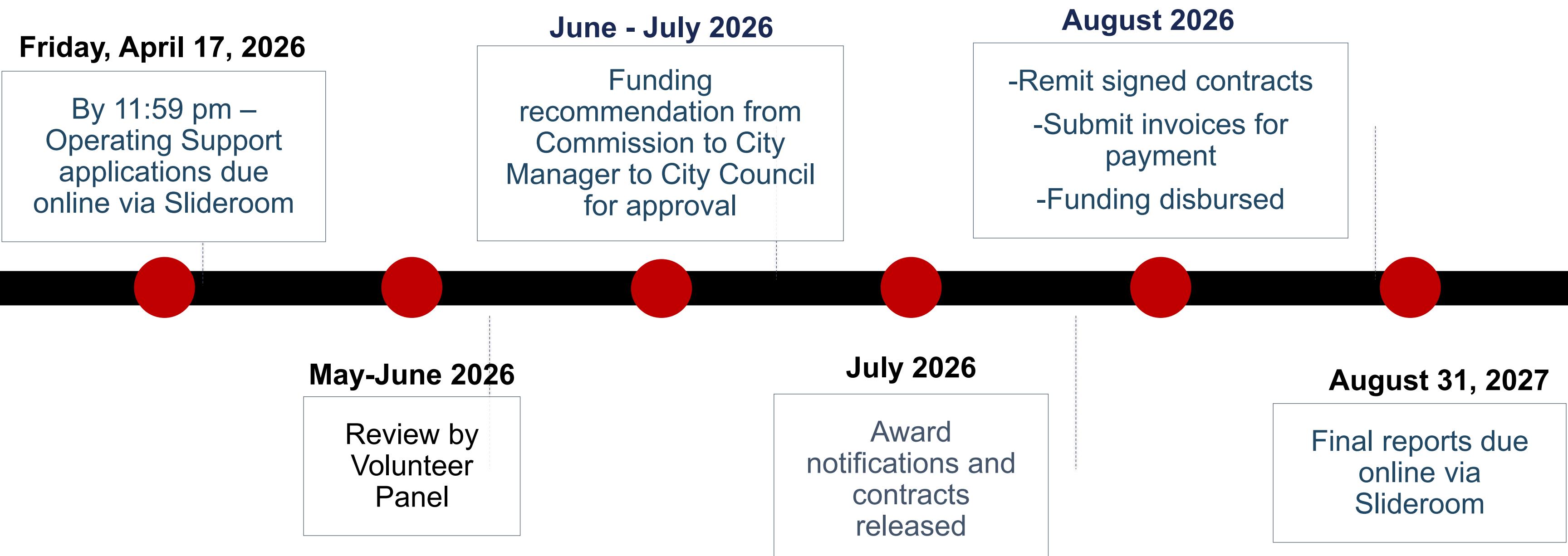
The City of Dubuque Arts & Culture Grant Program supports operational expenses of nonprofit arts and culture organizations that pursue arts and cultural strategic initiatives that serve the residents of Dubuque.

The Arts & Cultural Affairs Operating Support grant program is funded, administered, and managed by the City of Dubuque's Department of Economic Development, Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs. This program is intended to increase the Dubuque community's access to a wide range of arts and culture experiences that cultivate creativity, learning, and participation in Dubuque's arts and culture landscape.

Applicants are encouraged to demonstrate how their mission and programs advance the [goals and priorities of the City of Dubuque's Arts and Culture Master Plan](#) throughout their application.



# IMPORTANT DATES



**FY27 Funding Period = July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027**

# ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

# ARTS & CULTURE DEFINITION

An arts and culture organization is defined as an entity with a primary purpose to create, produce, present, or provide arts and culture programs, experiences, or activities for public audiences. Organizations must offer programs in an artistic discipline, operate as a museum, or provide informational learning in arts and culture disciplines.

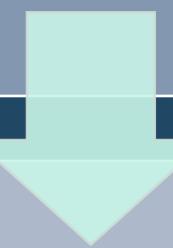
The organization's primary mission is assessed and verified by staff using the organization's website, mission, core activities, and IRS National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities (NTEE) codes. Assessment rulings are final. Organizations determined by staff to be ineligible will not move forward and are specifically denied any appeals process.

# YOUR ORGANIZATION IS ELIGIBLE

Applicant is, by established definition, an arts and culture organization whose **primary purpose is** to create, produce, present, or provide arts and culture programs, experiences, or activities for public audiences;



**AND** is a Dubuque based nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with at least two years of programming documentation;



**AND** serves residents of the city of Dubuque and programming occurs within the city of Dubuque limits;



**AND** has a clean record of compliance and is in good standing with the City of Dubuque's Arts and Culture Grant Program(s).

# YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE IF YOU ARE:

- Individual Artists
- For-profit organizations, businesses or sole proprietors
- Educational institutions including K-12 schools, universities, and community colleges
- City of Dubuque government departments or entities
- Non-Profit organizations that are not arts and cultures organizations (for example, social service, nonprofits, religious institutions, athletic groups, etc.)
- Organizations with a **delinquent** City of Dubuque Arts and Culture Grant Program Final Report
- The use of a fiscal agent/sponsor is not allowed.

# FUNDING GUIDELINES

# FY27 FUNDING GUIDELINES

**\$250,000  
RECOMMENDED**

**\$30,000 OR 6% OF  
OPERATING  
EXPENSES**

# RATING CRITERIA

# OPERATING SUPPORT RATING CRITERIA

Programs & Services

Management Structure, Financial Health, & Strategic Plan

Community Support

Community Engagement

Key Initiative in FY27

# RUBRIC & APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

5	3	1
<p><b>Applicant demonstrates a record of programs and services that clearly advance the organization's vision, mission, and values. Community impact is strong.</b></p>	<p><b>Applicant offers average programming or services that relate to its mission and serve its community or target audience. Community impact is clear.</b></p>	<p><b>Applicant's programs and services are limited. It is unclear how they relate to mission, vision, and values. Community impact is unclear and/or inadequate.</b></p>

The application provides a clear overview of the organization and the programs and services it offers.

High-scoring applications will:

- Clearly explain how the organization's programs and services fulfill and advance its mission, vision, and values
- Demonstrate how the organization's programs address a defined community need

# MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE, FINANCIAL HEALTH, & STRATEGIC PLAN

5	3	1
<p><b>Applicant demonstrates management practices that support and advance the organization's mission. Financial review indicates no potential concerns. Planning efforts reflect sustainability, growth, and include regular review.</b></p>	<p><b>Applicant's management structure is identified but is unclear if it advances the organization's mission. Financial health is stable with some areas of concern. Planning efforts are minimal or out of date.</b></p>	<p><b>Applicant's management appears inconsistent or ineffectual in advancing the organization's mission. The applicant is in poor financial health or financial health cannot be determined. Long-term planning efforts are not evident.</b></p>

The application provides an overview of the organization's management structure, financial health, and strategic planning efforts.

High-scoring applications will:

- Clearly describe how the management structure supports and advances the organization's mission and operations
- Demonstrate strong financial health, including responsible oversight and absence of significant concerns
- Outline strategic planning efforts that promote sustainability, growth, and include regular review and updates

# COMMUNITY SUPPORT

5	3	1
<b>Applicant identifies specific and varied ways in which the community supports and invests in the organization.</b>	<b>Applicant has an adequately described general community support.</b>	<b>Minimal evidence of community support or investment is indicated.</b>

The application describes how the community demonstrates support and investment in the organization and its programs.

High-scoring applications will:

- Clearly identify specific and varied ways the community supports the organization, such as financial contributions, volunteer engagement, partnerships, or in-kind resources
- Demonstrate meaningful community investment in programs and organizational initiatives

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

5	3	1
<p><b>Applicant demonstrates a record of community outreach and engagement activities that are connected to the mission. Organization seeks to reflect and be inclusive of the broader community through its programmatic activities.</b></p>	<p><b>Applicant demonstrates sporadic community outreach and engagement efforts and/or limited programmatic activities that reflect and include the broader community.</b></p>	<p><b>Applicant demonstrates weak or little community engagement. Programmatic activities do not reflect or include the broader community.</b></p>

The application describes the organization's involvement within its community and its efforts to engage and include a wide variety of audiences.

## High-scoring applications will:

- Provide a detailed description of the current target audience, including demographics and the number of people served annually (e.g., patrons, visitors, students)
- Describe current programmatic and community engagement activities that demonstrate proactive efforts to include a variety of persons and communities in planning, design, and implementation
- Identify target audiences the organization aims to reach in the future and explain why reaching them is a priority, including specific demographic information
- Explain clear and actionable strategies for engaging the identified target audience

# KEY INITIATIVE(S) IN FY27

5	3	1
<b>Applicant has a clear plan in place to utilize funds to achieve and or advance a strategic goal(s).</b>	<b>Applicant has an adequate plan in place to utilize funds to achieve and or advance a strategic goal(s).</b>	<b>Unclear how the grant funds will assist the applicant in achieving and or advancing a strategic goal(s).</b>

The application describes how Operating Support funding will advance a strategic goal for the organization.

