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BRAVO GREATER DES MOINES ANNOUNCES CAPITAL PROJECT & PUBLIC ART GRANT AWARDS OF MORE THAN \$305,000

June 16, 2020 (*Des Moines, IA*) – Awards totaling \$305,250 were recently announced for six nonprofit organizations and six communities in Central Iowa. Bravo Greater Des Moines (Bravo) awarded the Capital Project Grant and Public Art Grant funds to support arts and culture projects and installations.

The Capital Project Grant program provides funding to arts, culture and heritage nonprofit organizations for capital projects that increase access to elevate the quality of arts and cultural experiences in Greater Des Moines. The Public Art Grant program was first introduced in 2019 to provide funding to Bravo’s local government partners for public art projects that generate more artistic and cultural expression in Greater Des Moines.

All Bravo grants are made possible by the 17 local government partners that contribute a portion of hotel/motel tax revenue for investment in arts and culture 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.

2020 Capital Project Grant Recipients:

RECIPIENT	AWARD	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Ballet Des Moines	\$15,000	Purchase a new purpose-built sprung dance floor.
City Voices	\$6,500	Build and outfit a basement recording studio.
Des Moines Film Society	\$90,000	Purchase and renovate the Varsity Theater to develop the Varsity Cinema and Film Center
Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation	\$25,000	Create murals on four basketball courts in Des Moines and Pleasant Hill.
Iowa Stage Theatre Company	\$6,500	Building improvements to ISTC’s headquarters.
West Des Moines Historical Society	\$7,000	Building improvements to both Jordan House and Bennett School.

2020 Public Art Grant Recipients:

RECIPIENT	AWARD	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
City of Altoona	\$23,750	The creation of a mural on the outside of the Civic Service Center.
City of Ankeny	\$50,000	Installation of an experiential art piece along the High Trestle Trail. This project implements the High Trestle Trail Public Art Master Plan funded by Bravo in 2019.
City of Des Moines	\$20,000	Installation of several public art pieces along corridors of the Central Iowa Trail System.
City of Grimes	\$9,000	Public Art Master Plan.
City of Urbandale	\$2,500	“Splashes of Art” will transform functional, inanimate elements of the City’s infrastructure into fun, whimsical features.
Polk County	\$50,000	Installation of “WOW” sculpture at the Lauridsen Skatepark.

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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.