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DCA art, historic preservation and author research grant applications due

DES MOINES – The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) is reminding Iowans that applications for art project, artist fellowship, historic preservation and author research grant programs are due within the next several weeks.

A list of DCA grant programs with upcoming application deadlines follows:

State Historical Society of Iowa (SHSI)

- **Research Grants for Authors – Deadline is April 15, 2015**

SHSI's [Research Grants for Authors](#) awards up to 10 research stipends of \$1,000 to support original research and interpretive writing related to the history of Iowa or Iowa and the Midwest. Applicants from a variety of backgrounds are encouraged to apply, including academic and public historians, graduate students, and independent researchers and writers. Grant recipients must produce an annotated manuscript for SHSI's scholarly journal *The Annals of Iowa*.

- Visit www.iowahistory.org or contact Marv Bergman at marvin-bergman@uiowa.edu for more information.
- Applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2015, and submitted to Research Grants, State Historical Society of Iowa, 402 Iowa Avenue, Iowa City, Iowa 52240-1806

- **Historical Resource Development Program (HRDP) – Deadline is April 30, 2015**

The [Historical Resource Development Program](#) provides grants to preserve, conserve, interpret and educate the public about historical resources in three different categories – Documentary Collections, Historic Preservation and Museums – related to historic preservation. The Country School program provides grants for the preservation and maintenance of Iowa's one and two-room country schools, or for interpreting the history of or educational activities taking place in a country school.

- Visit www.iowahistory.org or contact Kristen Vander Molen at kristen.vandermolen@iowa.gov for more information.
- Applications must be submitted by visiting www.iowagrants.gov/index.do.

Iowa Arts Council (IAC)

- **Art Project Grant – Deadline is May 1, 2015**

IAC's [Art Project Grant](#) program offers grants from \$1,000 to \$10,000 to individual artists, non-profit organizations, schools, tribal councils and local, county, state and federal government agencies. Designed to create opportunities for the arts to flourish in Iowa, the program invests in projects that positively impact vitality of the arts in the state, demonstrate public value and support IAC's funding priorities, which include collaboration & partnership, excellence & innovation, and impact & accessibility.

- **Artist Fellowship Program – Deadline is May 1, 2015**

IAC's [Artist Fellowship Program](#) was created in 2014 to recognize the impact individual artists have on the vitality of the arts in Iowa. The program supports artists who demonstrate excellence and innovation in the arts; public value through actively and creating and presenting their work; and career readiness. IAC Fellows will receive \$5,000, professional development, networking and promotional resources over the course of the fellowship period.

- **Big Yellow School Bus Grant — Application Opens May 1, 2015**

IAC will begin accepting applications for its fiscal year 2016 [Big Yellow School Bus](#) (BYSB) grant program on May 1, 2015. The BYSB program provides \$500 to Iowa schools and pre-schools to underwrite the cost of transportation for field trips to attend an arts event or to underwrite the cost of artist fees to bring a professional artist or artist group into the classroom or school to lead an in-depth arts learning experience or artistic performance.

- For more information about IAC grant programs, visit www.iowaartscouncil.org or contact Veronica O'Hern at veronica.ohern@iowa.gov.
- Applications must be submitted by visiting www.iowaartscouncil.slideroom.com.

SHSI and IAC are divisions of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. Visit www.culturalaffairs.org for more information.

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