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Quality of life is widely recognized as a critical factor in location decision making for both workers and companies. A region cannot be world class without a comprehensive and consistent commitment to its culturally rich diversity, the arts and recreational amenities, all of which serve as economic drivers in today's globally minded community development.

The Partnership Supports:

- Funding for the following programs and priorities:
 - High-priority trail projects and continued funding for federal trails programs.
 - Multipurpose trails and other transportation- and recreation-related programs that improve community health and livability.
 - Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program.
 - Iowa's National Endowment for the Arts – State Arts Agency Partnership Grant to invest in people and projects that foster economic growth and enhance the cultural identity of local communities.
 - National Park Service – Historic Preservation Fund (HPF).
 - The proposed Historic Tax Credit Improvement Act.
 - The Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), enabling Iowa Public Television (IPTV) to promote education, public safety and community service statewide, reaching rural and underserved Iowa families and communities with quality programs and services.
 - National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the National Science Foundation (NSF), whose agencies' resources and grant programs make these investments possible at the state and local level.
- Competitive grants offered to the state and local level through federal funding for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), National Parks Service (NPS) – Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) and the National Science Foundation (NSF). Specifically, The Partnership supports the following arts and culture priority projects for federal funding:
 - Des Moines Art Center to support “Ruptures,” an exhibition that will present and explore how nature and humankind are at a sensitive crossroads and “Sterling Ruby,” the first exhibition to focus on the artist's ceramic-based work.
 - Des Moines Metro Opera in support of the OPERA Iowa Educational Troupe program for the 2018 statewide tour.
 - Des Moines Performing Arts for funds to support the 2018 Dance Series.
 - Des Moines Symphony's 2018 Youth Concerts.
 - A Common Heritage Grant from NEH's Division of Presentation and Access, to support a project that will be designed to encourage Iowans to provide documents

and objects that help tell the story of the state's shared heritage to be digitized and made available via web exhibits.

- The Science Center of Iowa (SCI) in support for a Museums For America grant request to the Institute of Museums and Library Sciences that seeks support to develop, fabricate, install and evaluate new interactive exhibits and content in its What on Earth (WOE) gallery.
- Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs to support statewide grants for arts education and greater access to arts activities in both rural and urban communities.
- State Historical Society of Iowa to support digitization of Iowa's historic newspapers and the continuation of a new Iowa History Education initiative that will provide K-12 teachers and students with an online, ready-to-use, primary source-based teaching resource that combines local and national history from the collections of both the State Historical Society of Iowa and the Library of Congress.
- The State Historic Preservation Office to support statewide preservation programs including the National Register of Historic Places and consultation for the Federal Historic Tax Credits.

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