

Arts Build Communities Grants

Arts Build Communities (ABC) Grants is a program funded by the Tennessee General Assembly and administered in cooperation with the Tennessee Arts Commission and ArtsBuild.

The objective of these grants is to build communities by nurturing artists, arts organizations (including local arts agencies), and arts supporters in each of Tennessee's 95 counties. Grant applications and guidelines may found on the Tennessee Arts Commission's [website](#).

The ABC grant program is funded under an agreement with the State of Tennessee, the Tennessee Arts Commission, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

2017-2018 ABC Grant Recipients

Bessie Smith Cultural Center to support Bessie in a Box, a program designed to take artists and arts administrators directly into the classroom or after-school programs designed for students in grades K-12.

Chattanooga Bach Choir to support a performance of the complete *Messiah* by G. F. Handel on April 15, 2018.

Chattanooga Kids on the Block, Inc. to provide support for Pinwheels for Prevention to be held in April 2018 as part of the national Child Abuse Awareness Month activities and in partnership with the Creative Discovery Museum.

Chattanooga State Community College to support Latin Festival, a free community celebration promoting understanding by the general public of various Latino cultures, as well promoting cross-cultural interaction between a variety of Latino groups.

East Lake Expression Engine to support a music education program serving underprivileged students in the East Lake Neighborhood of Chattanooga.

Music Therapy Gateway in Communications, Inc. to create performance events both in the UTC concert hall and directly in the medical community to advocate for and celebrate the cause of music in therapy.

Scenic City Clay Arts to support the "Empty Bowl Initiative," a project wherein the public is invited to create a clay bowl outside Scenic City Clay Arts in The Arts Building and attend the celebration/exhibition of fired bowls.

SoundCorps to support Sidewalk Stages, a street performance initiative designed to activate Chattanooga public spaces with live local music.

SPLASH to support visual art classes held for youth in the SPLASH studio, located in the former James A. Henry Elementary School.