

# IOWA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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The Department of Cultural Affairs announced July 14, 2015, it is awarding more than \$2 million in grant funding to 159 organizations, people and projects that strengthen quality of life and cultural vitality in communities across Iowa. Overall, the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs approved \$2,050,618.73 in grants through its Iowa Arts Council and State Historical Society of Iowa divisions during the current funding cycle.

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## Art Project Grant

Iowa Art Council's [Art Project Grant](#) program creates opportunities for the arts to flourish in Iowa and invests in projects that positively impact vitality of the arts in the state, demonstrate public value and support Iowa Arts Council's funding priorities, including collaboration & partnership, excellence & innovation, and impact & accessibility.

### **City**

*Grant Recipient*

*Project Title*

*Project Description*

*Grant Amount*

### **Ames**

Kathranne Knight

Correspondence

The Correspondence Project will link the artistic practice and ideas of artists and poets in Iowa to artists and poets across the country through the creation of collaborative lithographic prints.

\$10,000

### **Ames**

Design on Main

Intertwine

Intertwine seeks to build community in Ames by enveloping the facade of Design on Main, a downtown community gallery, with individual knit panels created by diverse members of the public.

\$9,973

### **Cedar Falls**

University of Northern Iowa

It Gets Better

The Gallagher Bluedorn will present the It Gets Better project, performed by the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles, to raise awareness of LGBTQ youth and bullying.

\$10,000

**Davenport**

Hot Glass Inc.

Teambuilding, Life Skills, and Glassblowing

Teambuilding, Life Skills, and Glassblowing is an advanced course that teaches glassblowing to at-risk students in order to provide teens a creative outlet, motivate positive behaviors, and build new relationships with peers and business mentors.

\$10,000

**Des Moines**

Jordan Weber

6th Ave Empowerment Murals

The 6th Avenue Empowerment Murals project will empower local youth to create murals that reflect their community along 6th Avenue, the primary thoroughfare through the River Bend neighborhood, in downtown Des Moines.

\$6,000

**Des Moines**

Christopher Ford

Christopher the Conquered Album

I'm Giving Up On Rock & Roll is a new record that addresses universal issues of humanity across perceived cultural differences.

\$7,200

**Des Moines**

Greater Des Moines Music Coalition

Music University

The Music University Conference will bring together experts from the music industry, working Iowa musicians and music business owners to stimulate professional growth and establish Iowa as a state with a rich music culture.

\$10,000

**Des Moines**

Iowa Shakespeare Experience

Romeo and Juliet: Thrice Told Tales

Iowa Shakespeare Experience will engage new audiences with Shakespeare through the travelling production of Romeo and Juliet: Thrice Told Tales.

\$10,000

**Drakesville**

Bluegrass Music Association of Iowa

BMAI Honey Creek Resort Festival

The 6th Annual Bluegrass Music Association of Iowa Honey Creek Festival will showcase Bluegrass music through interactive workshops and concerts featuring a broad range of bluegrass music and information on its history and contributions to society and culture.

\$10,000

**Dubuque**

Rebecca Kacanda

Rotto Grotto: A Contemporary take on Dubuque Folk Art

Rotto Grotto will highlight the history of grottos in Dubuque with the creation of new, contemporary sculptures inspired by the tradition.

\$6,400

**Dubuque**

Bell Tower Productions

Free Summer Musical Program

Bell Tower Productions will present *The Little Mermaid* and *Into the Woods* as part of the Free Summer Musical Program, an educational program where youth work with artists and teachers to produce and perform the full-scale musicals.

\$9,000

**Elkader**

Main Street Elkader Cultural & Entertainment District Committee

Art in the Park Fine Art Festival

Main Street Elkader Cultural & Entertainment District Committee will develop a fine art festival called Art in the Park that will bring together artists in northeast Iowa for a free outdoor art festival featuring art, music, performances, a children's gallery and activity center.

\$10,000

**Greenfield**

EE Warren Opera House Association

Warren Cultural Center Performances

The Warren Cultural Center will present The Premier Performance series, which features nationally touring acts, and the Best of Iowa series, highlighting Iowa performers.

\$10,000

**Grinnell**

Grinnell City Collective

Grinnell City 10th Anniversary & Public Art Commission

Grinnell City Collective will celebrate its 10th Anniversary at the Rurally Good Festival by commissioning public artworks to be permanently installed in the City of Grinnell.

\$10,000

**Guttenberg**

Shepherd Gallery and Creativity Center

After School Art Project

Shepherd Gallery and Creativity Center will support local artists by hiring them to teach in the After School Art Program, which will provide high-quality community arts experiences for all ages in a safe, positive environment.

\$1,260

**Iowa City**

Philip Rabalais

*Bobby Alaska and Donny Breadsticks in Heaven*

*Bobby Alaska and Donny Breadsticks in Heaven* is a short art film that explores themes of death, birth, reality and love with a minimalist, surreal style.