## **High-scoring applications will:**

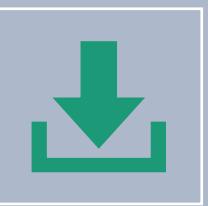
- Clearly explain how Operating Support funding will be used to achieve or advance one or more strategic goals
- Demonstrate a well-developed plan with specific actions and outcomes tied to the strategic goal(s)

# SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

## - Overview-



Applications must be submitted online via SlideRoom at [cityofdubuque.slideroom.com](http://cityofdubuque.slideroom.com).



Downloadable PDF of application questions available at [cityofdubuque.org/artsgrants](http://cityofdubuque.org/artsgrants) as well as preview on Slideroom.



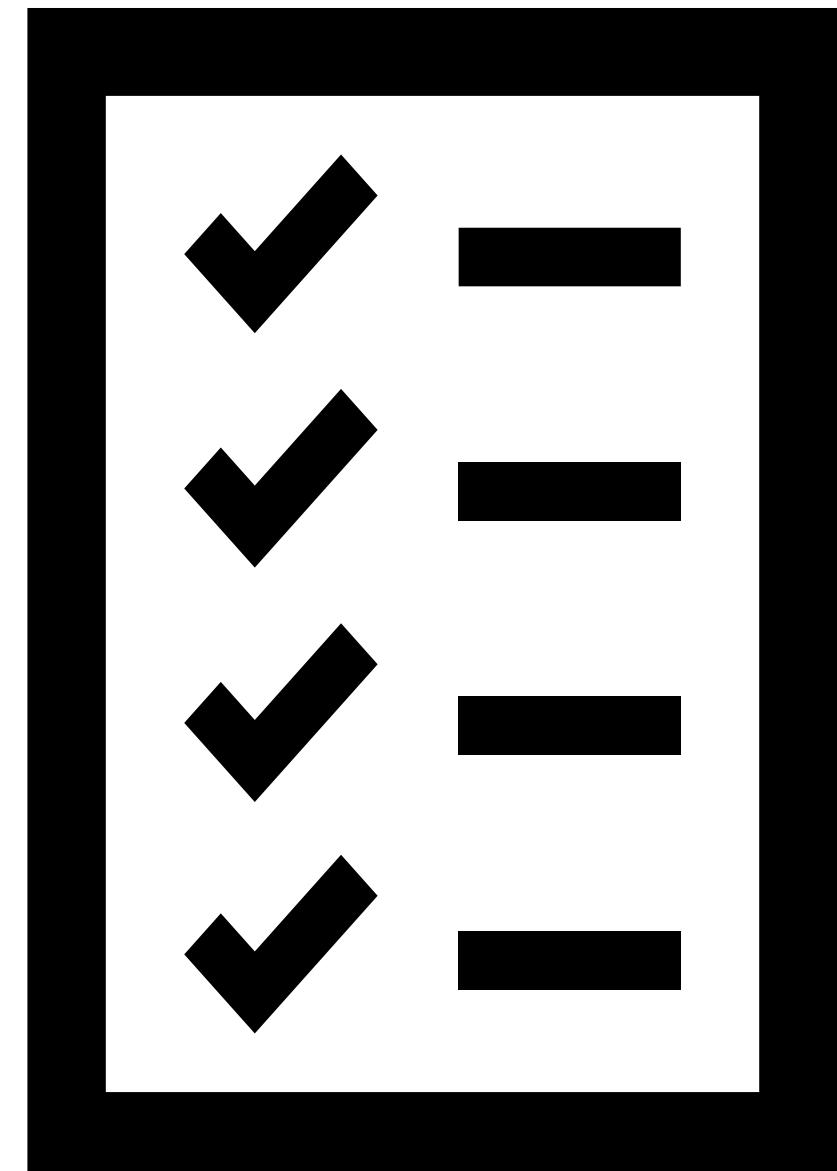
The applicant, not City staff, is solely responsible for the content and timely submission of this grant application.



Late, incomplete or ineligible applications **WILL NOT** be accepted. Likewise, changes or the addition of materials to an application after the submission deadline **WILL NOT** be accepted unless requested by City staff.



Applications must be submitted (strictly enforced) no later than **11:59 PM on Friday, April 17, 2026**.



