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**BRAVO GREATER DES MOINES INVESTS \$3.8 MILLION IN GRANT FUNDS  
TO SUPPORT ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ORGANIZATIONS**

**DES MOINES, Iowa (December 12, 2018)** – Bravo Greater Des Moines (Bravo) announced today Grant Cycle 2019 Cultural Enrichment Grants totaling more than \$3.8 million. Awards were made to support general operating expenses of 68 organizations across the region. This is the most Bravo has ever invested in a single cycle.

“For nearly 15 years, Bravo’s primary function has been to invest in the outstanding work being done by our community’s cultural partners. The funds being granted out to organizations through this program will help support the vibrant cultural community that Greater Des Moines offers to residents and visitors,” said Bravo Executive Director Sally Dix.

View the entire list of cultural partners currently receiving Bravo funding at:  
[bravogreaterdesmoines.org](http://bravogreaterdesmoines.org).

All Bravo grants are made possible by [17 local government partners](#), that each contribute a portion of hotel/motel tax revenue to Bravo to be invested in arts, culture and heritage organizations and programs – Altoona, Ankeny, Bondurant, Carlisle, Clive, Des Moines, Grimes, Indianola, Johnston, Norwalk, Pleasant Hill, Polk City, Polk County, Urbandale, Waukee, West Des Moines and Windsor Heights. Greater Des Moines’ cultural organizations are a driving factor in the success of the region’s quality of life and economic development, which supports business attraction and retention.

**About Bravo Greater Des Moines:**

[Bravo Greater Des Moines](#) leverages community resources to maximize impact of arts, culture, and heritage to advance regional priorities. Using funds contributed by local government partners, Bravo invests strategically in arts, culture and heritage organizations that contribute to and enhance the quality of life in Greater Des Moines for residents and visitors.



<b>BRAVO GC19 CULTURAL ENRICHMENT GRANT RECIPIENTS</b>	
<b>Ankeny Area Historical Society</b>	<b>Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden</b>
<b>Ankeny Art Center</b>	<b>Greater Des Moines Music Coalition</b>
<b>Ankeny Community Band</b>	<b>Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation</b>
<b>Ankeny Community Chorus</b>	<b>Harmony Central Chorus</b>
<b>Ankeny Community Theatre</b>	<b>Heartland Youth Choir</b>
<b>ASAP, After School Arts Program</b>	<b>Historic Valley Junction Foundation</b>
<b>Ballet Des Moines</b>	<b>Hoyt Sherman Place Foundation</b>
<b>Blank Park Zoo Foundation Inc</b>	<b>I'll Make Me a World in Iowa</b>
<b>Brazilian Cultural Center</b>	<b>Iowa Architectural Foundation</b>
<b>Carlisle Area Historical Society</b>	<b>Iowa Asian Alliance</b>
<b>Central Iowa Wind Ensemble</b>	<b>Iowa Gold Star Military Museum</b>
<b>City of Clive Public Arts Commission</b>	<b>Iowa Hall of Pride</b>
<b>City Voices</b>	<b>Iowa Latino Community Center</b>
<b>Civic Music Association of Des Moines</b>	<b>Iowa Shakespeare Experience</b>
<b>Class Act Productions, Inc.</b>	<b>Iowa Stage Theatre Company</b>
<b>CultureALL, Inc.</b>	<b>Iowa Youth Chorus</b>
<b>Des Moines Art Center</b>	<b>Italian-American Cultural Center of Iowa</b>
<b>Des Moines Arts Festival</b>	<b>Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines</b>
<b>Des Moines Children's Museum</b>	<b>Latino Resources</b>
<b>Des Moines Choral Society</b>	<b>Living History Farms Foundation</b>
<b>Des Moines Community Orchestra</b>	<b>Mainframe Studios</b>
<b>Des Moines Community Playhouse</b>	<b>Music Under the Stars</b>
<b>Des Moines Diversity Chorus</b>	<b>Polk County Heritage Gallery</b>
<b>Des Moines European Heritage Association</b>	<b>Pride of Iowa</b>
<b>Des Moines Film Society</b>	<b>Pyramid Theatre Company</b>
<b>Des Moines Gay Men's Chorus</b>	<b>Salisbury House Foundation</b>
<b>Des Moines Metro Opera</b>	<b>Science Center of Iowa</b>
<b>Des Moines Performing Arts</b>	<b>State Historical Museum of Iowa</b>
<b>Des Moines Social Club</b>	<b>Station 1 Records</b>
<b>Des Moines Symphony Association</b>	<b>Tallgrass Theatre Company</b>
<b>Des Moines Vocal Arts Ensemble</b>	<b>The Opera Project DSM</b>
<b>Des Moines Young Artists' Theatre</b>	<b>Urbandale Community Theatre</b>
<b>Downtown Events Group</b>	<b>West Des Moines Historical Society</b>
<b>Gateway Dance Theatre</b>	<b>World Food Prize Foundation</b>