\$3,800

**Iowa City**

Lauren Frances Evans

Connecting Distance

Connecting Distance is a series of traveling workshops and collaborations focused on the human body that seeks to open up discussions of space and forms that exist between people.

\$5,950

**Iowa City**

Michael Gibisser

Recke

Recke is a feature-length film that will explore the mixture of drama and mundanity in the modern practice of institutionalized dying.

\$10,000

**Iowa City**

Halle Siepman

Parthenon Drawings: Connecting Iowa to Greece

Connecting Iowa to Greece will visually reunite original Classical Greek sculptures to the remnants of the sculptures in their present state in order to highlight the commonalities in Greek and Iowan architecture and culture.

\$8,170

**Iowa City**

Carol MacVey

Chekhov's The Seagull: Pursuing the Ideal on Film

Chekhov's The Seagull: Pursuing the Ideal on Film seeks to share Chekhov's seminal play with a new audience by creating a full-length, independent film of the work in Iowa.

\$10,000

**Iowa City**

Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature

Iowa City Book Festival

The Iowa City Book Festival seeks to enhance understanding and appreciation of literature by introducing Iowans to new authors and books, providing opportunities to connect directly with authors, and fostering collaboration between writers and the visual and performing arts.

\$10,000

**Iowa City**

Community Foundation of Johnson County

Staying Tuned: The Radio Legacy of Dottie Ray

Staying Tuned: The Radio Legacy of Dottie Ray will be a 30-minute documentary that celebrates one of Iowa's most beloved broadcasters.

\$10,000

**Iowa City**

University of Iowa on behalf of Hancher

Las Cafeteras

Hancher will engage Iowans with a variety of workshops and performances by Las Cafeteras, a leading Mexican-American band, to raise awareness about Latino cultures as well as the experience of Latino immigrants in the United States.

\$10,000

**Mason City**

North Iowa Area Community College

Literature to Life Series

The Literature to Life series will present children's performances by award-winning theatre groups ArtsPower, Working Group Theatre and Childsplay Theatre to connect elementary and middle school children to artistic performances based on literature they have read in school.

\$10,000

**Oakland**

Oakland Historical Society

Nishna Heritage Garden Mural

The Nishna Heritage Garden Mural is a community-wide effort to revitalize Oakland's historic main street through a mural designed by regional artist Zack Jones.

\$10,000

**Orange City**

Orange City Arts Council

Arts on Central

Arts on Central will be an outdoor celebration of arts in downtown Orange City including visual and performing art exhibitions.

\$4,000

**Urbandale**

CultureALL

Photo-Ethnography High School Program

The Photo-Ethnography High School Program is a partnership with Des Moines Public Schools that will engage students in exploring culture through the art of photography.

\$10,000

**Waterloo**

Youth Art Team

Youth Art Team Urban Intervention

Youth Art Team will create public sculptures for the Waterloo/Cedar Falls area in order to demonstrate that the actions of young artists have the power to alter the dynamics of the community.

\$10,000

**Waterloo**

Cedar Valley Chamber Music

For Your Ears Only

Cedar Valley Chamber Music will present For Your Ears Only, a chamber music series that takes classical music off the traditional concert stage and into the community in order to reach new audiences regardless of age, race, location or economic status.

\$4,500

**West Des Moines**

Amy Uthus

Prairie: Traces

Prairie: Traces is a multi-faceted art installation that will allow viewers to watch the passage of time, as a circle of sunlight traces its way across a curtain of sheer porcelain panels.

\$5,600

## Artist Fellowship

Iowa Arts Council's [Artist Fellowship Program](#) supports artists who demonstrate excellence and innovation in the arts, public value through actively and creating and presenting their work, and career readiness. Iowa Arts Council Fellows receive \$5,000, professional development, networking and promotional resources over the course of the fellowship period.

### Des Moines

Larassa Kabel

Artist Fellowship

Larassa Kabel is a visual artist awarded the Artist Fellowship.

\$5,000

### Des Moines

Robert Stephens

Artist Fellowship

Robert Stephens is a visual artist awarded the Artist Fellowship.

\$5,000

### Des Moines

Rachel Buse

Artist Fellowship

Rachel Buse is a visual artist awarded the Artist Fellowship.

\$5,000

### Iowa City

Lisa Schlesinger

Artist Fellowship

Lisa Schlesinger is a playwright awarded the Artist Fellowship.

\$5,000

### Sioux Center

Matt Drissell

Artist Fellowship

Matt Drissell is a visual artist awarded the Artist Fellowship.

\$5,000

## Cultural Leadership Partner Art Project Grant

Iowa Arts Council's [Cultural Leadership Partners](#) program includes 56 arts and cultural organizations that demonstrate an exemplary record of programming and managerial excellence and community service on a year-round basis to the citizens of Iowa.