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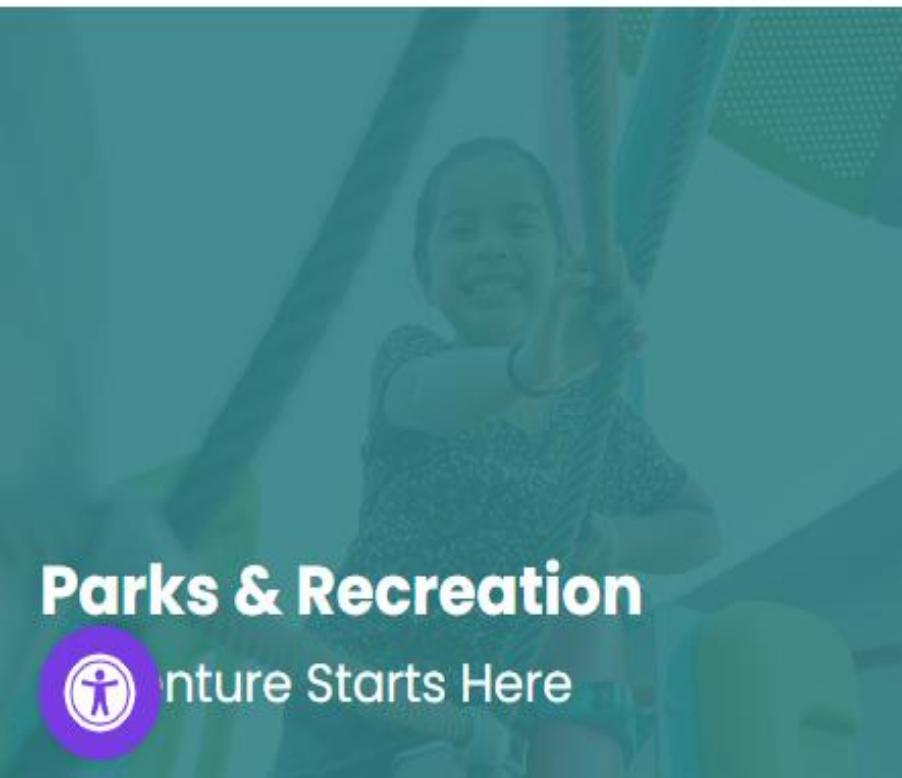
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Report a Concern



