



\$5.59 million distributed through 835 grants

- \$5.08 million in 489 annual grants
- \$506,736 in 346 Arts Emergency Relief grants

4.6 million arts experiences for residents and visitors
 2019 data, the latest available from grantees.

Artist Development

- Grants ● Programs

Community Arts Development

- Grants ● Programs

Arts Education

- Grants ● Programs
- Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) Project sites

Additional Grants and Programs

- Access SC grants
- Folklife and Traditional Arts grants
- South Carolina Cultural Districts

COUNTIES IN BOLD are home to artists and arts organizations that received South Carolina Arts Commission Arts Emergency Relief Grants. These grants provided emergency funds to those affected financially by the COVID-19 pandemic. Find additional information on page 2.

This map is a visual representation of how the South Carolina Arts Commission distributes public funding back to communities in the state's 46 counties as grants, which often require a 1:1 match or more in local investment, or programs that provide citizens and visitors equal access to the many documented benefits of the arts.*

Artist Development

● Grants

- Individual Artist Fellowships
\$5,000 unrestricted grants over a one-year period to reward and foster further artistic excellence.
- Arts Project Support (formerly Quarterly Project)
- S.C. Artists Ventures Initiative
Helping S.C. artists develop the knowledge and skills to build satisfying, sustainable careers with access to affordable, specialized training and investment.

● Programs

- ArtistsU
- ArtistsU/SHIFT South Carolina
Free, online convening of artists in two working groups for rigorous conversations about surviving and thriving during—and beyond—the COVID-19 pandemic by building solutions and support together.
- South Carolina Novel Prize
Competitive, biennial prize that awards one S.C. writer a book contract with program partner Hub City Press.

Community Arts Development

● Grants

- General Operating Support
Operating support funding strengthens arts organizations that bring ongoing arts experiences and services to individuals, communities, and other organizations throughout the state by providing consistent, unrestricted support for basic operations.
- Operating Support for Small Organizations
These grants provide operating support to small, grassroots organizations enriching their communities with the arts.
- Presenting and Performing Arts Initiative
PPA grants support the live presentation of S.C. based performing artists, ensembles, and performing arts organizations throughout the state.
- Arts Project Support (formerly Quarterly Project)

- Subgranting
Local arts “umbrella” groups match these funds 1:1 and provide grants to the qualified artists and arts organizations they serve.

● Programs

- Art of Community: Rural S.C. (Also ●)
Advances the S.C. Arts Commission’s commitment to rural community development through arts, culture, and creative placemaking by supporting new leaders, generating energy, and motivating action.
- CREATE: Rural S.C. (Also ●)
Furtheres the Art of Community work by identifying and engaging young creatives linked by region, adding voices to the ongoing rural development conversation.

Arts Education

● Grants

- Arts Education Projects
Grants in this category fund projects and programs that use the arts to meet the educational, developmental and social needs of K-12 students.
- Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) Advancement
A grant and partnership with the S.C. Department of Education and Winthrop University supporting standards-based arts education initiatives, including artist residencies and residency-plus activities.
- School Arts Materials
One-time grants for materials, supplies, and equipment.
- Teacher Standards Implementation
Help arts teachers acquire the supplies, materials, professional development, or other tools/expertise needed to meet South Carolina’s 2017 College and Career Ready Standards for Visual and Performing Arts Proficiency.

● Programs

- Poetry Out Loud
A national program of the National Endowment for the Arts and Poetry Foundation administered locally by the S.C. Arts Commission.

- Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) Project sites
This partnership’s reach is evident by the 23 counties marked on the map.

Additional Grants and Programs

● Access SC grants

Help arts organizations make programs and existing facilities accessible to South Carolinians with disabilities.

● Folklife and Traditional Arts grants and apprenticeships

- Grants support non-profit organizations that seek to promote and preserve the traditional arts practiced across the state.
- Apprenticeships support mentor artists who seek to pass their artistic and cultural knowledge to qualified apprentices who in turn gain the skills needed to pursue the art form beyond the apprenticeship.

● S.C. Cultural Districts Program

Geographic areas that have a concentration of cultural facilities, activities and assets. They are walkable, easily identifiable to visitors and residents, and serve as centers of cultural, artistic and economic activity. The S.C. Arts Commission is authorized to grant official state designation to cultural districts.

A note on Arts Emergency Relief Grants

Funding for grants to arts organizations was provided by the National Endowment for the Arts through the CARES Act. The S.C. Arts Foundation raised additional dollars to help fund relief grants to artists.



* The dots on the map may represent awarded grants with restricted eligibility not specifically mentioned in this document, such as those made available to artists and organizations identified in underserved counties.

