



## 2019 – 20 CONNECTING KIDS AND CULTURE EDUCATOR OVERVIEW

### What is Connecting Kids and Culture?

Connecting Kids and Culture (CKC) provides funding for cultural learning experiences for Central Iowa 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Jointly administered by Bravo Greater Des Moines and the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, CKC is made possible with funding from the Principal Charity Classic®.

### What does Connecting Kids and Culture fund?

Connecting Kids and Culture funds may be used to cover costs to connect elementary students (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students) with approved educational experiences both outside and inside the classroom. This includes admission fees; costs associated with bringing experiences into the classroom like speaker or presenter fees; student transportation expenses, etc. Connecting Kids and Culture supports arts and culture programs that align with core curriculum objectives offered by the following organizations:

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| Ankeny Art Center                   | Iowa Architectural Foundation          |
| Ankeny Historical Society           | Iowa Dance Theatre (Nutcracker Ballet) |
| Ballet Des Moines                   | Iowa Gold Star Military Museum         |
| Blank Park Zoo                      | Iowa Hall of Pride                     |
| Clive Historical Society            | Iowa State Capitol                     |
| CultureALL                          | Living History Farms                   |
| Des Moines Art Center               | Polk County Heritage Gallery           |
| Des Moines Community Playhouse      | Salisbury House and Gardens            |
| Des Moines Metro Opera              | Science Center of Iowa                 |
| Des Moines Performing Arts          | State Historical Museum                |
| Des Moines Symphony and Academy     | Urbandale Historical Society           |
| Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden | West Des Moines Historical Society     |
| Hoyt Sherman Place                  | World Food Prize Hall of Laureates     |

*Programs presented by organizations not included on this list are ineligible for CKC funding.*

Connecting Kids and Culture experiences must have a primary purpose of the education, enlightenment and entertainment of the public through the production, presentation, exhibition, advancement or preservation of art, science, music, theatre, dance, zoology, botany, natural history or cultural history.

Experiences not approved for CKC funding include:

- Professional, college or amateur sporting events
- For-profit culture or arts organizations
- For-profit culture or arts shows and contests
- Organizations in communities that do not currently contribute to Bravo Greater Des Moines (e.g. experiences in Ames are not approved as Ames is outside of Bravo's service area)

- Entertainment organizations with a primary purpose that is not arts and culture
- Activities outside the regular school day

**Can we participate in Connecting Kids and Culture?**

School districts and private schools serving 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students in the communities that invest in Bravo Greater Des Moines are eligible for CKC funds. This includes the cities of Altoona, Ankeny, Bondurant, Carlisle, Clive, Des Moines, Grimes, Indianola, Johnston, Norwalk, Pleasant Hill, Polk City, Urbandale, Waukee, West Des Moines, Windsor Heights and Polk County.

**How much funding is available from Connecting Kids and Culture?**

For the 2019-20 school year, eligible schools will receive \$3.25 for each enrolled 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade student.

**Where can I get more information about Connecting Kids and Culture?**

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