### Cedar Rapids

Orchestra Iowa

Brucemorchestra! 2015 Marketing and Recording

Brucemorchestra! seeks to provide an accessible setting for a broad cross-section of Iowans to experience classical masterworks with the intent of building community locally and increasing awareness for symphonic music throughout Iowa.

\$9,500

### Cedar Rapids

Legion Arts

Landfall Festival of World Music

The Landfall Festival of World Music will bring acclaimed international musicians to Cedar Rapids to present new musical styles and diverse cultural expression to Iowans through a variety of concerts and workshops.

\$10,000

### Davenport

Quad City Symphony Orchestra Association

Masterworks Six - Gustav Mahler's Symphony #2

The Quad City Symphony Orchestra will present Gustav Mahler's monumental Symphony #2 as the season finale offering Iowans a rare opportunity to hear one of the greatest symphonies ever written performed live.

\$10,000

### Des Moines

Des Moines Art Center

It's Your Choice Exhibition

It's Your Choice, a public-curated exhibition, will feature rarely seen treasures from the Des Moines Art Center's permanent collection, a free opening preview for the public and a gallery talk.

\$1,500

### Des Moines

Des Moines Performing Arts

Iowa High School Musical Theater Awards

The Iowa High School Musical Theater Awards celebrate the musical theater achievements of schools and students across the state of Iowa through an award ceremony and performance opportunity.

\$10,000

### Des Moines

Civic Music Association of Des Moines

Dali Quartet Residency

Civic Music will present the Dali Quartet as the 2015-2016 Artists-In-Residence to provide in-school performances for Des Moines Public Schools, lead masterclasses for Drake University music students and perform a public concert.

\$5,000

### Des Moines

Metro Arts Alliance of Greater Des Moines

artABILITY

artABILITY will engage Iowa artists with disabilities to perform and demonstrate their work at a family-friendly, multi-disciplinary arts program presented during the Iowa State Fair.

\$10,000

**Des Moines**

Des Moines Symphony Association

Des Moines Symphony Season Debut Concert

The Des Moines Symphony will present its season debut concerts featuring the world premiere of Symphony On A Stick, a new multi-media concert celebrating the Iowa State Fair, by composer Peter Hamlin.

\$10,000

**Dubuque**

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra

Midori Orchestra Residencies Program

The Dubuque Symphony Orchestra will present week-long residency by world-renowned violinist Midori.

\$7,500

**Indianola**

Des Moines Metro Opera, Inc.

OPERA Iowa Educational Touring Troupe

OPERA Iowa seeks to demystify opera through comprehensive study guides and curriculum-based educational workshops and performances in age appropriate one-act operas provided to schools across Iowa.

\$10,000

**Iowa City**

The Englert Theatre

Adaptation of The Evolution of Bruno Littlemore

The Englert Theatre will commission playwright and director Sean Lewis to adapt the novel The Evolution of Bruno Littlemore by University of Iowa Writers' Workshop graduate Benjamin Hale into a play that will be presented to the public through educational outreach events.

\$10,000

**Iowa City**

Riverside Theatre

Dancing Lessons

Riverside Theatre will present Dancing Lessons, a romantic comedy-drama that explores autism, by Mark St. Germain and related audience engagement activities.

\$9,000

**Marion**

Red Cedar Chamber Music

Music and Magic

Music and Magic will provide audiences with a rare opportunity to hear live chamber music juxtaposed with newly discovered magic lantern slides in a series of concerts in Eastern Iowa. 8

\$9,980

**Mason City**

Charles H. MacNider Art Museum

MacNider Arts Festival

The MacNider Art Festival will expand artist participation in order to enhance appreciation of the arts and growth of the arts industry in the community.

\$5,000

**Mt. Pleasant**

Southeast Iowa Symphony Orchestra

Youth String Festival

The Youth String Festival is a one-day musical educational event that teaches excellence in ensemble playing and improved music skills for string students in grades 5 - 12 who reside in Southeast Iowa.

\$2,500

**Muscatine**

Muscatine Art Center

50th Anniversary Artist Commission

The Muscatine Art Center will celebrate its 50th Anniversary by engaging artists to tell the story of Laura Musser, the creation of the museum, and the building of the museum's collection.

\$9,425

**Okoboji**

Pearson Lakes Art Center

Children's Spring and Fall Art Classes

The Spring and Fall Art Classes are a unique opportunity in an underserved rural community that seeks to instill a life-long appreciation of art in children.

\$4,000

**Rock Island**

Quad City Arts

Visiting Artist Series

The Visiting Artist Series will bring local and national artists to non-traditional venues in the Quad Cities for educational outreach and public concerts in order to enhance cultural awareness and vibrancy in the community.

\$10,000

**Rock Island**

Ballet Quad Cities

Dance Me a Story

Dance Me a Story brings ballet to local libraries, youth programs and senior centers for an hour-long program that shows how literature can inspire choreography and the performance of dancers.

