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**ArtsBuild's Mission Support Grant Application Now Open**

*Community arts organizations can apply now through March 19th*

[ArtsBuild](#) is now taking applications for its [Mission Support Grants](#) through March 19, 2026. The grant is open to local arts organizations that provide year-round arts programs and experiences for the community. Funding is for the 2027 fiscal year, from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Mission support grants are awarded annually and provide general operating funds to eligible organizations. These grants are designed to support access to the arts and to supplement other earned revenue and contributed income generated by the organization. Grant recipients enrich Chattanooga and Hamilton County, making it a better place to live, work, and visit. In 2025, ArtsBuild invested \$1.5 million in Chattanooga and Hamilton County, with over \$800,000 grants to local arts organizations through community contributions. Anyone interested in supporting this work can donate through the [ArtsBuild website](#).

“Our Community Arts Partners share our mission of building stronger communities through the arts,” said ArtsBuild’s Melissa Astin, Director of Grants and Community Engagement. “They strive to create access for youth and adults across Hamilton County, and we’re proud to support their work.”

ArtsBuild’s 2025-2026 Community Arts Partners represent a wide range of organizations, artists, and educators working together to build a more vibrant Chattanooga. This year, there are 21 partners across the city: [Art120](#), [Association for Visual Arts](#), [Bessie Smith Cultural Center](#), [Be The Change Youth Initiative](#), [CHA Ballet](#), [Chattanooga Boys Choir](#), [Chattanooga Girls Choir](#), [Chattanooga Symphony & Opera](#), [Chattanooga Theatre Centre](#), [CoPAC/Barking Legs Theater](#), [Creative Discovery Museum](#), [Dynamo Studios](#), [East Lake Expression Engine](#), [Houston Museum of Decorative Arts](#), [Hunter Museum of American Art](#), [Scenic City Clay Arts](#), [Sculpture Fields](#), [Songbirds Foundation](#), [SPLASH](#), [Stove Works](#), and [The Pop-Up Project](#).



A grants review panel made up of local community volunteers evaluates each organization's application, heavily weighted on the organization's efforts to create access to the arts across our community – through outreach, inclusion, and diversity in programming and participation. Organizations must meet certain requirements to be eligible, which are found in the Grant Guidelines available through the Grants Portal: [artsbuild.submit.com](https://artsbuild.submit.com).

To learn more about ArtsBuild's programs, grant opportunities, and community impact, visit [artsbuild.com](https://artsbuild.com).

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### **About ArtsBuild**

Located in Chattanooga, Tennessee, ArtsBuild's mission is *to build stronger communities through the arts*. Founded in 1969, ArtsBuild has supported the creative future of Hamilton County by investing more than \$80 million over the past five decades in our community's many arts organizations, funding arts integration programs for our students and teachers, and ensuring that even our most underserved populations have access to arts programming. ArtsBuild is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and all gifts are tax-deductible as allowed by law.