### Parks & Recreation

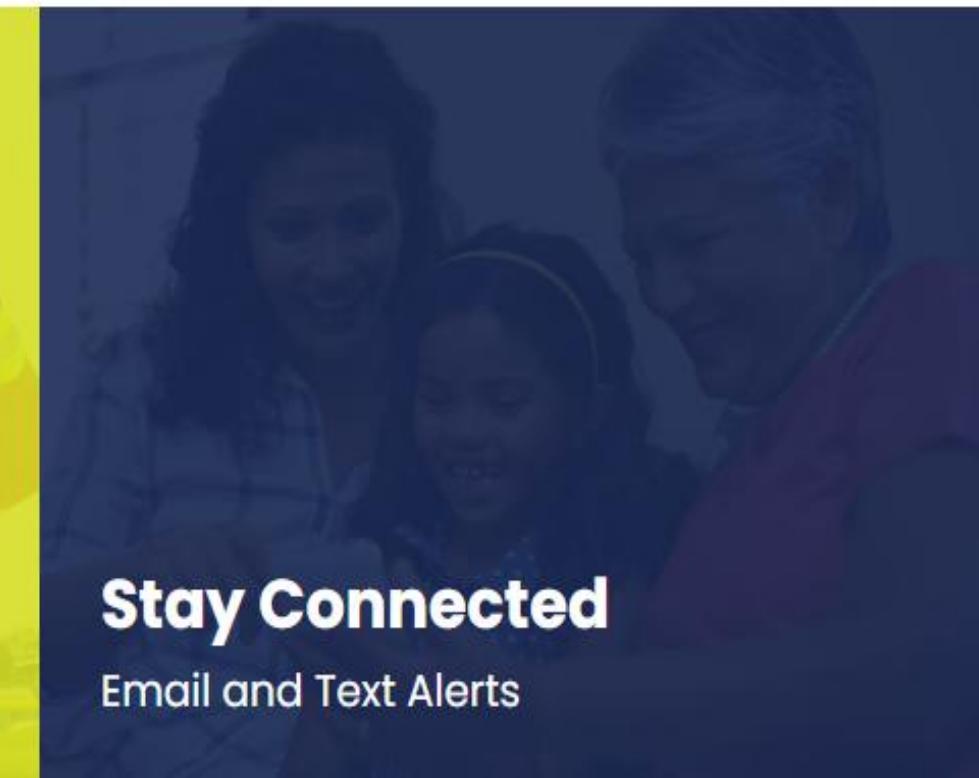


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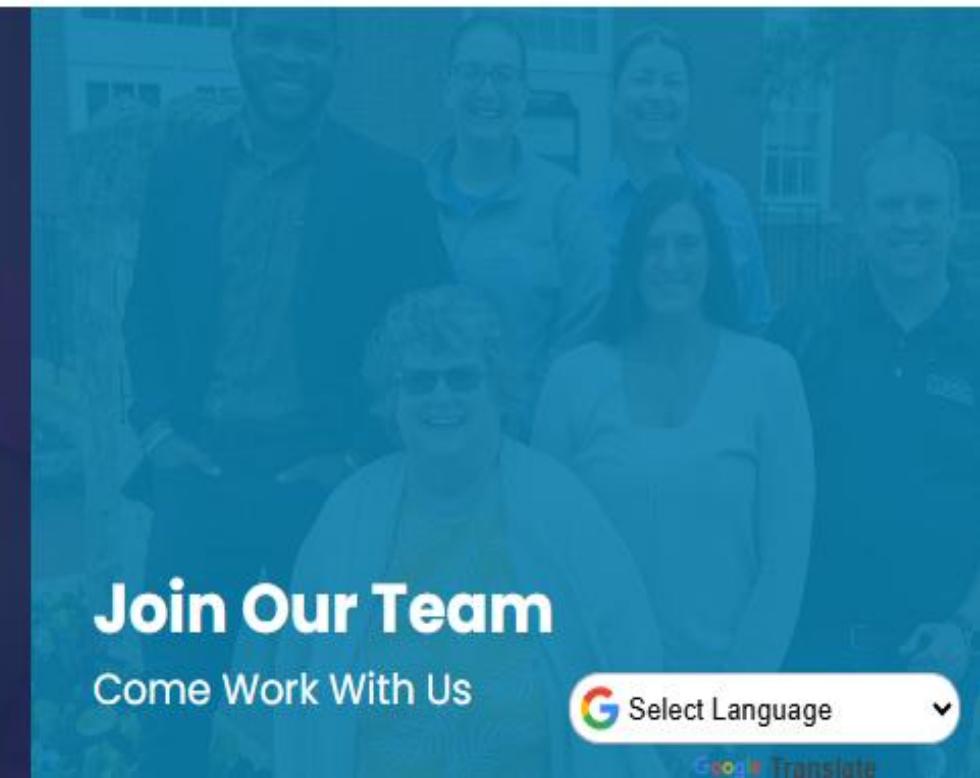
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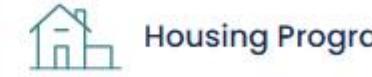
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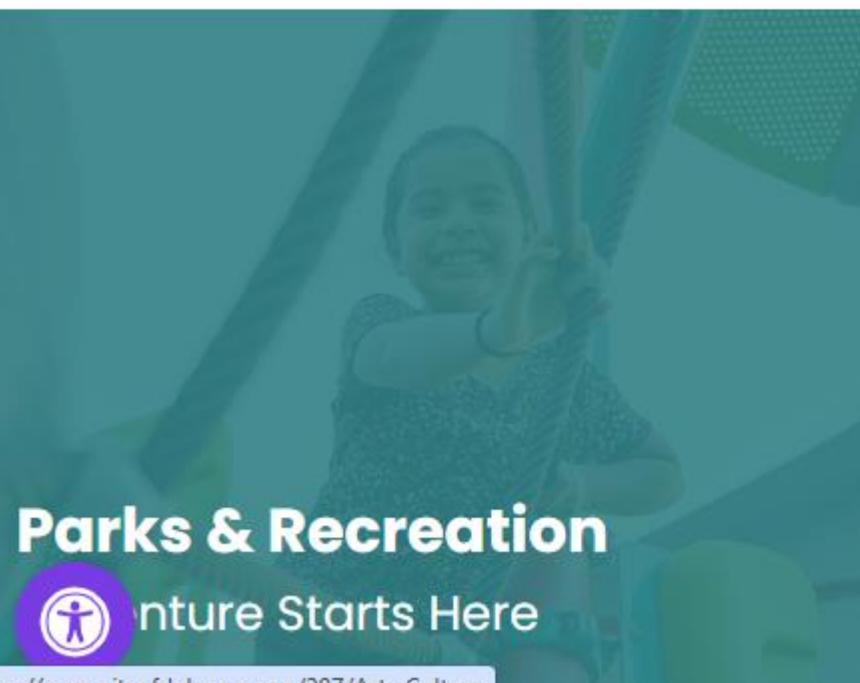
Rental Licensing & Inspection Fees

Successful Rental Property Management

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Property Maintenance Code Info