\$10,000

**Spencer**

Arts on Grand

Shattered Glass: Educational Tour

The Shattered Glass Educational Tour, a partnership between Arts on Grand and Spencer Community Theatre, will bring a nationally renowned, conductor-less string ensemble to rural Iowa communities and schools for performances and school workshops.

\$6,000

## Cultural Leadership Partner Operating Support Grant

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### **Community**

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*Grant Amount*

### **Amana**

Amana Heritage Society

\$10,000

### **Amana**

Old Creamery Theatre Company, Inc.

\$12,000

### **Ames**

Octagon Center for the Arts

\$10,000

### **Ames**

Iowa Arboretum

\$10,000

### **Bettendorf**

Family Museum of Arts and Science Foundation

\$15,000

### **Cedar Falls**

Cultural Division, City of Cedar Falls

\$10,000

### **Cedar Falls**

Cedar Falls Community Theatre, Inc.

\$10,000

### **Cedar Falls**

Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony

\$12,000

### **Cedar Rapids**

Brucemore, Inc.

\$15,000

### **Cedar Rapids**

Legion Arts

\$10,000

### **Cedar Rapids**

Community Theatre of Cedar Rapids

\$15,000

### **Cedar Rapids**

Cedar Rapids Museum of Art

\$15,000

**Cedar Rapids**

Cedar Rapids Symphony Orchestra Association Inc.  
\$20,000

**Cedar Rapids**

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library  
\$20,000

**Coralville**

Iowa Children's Museum  
\$15,000

**Davenport**

Putnam Museum and Science Center  
\$20,000

**Davenport**

Quad City Symphony Orchestra Association  
\$15,000

**Davenport**

Figge Art Museum  
\$20,000

**Decorah**

Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum  
\$20,000

**Des Moines**

Edmundson Art Foundation, Inc.  
\$20,000

**Des Moines**

Science Center of Iowa  
\$20,000

**Des Moines**

Civic Music Association  
\$10,000

**Des Moines**

Blank Park Zoo  
\$20,000

**Des Moines**

Salisbury House Foundation  
\$12,000

**Des Moines**

Des Moines Community Playhouse  
\$20,000

**Des Moines**

Metro Arts Alliance of Greater Des Moines  
\$10,000

**Des Moines**

Des Moines Performing Arts  
\$20,000

**Des Moines**

Des Moines Symphony Association  
\$20,000

**Dubuque**

Grand Opera House  
\$10,000

**Dubuque**

National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium  
\$20,000

**Dubuque**

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra  
\$12,000

**Dubuque**

Dubuque Museum of Art  
\$10,000

**Fort Dodge**

Blanden Charitable Foundation  
\$10,000

**Indianola**

Des Moines Metro Opera, Inc.  
\$20,000

**Iowa City**

Riverside Theatre  
\$12,000

**Iowa City**

Summer of the Arts, Inc.  
\$10,000

**Iowa City**

Englert Theatre  
\$12,000

**Marion**

Red Cedar Chamber Music  
\$10,000

**Mason City**

Charles H. MacNider Museum  
\$10,000

**Mount Pleasant**

Midwest Old Settlers and Threshers Association  
\$15,000

**Mount Pleasant**

Southeast Iowa Symphony Orchestra  
\$10,000

**Muscatine**

Muscatine Art Center  
\$10,000

**Okoboji**

Pearson Lakes Art Center

\$12,000

**Rock Island**

Ballet Quad Cities

\$10,000

**Rock Island**

Quad City Arts

\$15,000

**Sioux City**

Art Center Association of Sioux City

\$15,000

**Sioux City**

Sioux City Museum &amp; Historical Association

\$12,000

**Sioux City**

Sioux City Symphony Association

\$12,000

**Spencer**

Spencer Community Theatre

\$10,000

**Spencer**

Arts on Grand

\$10,000

**Urbandale**

Living History Farms Foundation

\$20,000

**Waterloo**

Waterloo Community Playhouse

\$12,000

**Waterloo**

Grout Museum District

\$15,000

**Waterloo**

Waterloo Center for the Arts

\$15,000

**Windsor Heights**

Iowa Youth Chorus

\$10,000

## Iowa Great Places

The [Iowa Great Places](#) program challenges Iowans to create community development proposals that exemplify bold thought and innovation; encourage creativity and entrepreneurship; foster a sense of place and identity; and demonstrate a commitment to enhancing community vitality and quality of life.

### **Grant Recipient**

*Project*

*Grant Amount*

### **Linn County**

Amazing Space

\$75,000

### **Manning**

Park and Hospital Trail Connector

\$15,000

### **Waukee**

Raccoon River Valley Trail

\$95,000

## Historical Resource Development Program Grants (FY 2016)

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.

