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**Iowa Heartland RC&D Receives Grant to Foster
Rural Community Development Through Arts, Culture & History**

Informational Meeting at Central College on June 18

Indianola, IA – Sheila Navis, Executive Director of the Iowa Heartland Resource, Conservation & Development, Inc. (IHRC&D), announced today that a meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 18 at Central College at the Graham Annex to share information and exciting developments relating to a grant that has been awarded to IHRC&D from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), to build the capacity – both in financial and human capital - for art, history and cultural projects and corresponding organizations.

As part of this initiative, IHRC&D will be working with local arts councils, historic societies, cultural organizations and others in the rural communities we represent. To best serve the needs of these entities, IHRC&D recognizes the critical importance of broad-based, community-driven projects and we are seeking input from individuals involved in arts, cultural pursuits and history. Both volunteers and staff from organizations are welcome to attend.

The meeting will start at 11:30 in the Sutphen Room, with a complimentary lunch provided. Guests must respond to sheila.navis@ihracd.org by Monday, June 15 to reserve a space. Parking is available across the street from the Graham Annex, located on University Street in Pella, Iowa.

The IHRC&D is a 501(c)(3) corporation serving Dallas, Jasper, Madison, Marion, Polk and Warren counties for the purpose of improving the quality of life through economic development and resource conservation. Iowa Heartland RC&D activities this past year included efforts relating to expansion of the Central Iowa Trails, local foods/farmer's markets and forest health activities.

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