

Community Cultural Connections Grants

In response to *Imagine Chattanooga 20/20*, ArtsBuild implemented a program which makes arts and culture more accessible to underserved populations, inclusive of geographic area, ethnicity, age and individuals with disabilities.

The Diversity section of *Imagine Chattanooga 20/20* suggests the following goal:

“To ensure that neighborhoods and underserved communities are better served, a special neighborhood arts and culture program should be developed that provides small grants for neighborhood and community cultural initiatives.”

Funding for the Community Cultural Connections (CCC) grants was provided by the Lyndhurst Foundation, Hamilton County Commissioner Tim Boyd, and generous community contributions.

FY 2019 Community Cultural Connections Grant Recipients

Austin Hatcher Foundation for Pediatric Cancer for the purchase of new supplies and equipment to support the After School Enrichment Program, which offers weekly one hour classes that incorporate art, education, and skill-building.

Ben Van Winkle to support Ben Van Winkle and the Figment Chamber Ensemble, a concert that aims to bridge the gap between classical and popular music lovers through a performance at the Chattanooga Theatre Centre.

Center for Mindful Living to support Paths to Peace, an event promoting discovering peace and mindfulness in its many forms, including through visual arts, theater and writing activities.

ChattaNAP: Chattanooga Neighborhoods Arts Partnership to support the Chattanooga Festival of Black Arts & Ideas to be held in June 2019 with events taking place throughout the city.

Chattanooga Chinese Dance Group to purchase Er Hu, an instrument to be used in their performances in the Chinese festivals, local international multicultural activities and other community gatherings as well as a program with the Creative Discovery Museum.

Family Promise to provide classes taught by an art therapist for the clients as they transition from homelessness to independence and self-sufficiency.

Friends of the Chattanooga Public Library to fund Symphonic Tales, a music and literacy program that celebrates culture through reading, music performance, art, and other activities.

Good Neighbors, Inc. to support the Lincoln Park Annual Festival.

Glass Street Collective to fund Glass Street LIVE 2018, a block party featuring live music, dancing, local food and arts activities while showcasing the positive actions of Glass Street's residents, artists, and partners.

The Helen Ross McNabb Center to support Art for the Inconsistent Mind, a project focused on art therapy with adults who suffer from a mental illness.

Jenison Owens to support Celebrations: a Community

Collaboration, a live dance, art, and music production featuring local artists as well as a dance workshop.

Memo's Grill to fund a monthly concert series featuring local and regional artists sharing the rich history of African American musical style from 1920 to today.

Northside Neighborhood House to present Just Dance, a program for middle and high school students taught by local dancer Louis Marin-Howard to understand dance as a unique form of personal expression and meaning.

Operation Song Chattanooga to fund ten-week songwriting sessions for veterans and their family members with professional songwriters.

Pablo Mazariegos to support Howard High School Documentary, a project that highlights the role that Howard's ESOL teachers' played in the academic success of their students.

The Pop-up Project to direct and produce a collaborative performance and dance film with Ballet Tennessee featuring local dancers, musicians, makeup artists, cinematographers, choreographers, and costumers to be filmed at Sculpture Fields.

Scenic City Chamber Society to support their 2018-2019 concert season, including performances by artists and college professors who bring top-level chamber performances to the Chattanooga area.

Scenic City Clay Arts to start a ceramic based residency program.

Spot Athletic Arts Venue to support Ballet Esprit's production of a new ballet inspired by Antoine De Saint-Exupery's *The Little Prince*.

University of Tennessee – Chattanooga Chamber Singers to professionally record original choral works by local composer Ethan McGrath.

Youth Shakespeare Chattanooga to support an after-school pilot project at Lookout Valley Middle and High School for young people to attend Shakespeare workshops for six weeks.