

# 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.

## 2019-2020 ABC Grant Recipients

**East Lake Expression Engine** to support The Junior Intern Program, piloted in Summer 2018, which creates an opportunity for middle and high school students aged 14 and up to work for the program while continuing their musical education at Expression Engine.

**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.

**Mid-South Sculpture Alliance** to host MSA Confab: Intercepting the Plastic Waste Stream featuring keynote speaker Aurora Robson, a multi-media artist known predominantly for her meditative work intercepting the plastic waste stream.

**Scenic City Clay Arts** to support youth and family workshops in clay arts and creative art making.

**Sound Corps** to produce Sidewalk Stages, a street performance initiative designed to activate Chattanooga public spaces with live local music while providing opportunities for local musicians to earn income.

**SPLASH** to support free art classes covering abstract and realistic painting and drawing for underserved youth living in College Hill Courts.

**The Shaking Ray Levi Society** to support The Signal Centers/David Greenberger Project which will create monologues and original music from Prime Lens drawn from conversations made between artist David Greenberger and participants from the community of Signal Centers, a non-profit facility with services focusing on disabilities and self-sufficiency.