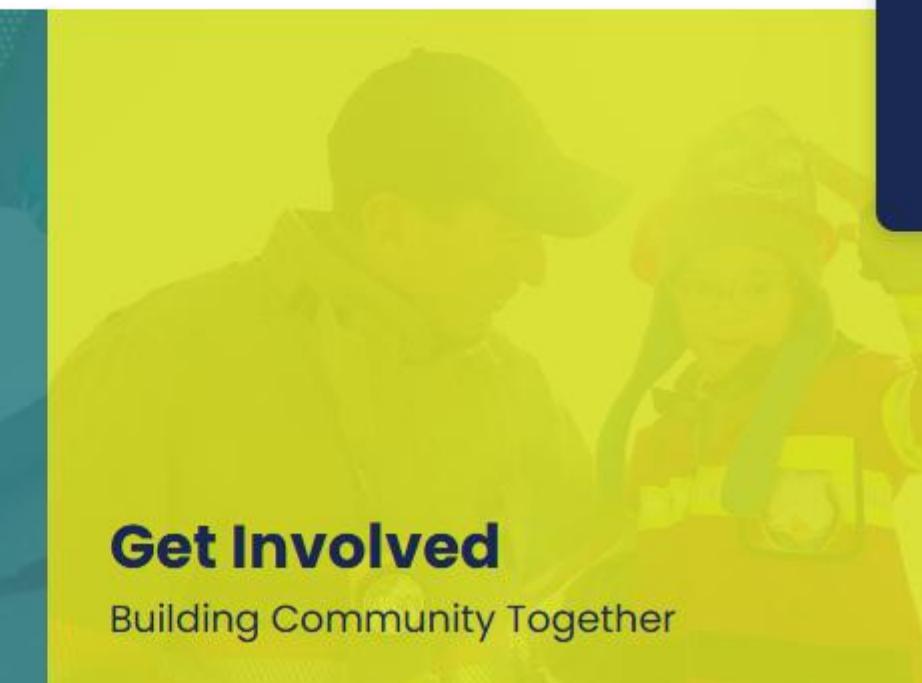


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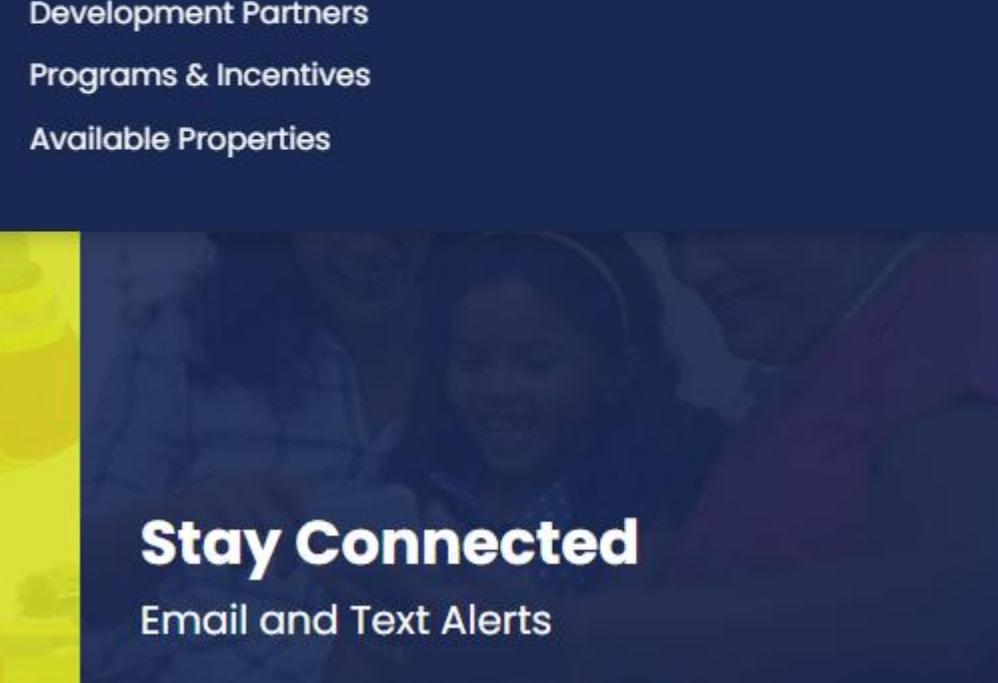
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## Arts & Culture in Dubuque



### Art on the River Exhibit

The Art on the River public art exhibit is located along the Mississippi Riverwalk in the Port of Dubuque. Anyone can stroll the picturesque walkway that stretches from the Star Brewery to the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium, past the Grand River Center on the shores of the mighty Mississippi, to view a juried collection of sculptures that are changed out every year in late July.

Learn more about the City's [Art on the River program](#).

### Arts + Culture = Catalyst for Change

The City of Dubuque's Arts & Culture Master Plan and [Community Engagement Strategy](#) empower residents to lead efforts in building a more supportive, engaged, and connected community by expanding access to a variety of arts and cultural experiences.

