

Midwest Old Threshers receives annual financial support from Cultural Leadership Partners Program (CLP)

Since the beginning of the support program, Midwest Old Threshers have qualified to receive funding support from the Cultural Leadership Partners Program administered by the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. Financial support from the CLP Program is vital to the annual operation of the nonprofit organization making possible a variety of programs and projects which normally would not be possible.

The CLP Program at Midwest Old Threshers assists in the support of the Heritage Museums, programming at the Log Village throughout the year, and a variety of special programs including Spring School Tours, Steam School, the Bussey Doll Event, Printers' Fair, and the majority of special programs during the annual Old Threshers Reunion.

Cultural Leadership Partners currently represents 56 arts and cultural organizations that demonstrate an exemplary record of programming and managerial excellence and community service on a year-round basis to the citizens of Iowa. The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) believes these partnerships are a shared investment in a vigorous and rich cultural environment that improves the quality of life for all Iowans.

GOALS OF THE CULTURAL LEADERSHIP PARTNERS PROGRAM

1. To strengthen the partnerships with our Cultural Leadership Partners based on mutual respect and an equal responsibility for advancing the cultural climate in Iowa.
2. To encourage leadership and advocacy in advancing the role and value of arts and culture in Iowa.
3. To provide predictable multi-year general operational funding support to our Cultural Leadership Partners.
4. To identify creative solutions to common problems facing our Cultural Leadership Partners.
5. To facilitate communication, collaboration and peer-to-peer networking between and among DCA and our Cultural Leadership Partners.

EXPECTATIONS OF DCA AND CULTURAL LEADERSHIP PARTNERS

1. Assume an active leadership role in their community and the state and be perceived as being proactive in advancing and elevating the role, value and quality of the arts and culture in Iowa.
2. Make programming and managerial choices that clearly demonstrate an artistic or cultural vision and a desire for growth, innovation and excellence.
3. Adopt management practices that reflect professional practices and standards expected within their fields.
4. Establish and strengthen networking and mentoring relationships with each other and with other arts and cultural colleagues in Iowa.

Midwest Old Threshers would encourage all active volunteers, visitors, and supporters of its annual Old Threshers Reunion and many other special events and programs to encourage all Iowa legislators to continue robust support funding for the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Leadership Partners Program.