



This map serves as a visual representation of how the S.C. 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

- ArtsGrowSC
Personal and professional development for artists with arts-based businesses.
- FastTrac® for Artists at Midlands Technical College
An online continuing education course based in Columbia.
- ArtistsU
- South Carolina Novel Prize
Competitive, biennial prize that awards one S.C. writer a book contract with Hub City Press, a program partner.

Community Arts Development

● Grants

- General Operating Support (GOS)
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 (OSS)
These grants provide operating support to small, grassroots organizations enriching their communities with the arts.
- Presenting and Performing Arts Initiative (PPA)
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 development through arts, culture, and creative placemaking by supporting new leadership, generating energy, and motivating action in a rural region of South Carolina.
- Create: Rural S.C. (Also ●●●)
Further the work of Art of Community by identifying and engaging young creatives in the same region, bringing more voices to its rural development conversation.

Arts Education

● Grants

- Arts Education Projects (AEP)
Grants in this category fund projects and programs that use the arts to meet the educational, developmental and social needs of K-12 students.
- Teacher Standards Implementation (TSI)
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.
- 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.

● 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.

* 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.