### Documentary Collections Category

#### **City/County**

*Name of Applicant*

*Project Title*

*Project Summary*

*Grant Total*

#### **Cedar Rapids, Linn County**

Cedar Rapids Washington High School Library

Cedar Rapids Washington High School Archives: Initial Preservation and Access.

The Cedar Rapids Washington High School library will undertake the process of preserving, organizing and arranging the archival material currently housed in the library. The goal is to purchase appropriate containers and document protectors to house the material.

\$870

#### **Cedar Rapids, Linn County**

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

Improving Organization and Access to Cedar Rapids Area Czech Community Archives

The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library (NCSML) seeks funding to improve the organization and access to library materials that document the Czech heritage of the Cedar Rapids area. They propose to fully arrange and describe the library's collection of photos, books, organizational records, periodicals and ephemera pertaining to Czechs in the Cedar Rapids area; input the descriptions of these items into the museum's collections database; create an online subject guide of materials relating to the Czech immigrant community in Cedar Rapids; and scan the photos, periodicals and select ephemera items to create an online collection of materials relating to the community of Czech immigrants and their descendants in the Cedar Rapids area.

\$20,063

#### **Decorah, Winneshiek County**

Seed Savers Exchange

Preserving Seed History: Protecting first-person accounts of heirloom garden crops

Seed Savers Exchange (SSE) seeks funds to facilitate archival storage of 13,500 pages of irreplaceable primary source material from donors of heirloom plant accessions in our living plant collection. The 25,000 accessions of garden crop varieties curated by SSE in the world's largest publicly accessible plant bank is a one-of-a-kind resource that has been in Decorah, Iowa for 31 years. Funding would be used to preserve the primary source material for posterity, to create digital working copies of documents for daily accessibility, and to hyperlink digital files with plant accession records in SSE's plant collection database for rapid recall in support of ongoing efforts to share each heirloom's history with the public.

\$7,437

#### **Keokuk, Lee County**

Keokuk Public Library

Digitizing Romeo Bickel's Historic Scrapbooks

The Keokuk Public Library requests funds to digitize the Romeo J. Bickel (1907-1969) scrapbook collection. Bickel collected local articles from the late 1800s and early 1900s and organized them into 36 scrapbooks by popular subjects. The collection is used almost daily by researchers. The originals are brittle. Digitizing the six microfilm reels would preserve the originals out of reach while making them fully searchable on a hard drive. Digitization would also allow us to share this resource online.

\$483

## **Marion, Linn County**

### **City of Marion**

Marion Historic Records Preservation-Phase II

The purpose of this project is to preserve, through microfilming, a third set of Marion's collection of official city records dated from 1971-1990. The project will also include digitization, making the records accessible 24/7 using the Internet.  
\$8,500

## **Mount Vernon, Linn County**

Cornell College

Preservation & Digitization of Cornelian Student Newspaper and Yearbooks

Cornell College seeks funding to preserve and enhance public access to their repository of Cornell yearbooks and Cornelian student newspapers. Each newspaper and yearbook that exists solely in hard copy format will be converted to microfilm. The resources will also be digitized with web-based, key-word searchable 24/7 access by the public. The enhanced efficiency provided by key-word searching will translate into more historical storytelling in communications venues such as academic courses, the Cornell Report, Cole Library visual displays and Mt. Vernon community events.  
\$2,910

## **Mt. Pleasant, Henry County**

Henry County Heritage Trust, Inc.

Donald Young Collection / Rural School Records Preservation

Donald E. Young, a long-time local historian, bequeathed his vast collection of historic material to Henry County Heritage Trust. HCHT has also acquired dozens of record books from now closed Henry County rural schools, some dating to the 1880s. State Historical Society of Iowa funds will be used to organize these materials with guidance from a professional consultant and purchase appropriate shelving and archival storage supplies to ensure these unique collections will be accessible to the public. The newly designated Donald Young Room at the Henry County Heritage Center will be home to both of these collections. This project will preserve the community's vibrant history and serve as a link to the past for future generations.

\$11,627

## **Polk County**

Polk County Recorder's Office

Polk County Vital Records Preservation Project

The purpose of the Polk County Vital Records Project is to digitize and enhance 750,000 record images (birth, death & marriages) that occurred in Polk County during 1974 to 1997. The \$30,000, with \$30,000 matching funds, will be utilized to digitize 326 rolls of film. Digitization of these images will restore their readability, prepare them for uploading into the record management system and enable the Recorder to provide clear copies to the public. The originals will be stored in an off-site professional records management facility.

