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## IOWA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS COVID-19 RESPONSE

The lowa Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) is providing <u>resources</u> for artists, cultural organizations, and small businesses, as well as an array of educational materials about lowa art, history, film, and culture, in response to COVID-19.

The DCA is distributing more than \$1.3 million in grants to lowa cultural organizations that have been severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Applications for the latest round of grants from the newly created <a href="Lowa Arts and Culture Emergency Relief Fund">Lowa Arts and Culture Emergency Relief Fund</a> closed May 26, 2020. Funding for the grants is provided by the State General Fund, the National Endowment for the Arts, Arts Midwest, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The DCA has also extended the deadlines to apply for various <u>State grants for cultural projects</u>. The DCA also extended the deadline to apply for <u>lowa Great Places</u> and <u>lowa Cultural and Entertainment District</u> designations and redesignations. The new deadline is June 15, 2020.

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