

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.

2022-2023 ABC Grant Recipients

Art 120 to fund artist fees and visual arts programming for their free, public “International Art Market and More” events.

Be the Change Youth Initiative to host out-of-school arts classes for youth who attend Red Bank High School and Soddy Daisy Middle School, integrating multiple artistic genres.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Chattanooga to launch their first music program, ClubTunes, to serve children after school and during the summer.

Chattanooga Historical Society/Picnooga to host a summer camp program in 2023 with the intention of creating an arts experience through analog photography for local youth (middle/high school age).

CoPAC to support Drive-in Dances, an event consisting of dancers performing outdoors. The collective of dance artists explore innovative approaches to dance making, investing in the creation of inquiry-based work that challenges understanding of experiences and social constructs.

Girls Inc. of Chattanooga to host fall, spring and summer camps that are infused with arts experiences.

Keep Soddy-Daisy Beautiful to create a mural on the side of an iconic building in Soddy-Daisy, involving both a paid artist as well as community members in the process of creating the mural.

MNGK Garvey Program to facilitate Capoeira classes for youth between the ages of 5-18. Capoeira is an Afro Brazilian martial art that combines dance, music (singing and playing instruments), acrobatics, and the exchange of movement between participants.

Reflection Riding Arboretum and Nature Center to host a fall 2022 Campfire Concert Series.

Scenic City Shakespeare to provide artist fees for the production *As You Like It*, performed outdoors over two weekends at Greenway Farms.

Signal Centers, Inc./H*ART Gallery to launch arts-focused classes for community members who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's/Dementia and their caregivers.

Songbirds Foundation, Inc. to support the initiatives around their “Guitars for Kids” program.

SPLASH to support the 2022 SPLASH Summer Arts Festival, providing funding for teaching artists, performers, and other staff involved with the facilitation of the festival.

The Chatterry to launch “Art as Activism,” arts experiences that engage participants in critical thinking on current issues of social justice.