\$30,000

## **Waukee, Dallas County**

Iowa Jewish Historical Society

Digitization/Increased Access to Oral Histories at the Iowa Jewish Historical Society - Phase I

For 40 years, the Jewish community in Iowa has documented its history through audio and video-taped interviews with prominent members of Iowa's Jewish community. These oral histories provide one-of-a-kind stories about the lives of Jewish Iowans during the 20th century. The stories include personal accounts of anti-Semitism, life in Nazi Germany, the Holocaust, religious customs and daily life. The age and condition of the tapes makes them inaccessible to staff and researchers. We must preserve the original tapes and digitize their contents in order to provide wider access to the collection. The digitized files and finding aids will enable IJHS staff and researchers to easily access the unique content without damaging the original tapes.

\$21,430

## **West Bend, Palo Alto and Kossuth Counties**

West Bend Public Library

Microfilm, Digital Format, Web Based Search of West Bend Journal Newspaper

The West Bend Public Library has microfilmed issues from 1890 to 2006. This format is very durable but not really user friendly. The West Bend Public Library's goal is to microfilm newspapers from 2006 to 2014. They would then digitize the papers from 1890 to present in both TIFF and PDF.

\$1,542

## Historic Preservation Category

### Amana, Iowa County

Amana Heritage Society

Homestead General Store Roof Project

This project will replace the deteriorated asphalt shingles on the ca. 1870 Homestead General Store building with new asphalt shingles that conform to the specifications and guidelines of the Amana Colonies Land Use District.

\$3,000

### Burlington, Des Moines County

Des Moines County Historical Society

Restoration of the Slate Roof and Copper Gutters of the Heritage Center Museum

The Des Moines County Historical Society in Burlington, Iowa, is preparing to repair and restore the slate roof and original copper gutters of the Heritage Center Museum, formerly the public library. This project ensures the integrity of the historic structure remains intact as well as preventing interior damage to the structure, artifact collection and exhibits. The culmination of this phased project will address the loss of nearly one-hundred slate shingles and leaking copper gutters that have resulted in damage to the sandstone exterior of the building.

\$10,000

### Cedar Rapids, Linn County

Linn County Historical Society

The Douglas Mansion Historic Rehabilitation Project

One of our goals is to preserve and share the stories of the past and connect people of all ages to the present and future of Linn County. We identified the George B. Douglas House as one of the remaining historically significant homes in Linn County that still retained its original structure and elegance. We purchased the building in 2014 and have begun the process of historic rehabilitation by meeting with staff members at the Iowa State Historic Preservation Office to discuss our plans.

\$50,000

### Churdan, Greene County

St. Patrick's Catholic Oratory

St. Patrick's Catholic Oratory (Cedar)

The purpose of the grant request is to preserve St. Patrick's Catholic Oratory on Cedar. Grant funds will be utilized for the modification of the heating and cooling system to address temperature fluctuations. After 95 years of service, the 1920 Lennox coal burning furnace has failed to operate reliably and has become detrimental to the preservation of the building. The installation of a heating and cooling system will address the expansion and contractions of the structure, ensuring the integrity of newly restored roof shingles, plaster walls, paint and windows.

\$10,338

### Cumming, Warren County

Saint Patrick's Irish Settlement

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church of the Irish Settlement Stained Glass Window Restoration

This project will allow the parish to hire a stained-glass restoration specialist to perform restoration work on nine extraordinary stained-glass windows in the nave of the church and three additional windows located in the bell tower. Both sets of windows are in dire need of restoration to preserve them. The 19th century stained glass is intrinsic to the history of the church and its vernacular architecture.

\$23,580

### Decorah, Winneshiek County

Decorah Historic Preservation Commission

National Register of Historic Places Nomination: The Decorah Commercial Historic District

This grant will cover the consultant's costs for preparing a National Register of Historic Places nomination for the central section of Water Street and several intersecting blocks in downtown Decorah.

\$25,000

**Des Moines, Polk County**

City of Des Moines/North of Grand Neighborhood Association

NRHP Nomination-Washington and Elizabeth Miller Tract and W.W. Lyons' Addition to Lyons' Place Traditional NRHP nomination of Washington and Elizabeth Miller Tract and W.W. Lyons' Addition to Lyons' Place conducted by a qualified architectural historian and volunteers, coupled with high-definition laser scanning documentation technology by professional engineers.

\$9,735

**Eldora, Hardin County**

Youth to Restore the CCC/POW Building

Civilian Conservation Corps/Prisoner of War Recreational Hall

YRCPB is requesting grant monies for the last phase of the project-HVAC, insulation, security system, & interior work. This project offers individuals access to an original historically restored Rec Hall. Its peaceful location enhances the feel of the camp as one walks among the oak trees, views the POW fence and sees the same view as the CCC/POWs saw during the years of 1933-1945. This original Rec Hall is the only remaining campsite structure of the CCC/POW in Iowa and the United States. Displays and artifacts relate the history of these two time periods to all who visit.

\$24,556.23

**Forest City, Winnebago County**

Winnebago Historical Society

Mansion Museum Portico Project

The project will preserve and repair the portico and will recreate the original porch of the Mansion Museum, headquarters of the Winnebago Historical Society in Forest City, Iowa.