By leveraging the power of the arts, culture, and creativity, we can drive a broader agenda for change, growth, and transformation in a way that also builds character and quality of place. Learn more about Dubuque's [Arts & Culture Master Plan](#) and [how to get involved](#).

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## Funding Programs

Since 2005, the City of Dubuque has awarded over \$4.1 million to Dubuque-based arts and culture organizations and creative projects that reach thousands of Dubuque adults and children each year while enhancing the vibrancy and vitality of our community.

- ▶ **CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT PROGRAM (BIENNIAL)**
- ▶ **SPECIAL PROJECTS PROGRAM (BIENNIAL)**
- ▶ **OPERATING SUPPORT FOR ARTS AND CULTURE NONPROFITS**

### Contact Us

Bonnie Spurling | [email](#)  
Arts & Cultural Affairs Manager



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### About the Program

The Arts & Culture Operating Support funding program has supported arts and culture events and services in our community since 2006. The program is funded through the City's general fund budget, which is developed, reviewed, and approved annually.

By offering operating support funding, the City Council is advancing its [Arts, Culture, Parks, and Recreation goal](#) while also supporting the Imagine Dubuque Comprehensive Plan's recommendation to foster [Social + Cultural Vibrancy](#).

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The FY27 Operating Support grant application will open on March 6, 2026.

Applicants must submit applications via the [SlideRoom application portal](#). Applications will not be accepted in any other format.

- [FY27 Application Guidelines \(PDF\)](#)
- [FY27 Application Questions \(Word doc\)](#)
- [Financial Request Worksheet \(Excel\)](#)
- [FY27 Scoring Rubric \(PDF\)](#)



Grant applications are due via [the Slideroom portal](#) on Friday, April 17, 2026, by 11:59 p.m. Late, incomplete, or ineligible applications will not be accepted.

**Award Notification:** July 2026

**Disbursement of Funds:** August 2026

**Final Report Due:** August 31, 2027



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## FY27 Arts & Culture Operating Support

Deadline: April 17, 2026

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This program contains:

- Forms (6)

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## **City of Dubuque Arts & Cultural Affairs**

The City of Dubuque's Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs is an activity of the City's Economic Development Department and exists to foster diverse arts and culture experiences that improve the social and cultural vibrancy and cultivate help to create an equitable community of choice. The Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs administers arts and cultural grant programs and city-issued calls for art.

Applicants are required to use this online system to apply for open Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs administered programs.

Learn more about the [City of Dubuque's Arts & Culture programs and initiatives online](#) for more information.

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### AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

#### **2026-27 Art on the River**

Deadline: January 16, 2026

#### **2026-27 Art on the River- 2nd Submission**

Deadline: January 16, 2026

#### **2026-27 Art on the River- 3rd Submission**

Deadline: January 16, 2026

#### **Final Report - FY26 Operating Support**

Deadline: August 31, 2026

#### **Final Report - FY26 Special Projects**

Deadline: August 31, 2026

#### **FY27 Arts & Culture Operating Support**

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**Begin Application**

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## FY27 Grants Eligibility

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*Your organization must adhere to all requirements to be considered eligible for a City grant.*

## 1. Applicant/Organization Name \*

Enter the name of the eligible entity submitting the proposal.

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Enter the legal name of the applicant if different than the applicant's name.

## 3. Address of Applicant Organization \*

Enter the complete address of the Applicant Organization.

## 4. Does applicant serve the residents of the city of Dubuque with programming occurring within the city of Dubuque limits? \*

Organization must provide services within the city limits of Dubuque to be considered eligible for a city grant program.

- Yes
- No

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## FY27 OS Applicant Contact Information

\* indicates a required field

*It is the responsibility of the organization to notify the city staff of leadership changes during the grant cycle.*

 You have already worked on this form in another program. [Copy answers](#)

### 1. Primary Contact First Name \*

Enter the first name of the individual responsible for submitting, responding to questions, and receiving communications regarding the application.

### 2. Primary Contact Last Name \*

Enter the last name of the individual responsible for submitting, responding to questions, and receiving communications regarding the application.

### 3. Primary Contact Title \*

### 4. Primary Contact Email Address \*

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## Organizational Statistics

\* indicates a required field

**1. Full time staff \***

Enter the number of full-time staff employed by the organization.

**2. Part time staff \***

Enter the number of part-time staff employed by the organization.

**3. Volunteers \***

Enter the number of volunteers engaged annually by the organization.

**4. Fiscal Year Start Date \***

Enter the start date of the organization's fiscal year.

**5. Fiscal Year End Date \***

Enter the end date of the organization's fiscal year.

