

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.

2015-2016 ABC Grant Recipients

Bessie Smith Cultural Center to promote dance camps for inner-city youth held at the Bessie Smith Cultural Center.

Chattanooga's Kids on the Block, Inc. to host a free community event, Pinwheels for Prevention, in April 2016 in cooperation with the Creative Discovery Museum.

Mid-South Sculpture Alliance to develop expanded programming through salary support for the Executive Director.

Music Therapy Gateway in Communications, Inc. to partner with the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera (CSO) and the UTC Department of Music to present Dance of the Neural Tango, celebrating the art of music in therapy.

Performing Arts League to support The Sunday Showcase, a celebration of local youth performing groups to take place at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga in November.

Red Bank Elementary School to present a patriotic concert partnership with Red Bank Elementary, Middle and High Schools in November.

Siskin Children's Institute to fund a special sensory-sensitive performance in partnership with the Chattanooga Theatre Centre's Youth Theatre Program.

SPLASH to support visual art classes for youth in the SPLASH studio, located in the former James A. Henry Elementary School in Chattanooga's Eastside area, to teach students entrepreneur skills.

University of Tennessee Chattanooga Music Department to fund the River City Clarinet Winter Festival 2016 to be held in January for local clarinetists and the general public.

YMCA-YCAP to host visual arts workshops through the YCAP program for area middle school students.