\$50,000

**Harper, Keokuk County**

Ss.Peter and Paul Clear Creek Historical Association

Roof Replacement

This project replaces the 1920 slate roof before it causes damage to the irreplaceable religious iconography below. The fasteners are eroding, releasing the shingles, which presents not only the hazard of falling debris, but also leaves areas of roof with only an aged wood covering. The cracking slate is brittle and not salvageable. They plan to strip the roof, replace/repair the underlayment as necessary, place modern ice/ water shielding and insulation. The roof will then be covered with Ecostar majestic slate shingles to replicate the aesthetics of the original slate and match the adjoining newly repaired steeple.

\$25,000

**Iowa City, Johnson County**

Johnson County

Johnson County Poor Farm Barn Restoration

The Johnson County Poor Farm Barn Restoration project will stabilize and rehabilitate the 100-year-old monitor-roofed stock barn, one of two large barns in the Poor Farm Historic District. Restoration of this barn is one step in the continuing efforts toward an adaptive re-use and rehabilitation action plan for the Johnson County Poor Farm Historic District.

\$42,500

**Keokuk, Lee County**

Keokuk Union Depot Foundation

Chimney, Eaves, and Gutter Project

KUDF will restore the chimney and waiting room eaves of the 1891 Burnham & Root-designed Keokuk Union Depot. The chimney will be restored to its original height, the bricks cleaned and repointed, and the non-original cap replaced. The eave brackets will be restored where possible or replaced by milled reproductions of old growth stock matching the originals. The soffits will be restored to their original finish; pre-preservation repairs will be replaced using appropriate wood species and design. This project is in preparation for future restoration of the Depot's roof to its original height and design, including installation of red clay roof tiles. It will enhance the Mississippi riverfront entry to Iowa, inspire pride in local history and spur future preservation efforts.

\$56,600

### **Mount Vernon, Linn County**

Cornell College

King Memorial Chapel Clock Tower Repair and Clock Re-Facing

The King Chapel Clock Tower project entails repair and preservation work which will address masonry deterioration issues, provide structural reinforcement through replacement of rotted rafters, framing, roof sheathing and floor joists, repair water damage and re-shingle to prevent future water intrusion, replace decaying and missing decorative metal pieces that surround the rare, working Seth Thomas clock, and replace the tower look-out guard railing.

\$50,000

### **Muscatine, Muscatine County**

Muscatine Art Center/City of Muscatine

National Register Nomination for the Laura Musser McColm Historic District

The Laura Musser Museum/Muscatine Art Center proposes to hire a historic preservation professional to research and prepare a National Register nomination for the Laura Musser McColm Historic District.

\$5,000

### **Wilton, Muscatine County**

Wilton Development Corporation

Nomination of Wilton Commercial Historic District to the NRHP

This project will research and nominate the Wilton Commercial Historic District to the NRHP in an effort to preserve and re-energize this vital area for the survival of our community. The project will include the research and study of approximately 43 properties that make up the Wilton downtown business district, and development of a NRHP nomination for a historic district for the business district of Wilton.

\$9,735

## **Museums Category**

### **Davenport, Scott County**

Nahant Marsh Education Center

Land Between the Waters: The History of Nahant Marsh and Rockingham Township

The goal in this project is to compile and preserve the historical information of the area and examine the relationship between humans and the wetlands that are found here. Nahant Marsh staff and volunteers will compile all pre-historical and historical information about Nahant Marsh and the area formerly known as Rockingham Township. This includes written documents, photos, and interviews with older area residents. They will work with an archeological research specialist to help gather all known pre-historical and historical information about the area. The Nahant Marsh Friends Group display task force will work with an instructional designer to create a wall display timeline that highlights key historical events, including natural history that took place in the area. Nahant Marsh staff will work with a display firm and instructional designer to create an interactive kiosk that will have the deep history of Rockingham Township. In addition, Nahant Marsh education staff will create educational curriculum related to the human history of wetlands and rivers in our area.

\$12,500

### **Des Moines, Polk County**

Salisbury House Foundation

Salisbury House Textiles Collection: Storage Upgrade and Access Improvement

Salisbury House Foundation requests grant funds to provide a long-term preservation solution for the Salisbury House Textiles Collection that currently faces adverse storage conditions. Goals include installing a museum-quality rolled textile storage unit for more than 60 pieces; preparing the textiles for storage using museum-standard techniques; and increasing access to make the collection, most of which has not been seen by the public in decades, more useful to researchers and the public through educational programs and in-house exhibits. The project builds on recent efforts to increase focus on all of the collections at Salisbury House.

\$15,200

**Dubuque, Dubuque County**

Dubuque County Historical Society

BoatWorks

Through BoatWorks, the Dubuque County Historical Society's National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium will create a long term exhibition to interpret the Mississippi as a River of innovation.

