

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.

2018-2019 ABC Grant Recipients

Art120 to bring Pakistani truck artist, Haider Ali, to Chattanooga, in September 2018. Haider painted their utility art vehicle in the style of jingle truck that will be used to connect our community to Pakistani culture and this amazing form of art.

Bessie Smith Cultural Center to present programs in performing, visual, literary, and expressive arts which positively enhance and promote the understanding of both the multicultural and the multi-dimensional definition of African and African American derived art and culture. These programs will be conducted monthly at area neighborhood community centers.

East Lake Expression Engine to provide stipends to teachers for a music education program serving underprivileged students in the East Lake neighborhood of Chattanooga, TN. Through the instruction and practice of music in a gospel-centered mentoring environment students are equipped with the creativity, discipline, and problem solving skills they need to become leaders in their families, communities, and the city.

Friends of the Library to host The Symphonic Tales program, a once-per-month music and literacy event series presented at the Downtown Public Library, one of the branch libraries and two local Pre-K's during the school year (September through May). Each event includes literacy, musical, play, and art activities, all of which center on a literary theme.

H*Art Gallery to hire teaching staff and purchase art supplies for art making classes with seniors at low-income senior living housing in the Main Street area. Inner city high school students will also be engaged as helpers to foster multi-generational learning and art creation.

Music Therapy Gateway in Communications (MTGIC) to hire composers and singer/songwriters to create musical samples/songs/compositions. These compositions will be utilized for therapeutic purposes to benefit persons with disabilities and their caregivers.

Scenic City Clay Arts to assist with the cost of teachers and marketing of pottery classes for local schools, colleges, and veterans.

Sound Corps to produce Sidewalk Stages that provides opportunities for local musicians to earn income while also encouraging the Chattanooga community to more easily and more often interact with the local music community.

SPLASH to offer free art classes taught by professional exhibiting artists to underserved, low income youth living in College Hill Courts. The studio is a fully equipped professional artist studio that serves as a safe place for kids to be nurtured and grow in their creativity.