Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401-1848

To support the premiere of chamber operas based on the paintings of Cedar Rapids native Grant Wood with related community engagement programming. Each opera will be created by a different Iowa-based composer—Jean-Francois Charles, Michael Ching, and Robert Lindsey-Nassif. The composers will write both the music and libretto and use a painting by Wood for inspiration including American Gothic, Return from Bohemia, and The Spotted Man. Community engagement activities include discussions, school programs, and a lecture by a musicologist. Projections of Wood’s paintings will be used to enhance the audience experience. The three one-act operas will be premiered together in Cedar Rapids in the spring of 2019.

**Fiscal Year:** 2019  
**Congressional District:** 1  
**Grant Amount:** $15,000  
**Category:** Art Works  
**Discipline:** Opera  
**Grant Period:** 01/2019 - 05/2019

Quad City Symphony Orchestra Association  
Davenport, IA 52801-1508

To support a performance and educational programming by the Kaia String Quartet. Prior to their public performance, the Kaia String Quartet will present music workshops at Lincoln-Irving Elementary, a bilingual school in the Floreciente neighborhood of Moline, Illinois. The public performance will take place at the Boys and Girls Club of the Mississippi Valley in Moline. The concert will be part of a series focused on work by Latino composers that is intended to help expand the diversity of the orchestra’s audience.

**Fiscal Year:** 2019  
**Congressional District:** 2  
**Grant Amount:** $10,000  
**Category:** Challenge America  
**Discipline:** Challenge America  
**Grant Period:** 01/2019 - 05/2019

Red Cedar Chamber Music  
Marion, IA 52302-0154

To support outreach concerts and educational events in rural Iowa communities. In addition to performances of chamber music, the artists will conduct educational events for a range of age groups at venues such as community centers, libraries, schools, and an opera house.

**Fiscal Year:** 2019  
**Congressional District:** 2  
**Grant Amount:** $10,000  
**Category:** Art Works  
**Discipline:** Music  
**Grant Period:** 07/2019 - 06/2020
To support the Opera Iowa Educational Touring Troupe. Touring artists in residence will reach students and adults through classroom workshops and school and community performances. The elementary school repertoire will consist of an operatic version of Little Red’s Most Unusual Day based on scenes from operas by Offenbach and Rossini and will feature an anti-bullying message. The repertoire for community performances will focus on Mozart's The Magic Flute. The resident artists will provide training materials for teacher preparation and hold workshops with the students. Tour performances and workshops will take place in winter 2019.

**Fiscal Year:** 2019  
**Congressional District:** 3  
**Grant Amount:** $15,000  
**Category:** Art Works  
**Discipline:** Opera  
**Grant Period:** 01/2019 - 04/2019

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To support arts programs, services, and activities associated with carrying out the agency’s National Endowment for the Arts-approved strategic plan.

**Fiscal Year:** 2019  
**Congressional District:** 3  
**Grant Amount:** $649,230  
**Category:** Partnerships (State & Regional)  
**Discipline:** State & Regional  
**Grant Period:** 07/2019 - 06/2020

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To support an ecological arts retreat at Iowa’s Loess Hills Landform for artists, scientists, and students and an associated publication. Selected writing and art work created from the retreat will be published and printed in a book and made available to the public.

**Fiscal Year:** 2019  
**Congressional District:** 4  
**Grant Amount:** $10,000  
**Category:** Art Works  
**Discipline:** Presenting & Multidisciplinary Works  
**Grant Period:** 06/2019 - 05/2021