BoatWorks will tell the dynamic story of the Iowa Iron Works/Dubuque Boat and Boiler Works which operated in Dubuque from 1870 to 1972 and also the story of the Iowa Marine Engine & Launch Works which operated in Bellevue, Iowa from 1890 to 1915. They will display and interpret the artifacts that document this important story through an engaging exhibit that will reach over one million people in the next six years.

\$36,817

**Muscatine, Muscatine County**

Muscatine Art Center/City of Muscatine

Development and Installation of Interactives to Tell the Laura Musser McColm Story

Technology-based solutions are proposed to enhance visitors' understanding about the stories that can be told about the Musser family and their domestic servant staff, the 1908 mansion, and the collections contained in the period rooms. The museum staff is developing a new interpretive plan that will provide layers of information and detailed stories and background that are presently only available when staff members give guided tours. The vast majority of visitors experience a self-guided tour, and this project will enable the museum to hire a professional technology firm to adapt the museum's interpretive plan into content for visitor-operated touch-screen interactives.

\$9,375

**Sioux City, Woodbury County**

Siouxland Historical Railroad Association

Sioux City Railroad Museum – Water Works Extension Project

The purpose of the project is to improve the historic site's waterworks to a "State of Good Repair" for meeting visitor demands for potable water and sanitary sewer needs; and to ensure fire water flow requirements are met to protect the museum's built environment and its artifact collection. This project involves the construction of approximately 1,570 linear feet of six-inch water lines and six-inch gravity sanitary sewer line, all appurtenances, and three (3) Fire Hydrant assemblies needed to connect the Milwaukee Railroad Shops Historic District with the municipal water and sewer systems. This project will replace an antiquated and dilapidated well-based water and sewer system original to the site with no current connections to a supply source.

\$50,000

**West Point, Lee County**

The Church of Saint Mary of the Assumption of West Point, Iowa

Restoration and Display of Historic Church Painting

This project aims to ensure that the original painting by Melchior Paul von Deschwanden, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is restored to its original condition, for the benefit of our parishioners, and the community of West Point, Iowa, as a whole. Offered to this Parish as a gift nearly 150 years ago, it is currently in critical need of restoration work. The Church will have the painting prominently displayed for the future enjoyment and appreciation of all.

\$7,297

## Country School Program (FY 2016)

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.

### **Cedar Rapids, Linn County**

Ushers Ferry Historic Village / City of Cedar Rapids

Cherry Valley School House Storm Windows

This project will purchase historically correct wood sash storm windows to install on the Cherry Valley school house in order to protect and preserve the original windows on the building.

\$1,265.50

### **Decorah, Winneshiek County**

Winneshiek County Historical Society

Restoration of East Wall and Stabilization of Foundation

The project would rebuild the east wall of the Locust School Museum and stabilize the foundation under that wall. This includes tearing out the old stone, cleaning the stone, digging along the foundation and pouring concrete to stabilize the foundation under the wall and finally, rebuilding the wall. When the work has been completed, three new windows will be installed. The goal of the project is to prevent further deterioration of the wall which would compromise the entire building.

\$5,000

### **Maquoketa, Jackson County**

Jackson County Conservation Board

Millrock School – Floor Repair

This project will include the repair of the existing floor within the Millrock School. Repairs will include the removal of the existing wooden flooring and replacing the damaged floor joists in the school. After the damaged floor joists are replaced the original wooden floor will be reinstalled.

\$5,000

## State Historical Society of Iowa Research Grants (2015–2016)

The State Historical Society of Iowa's [Research Grants for Authors](#) awards support original research and interpretive writing related to the history of Iowa or Iowa and the Midwest. Grant recipients must produce an annotated manuscript for the society's scholarly journal *The Annals of Iowa*.

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*Grant Amount*

### **Ames**

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Iowa Frontier Settlement and Market Participation, 1830–1870

\$1,000

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Creating a Patchwork Quilt of a Drainage System: Reclamation and the Changing Landscape of Western Iowa's Little Sioux River Valley

\$1,000

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A Soldier's Story: Francis Webster and the Third Iowa Infantry during World War I

\$1,000

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Picturing Packing: Historical Photographs of the Iowa Meatpacking Industry

\$1,000

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Dakota Prisoners, ABCFM Missionaries, and the Davenport Press

\$1,000

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Iowa's Role in Ethanol Development before the 1970s Energy Crisis  
\$1,000

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Preserving Sacred Spaces:  
A History of Effigy Mounds National Monument, 1890–1999  
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The Women's Relief Corps and Union Women's Organizational Activism, 1861–1920  
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Goodbye to the 4-F's: Iowa's Judy Klemesrud and the Transformation in News Coverage of American Women  
\$1,000

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The Middle West and the Heartland of American Wrestling during the Gilded Age and the Progressive Era  
\$1,000

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Religion and Reform in Iowa's "Progressive City," 1890–1910  
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