

# 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.

## 2020-2021 ABC Grant Recipients

**Art 120** to support artist fees to transform the Jingle Truck hands-on learning program into a virtual platform, allowing the program to continue with Hamilton County schools as well as offer greater accessibility with schools within a 120-mile radius of Chattanooga.

**CoPAC** to support Drive-in Dances, an event held for four evenings consisting of eight dancers performing outdoors with the entire audience safely inside their own vehicles. The collective of dance artists explored innovative approaches to dance making, investing in the creation of inquiry-based work that challenges understanding of experiences and social constructs.

**Friends of the Chattanooga Public Library** to fund the purchase of video recording equipment. Due to COVID-19, the original grant program Symphonic Tales was unable to take place.

**Music Therapy Gateway** to support "The Power of Music," a live-stream concert performed by area musicians during COVID-19.

**Scenic City Clay Arts** to fund teaching artist fees and supplies for the monthly Youth and Family Clay Arts Workshops series and allow accessible rates and scholarships to anyone who wants to experience clay arts.

**Songbirds Foundation, Inc.** to support Guitars for Kids, a program bringing music education, instruments, and additional equipment to a Chattanooga school without comprehensive music education, and to fund the Foundation's continuing Music Therapy program for youth with disabilities and critical illnesses.

**SPLASH** to fund teaching artist fees for free art classes for students covering abstract and realistic painting and drawing during the summer. Due to COVID-19, classes will take place via social media.

**The Chatterry** to support The Business of Art: Artists are Entrepreneurs Too, a project designed to provide artists and arts administrators with personal and professional development skills needed to find success, including entrepreneurship, bookkeeping, mental health and creative arts therapy.

**WTCI** to fund The WTCI PBS Storybook Nook, a small community reading space, developed through participatory community design facilitated by an artist which will be used for digital story times and virtual educational engagement opportunities. Post COVID-19, the space will be open to families, students, and the public as a reading area within the current community room at the station.