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### 1. Programs & Services (5 points) \*

- Provide an overview of the organization and the programs and services the organization offers, including how the programs and services fulfill and advance the organization's stated mission and vision, and uphold the organization's values.
- Demonstrate how the organization's programs address a defined community need (1,500 characters including spaces)

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### 2. Management Structure, Financial Health & Strategic Plan (5 points) \*

- Describe how the management structure supports and advances the organization's mission and operations
- Show the existence of strong financial health, including responsible oversight and absence of significant concerns
- Outline strategic planning efforts that promote sustainability, growth, and include regular review and updates (Max. 3,000 characters including spaces)

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### 3. Community Support (5 points) \*

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## FY27 OS Organizational Financial Summary

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**1. Upload the PDF of the completed Operating Support Request Financial Worksheet. \***

The form can be downloaded at

[https://www.cityofdubuque.org/DocumentCenter/View/53830/FY24-OS-Grant-Financial-Worksheet-Template\\_protected](https://www.cityofdubuque.org/DocumentCenter/View/53830/FY24-OS-Grant-Financial-Worksheet-Template_protected)

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**2. Enter the "Organizational Operating Expenses" figure from row 68, Column D from the applicant's FY26 Operating Support Grant Financial Worksheet. \***

**3. Upload a PDF of the applicant's most current balance sheet. \***

This information is also required to further demonstrate the financial stability of the applicant. Label the attachment so that it identifies the applicant appropriately: Name of Organization\_Document Content (i.e. City\_Balance Sheet)

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**4. Upload a PDF of the applicant's most recent P&L or 990. \***

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City of Dubuque Operating Support Grant Required Financials								
[Enter Organization Name] [Enter Organization's FY Period]								
	Most Recently Completed FY Actual	Current FY Budget	Current FY Actual YTD	% Change from Prior FY Year	Fill-in the areas in yellow that apply to your organization. If you have other income or expenses that are not listed and are unique or significant in nature, please list them. Notes may be added in this column to corresponding rows if further description of the line item is necessary.			
<b>Expenses</b>								
<b>Ordinary Expenses</b>								
Advertising	\$0	\$0	\$0	-				
Artist/Contractor Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	-				
Bank Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0	-				
Building Grounds & Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$0	-				
Concessions	\$0	\$0	\$0	-				
Dues and Subscriptions	\$0	\$0	\$0	-				
Employee Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	-				
Equipment Purchases	\$0	\$0	\$0	-				
Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$0	-				
Interest	\$0	\$0	\$0	-				
Legal and Professional Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	-				
Licenses and Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	-				
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0	-				
Office Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	-				
Payroll Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0	-				
Postage	\$0	\$0	\$0	-				
Printing	\$0	\$0	\$0	-				
Program Supplies & Materials	\$0	\$0	\$0	-				
Rent	\$0	\$0	\$0	-				
Repairs and Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$0	-				
Telephone	\$0	\$0	\$0	-				
Training & Education	\$0	\$0	\$0	-				
Training Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0	-				
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	-				
Utilities	\$0	\$0	\$0	-				
Vehicle Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	-				
Wages	\$0	\$0	\$0	-				
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Assurances

## Assurances

\* indicates a required field

*The authorized official of the applicant is the individual legally responsible for the applicant. Examples: president & CEO, executive director, board chair, or others authorized on behalf of the applicant.*

 You have already worked on this form in another program. [Copy answers](#)

**1. I, as the authorizing official of the applicant, have read and understand the program guidelines and funding policies.\***

I understand and confirm this statement.

**2. I, as the authorizing official of the applicant, certify that all representations and statements made in this application are true and correct.\***

I understand and confirm this statement.

**3. I, as the authorizing official of the applicant, understand that further documents may be requested by the City of Dubuque to determine organizational and/or project eligibility.\***

I understand and confirm this statement.

**4. I, as the authorizing official of the applicant, understand that all information and material submitted with this application is a public record.\***

I understand and confirm this statement.

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## You are ready to submit.

Once you submit, City of Dubuque will be able to view your application instantly.

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# REVIEW PROCESS

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## Competitive Panel Review

Funding levels will be impacted by the number of eligible applicants and how applicants score. While applicants may request the maximum award amount, the final award may be less than requested. Applications with the lowest scores may not be recommended for funding.

# HELPFUL TIPS & RESOURCES

- Review and prepare application materials early.
- Downloadable PDF of application questions available at [cityofdubuque.org/artsgrants](http://cityofdubuque.org/artsgrants) as well as preview on Slideroom and in the Handouts.
- Answers limited to maximum character counts which include spaces.
- Attach only the requested attachments being mindful of requested document length.
- Keep community outcomes and impact, the 'why' of your mission and activities front and center

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