

# Budget Unit Brief

## FY 2017



## Community Cultural Grants

### Purpose and History

The Community Cultural Grants Program was created in [1983 Iowa Acts, chapter 207, SF 548 – Job Creation Programs Established and Financed Act](#). The General Assembly codified and transferred the Program to the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) in 1986 ([1986 Iowa Acts, chapter 1245, SF 2175 – State Government Reorganization Act](#)).

The purpose of the Program is to provide grants to cities, county governments, tribal councils, or nonprofit/tax-exempt community groups to support the development of community programs that provide jobs for Iowa citizens while promoting Iowa's cultural, ethnic, and historical heritages. This promotion can be achieved through the development of festivals, music, drama, cultural programs, historic restorations, or tourism projects.

The Program is operated as a competitive grant program and awards range from \$1,000 to \$25,000. Recipients are required to provide matching funds of at least 50.0% of the total cost of the Program. The matching fund requirement may be met by substituting in-kind services. Proposals are submitted to an advisory committee that is comprised of at least three representatives from across the state with expertise in the arts, history, and economic development. The advisory committee reviews each application and makes final recommendations to the Director of the DCA for funding of eligible projects. Applications reviewed evaluate the following:

- The historical, ethnic, cultural, and tourism value, and the quality of the proposed project.
- The number and impact of full-time and part-time employment for Iowans created by the proposed project.
- The degree of collaboration with other interested entities.
- The financial need of the applicant for the proposed project.
- The appropriateness of the project budget.

### Funding — State General Fund

The General Fund appropriation to the Community Cultural Grant Program represents approximately 24.9% of the total Program funding.

The Community Cultural Grant Program also receives a standing appropriation of \$520,000 in Iowa Code section [99F.11](#) from wagering tax revenue that is deposited in the General Fund. This appropriation has been modified by the General Assembly in the Standings Act since FY 2009 to appropriate a lesser amount. This appropriation was funded at \$520,000 for FY 2016 and now represents approximately 75.1% of total Program funding.

### Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code section [303.3](#)  
[221](#) Iowa Administrative Code chapter [6](#)

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### More Information

Iowa Community Cultural Grant: <https://iowaculture.gov/about-us/about/grants>

Iowa General Assembly: <http://www.legis.iowa.gov>

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