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### **City of Dubuque & Dubuque Main Street Partnership Receive Major Art Grant**

Dubuque, IA— Dubuque's Historic Millwork District (HMD) will receive a major economic boost for the arts in the form of a \$100,000 "Our Town" grant sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). The HMD Arts Project is a partnership between the City of Dubuque and Dubuque Main Street, with several collaborating arts organizations. The HMD Arts Project will help to design not-for-profit art space, new or expanded arts events in the HMD, and management of the emerging art district.

The *Our Town* grant program was designed to fund innovative projects in which communities, together with their arts and design organizations and artists, intend to create livable, sustainable neighborhoods with enhanced quality of life, increased creative activity, distinct identities, a sense of place, and revitalized local economies. *Our Town* grants support creative placemaking projects in communities across the United States.

Dubuque is the only Iowa community among the 51 projects (from 547 grant requests) in 34 states to receive funding in this grant period.

"This funding will help us jump-start the next phase in developing Dubuque's Downtown Cultural Corridor," said Dan LoBianco, executive director of Dubuque Main Street. "The Millwork District will soon be another arts anchor for our community and resources like the *Our Town* Grant are crucial to help lay the groundwork as we continue to strengthen and celebrate our cultural heritage."

A list of all recipient projects is at <http://www.arts.gov/grants/recent/11grants/Our-Town.html>

The full webinar announcement and PowerPoint by NEA, featuring the Dubuque project, can be accessed at <http://www.arts.gov/news/news11/OT-Webinar-Presentation.pdf>

Dubuque Main Street is also attaching the national release from NEA.

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