



artsHERE

ArtsHERE is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with South Arts and in collaboration with the other five U.S. Regional Arts Organizations.

RECOMMENDED GRANTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

State/City/Town List

Each of the organizations recommended for ArtsHERE grants have demonstrated commitments to equity within their practices and programming. ArtsHERE will support projects identified by each grant recipient that will help them to better serve and reach their communities while addressing disparities in arts participation. Below is information on each organization's work in their community and a description of how their ArtsHERE capacity-building project will further this work and impact.

Alabama	Kentucky	Oklahoma
Alaska	Louisiana	Oregon
Arizona	Maine	Pennsylvania
Arkansas	Maryland	Puerto Rico
California	Massachusetts	Rhode Island
Colorado	Michigan	South Carolina
Connecticut	Minnesota	South Dakota
Delaware	Mississippi	Tennessee
District of Columbia	Missouri	Texas
Florida	Montana	Utah
Georgia	Nebraska	Vermont
Guam	Nevada	Virgin Islands
Hawaii	New Hampshire	Virginia
Idaho	New Jersey	Washington
Illinois	New Mexico	West Virginia
Indiana	New York	Wisconsin
Iowa	North Carolina	Wyoming
Kansas	North Dakota	
	Ohio	

Alabama

Number of Grants: 2

Total Dollar Amount: \$193,151

Freedom Quilting Bee Legacy

\$97,643

Alberta, AL

The ArtsHERE grant will support Freedom Quilting Bee Legacy's efforts to professionalize their volunteer staff, hire a COO, and build the organization's infrastructure, while continuing current programs and undertaking strategic planning for long-term sustainability. Freedom Quilting Bee Legacy preserves the rich heritage of African American quilting while fostering economic empowerment in rural Alabama. Through this work, they maintain cultural traditions and support community development through the arts. <https://fqblegacy.org/>

Studio By The Tracks

\$95,508

Birmingham, AL

The ArtsHERE grant will support doubling the number of autistic youth served in the Transitional Program through peer learning site visits, a feasibility study, marketing, and research. Studio By The Tracks provides free art classes to adults with autism and children experiencing homelessness. They create a supportive environment where individuals can explore their creativity and develop artistic skills. www.studiobythetracks.org

Alaska

Number of Grants: 2

Total Dollar Amount: \$235,610

Alaska Native Heritage Center

\$130,000

Anchorage, AK

The ArtsHERE grant will support the Utuqqanaatmiñ Program (“From Our Elders”), which aims to sustain community engagement and arts participation among Alaska Natives in Anchorage. This project focuses on increasing access to traditional art practices, promoting Alaska Native arts, and improving institutional support for culturally relevant services. The Alaska Native Heritage Center is dedicated to preserving and promoting the cultural heritage of Alaska Native peoples, addressing systemic social barriers, and fostering community healing through the arts.

<https://www.alaskanative.net/>

Juneau Alaska Music Matters (JAMM)

\$105,610

Juneau, AK

This grant will support professional development by bringing together Lingít speakers, culture bearers, string teaching artists, and certified music teachers to develop music-based Lingít language instruction and culturally responsive training for educators. Key activities include a summer teacher training and music lab, field research in Sitka, AK, and the creation of culturally responsive teaching practice video tutorials. Additionally, JAMM staff will attend the National ASTA conference for further professional development. JAMM is dedicated to preserving the Lingít language and integrating its cultural wisdom into education, enhancing the learning experiences of students and educators in Southeast Alaska. <https://www.juneaumusicmatters.com/>

Arizona

Number of Grants: 2

Total Dollar Amount: \$246,335

Border Youth Tennis Exchange, Inc. (BYTE)

\$130,000

Nogales, AZ

Funding from ArtsHERE will support Border Youth Tennis Exchange (BYTE's) capacity-building project, which includes expanding the current Arizona Art Coordinator role to a full-time Art Director. This new position will oversee all Arizona art sites, double the program hours, and pilot a trauma-informed coaching course, ensuring the sustainable growth of BYTE's multi-state model. Border Youth Tennis Exchange (BYTE) is a youth development organization operating in the Arizona/Sonora border humanitarian sector and California prison system dedicated to providing healing-based art and sport classes to underserved communities. <https://bytetennis.org/>

Hopitutuqaiki

\$116,335

Kykotsmovi, AZ

This grant will support the development and implementation of a logic model, enhance community input for Hopi School programming needs, and broaden social media efforts to engage with the community. The funding will also enable annual symposiums on Hopi language preservation and increase awareness through local and regional Native art shows. Hopi School offers art classes in traditional and contemporary Hopi arts, cultural presentations, and community events on the Hopi Indian Reservation, fostering cultural preservation and educational enrichment.

<http://www.hopitutuqaiki.com>

Arkansas

Number of Grants: 1

Total Dollar Amount: \$130,000

Tricycle Theatre for Youth (Ovations Plus)

\$130,000

Bentonville, AR

Tricycle Theatre for Youth will use the ArtsHERE grant to increase arts participation and expand its educational theatre program to more primary-school students in northwest Arkansas. The grant will also be used to strengthen the program through a new music experience that reflects and serves its Spanish-speaking families. Tricycle Theatre for Youth produces engaging, relevant, and inclusive theatre experiences with and for young people in Northwest Arkansas.

<https://ovationsnwa.org>

California

Number of Grants: 3

Total Dollar Amount: \$350,800

Bezerk Productions

\$120,800

Joshua Tree, CA

The ArtsHERE grant will support Bezerk Productions in developing a strategic plan and transitioning leadership. The project includes hiring a new Executive Director by July 2025, engaging an experienced consultant for strategic planning, and providing board development and fundraising training to ensure future sustainability. Led by nationally recognized artist Linda Sibio, Bezerk Productions has a 23-year history of offering art workshops for mentally challenged individuals, helping them channel creativity productively and manage behavior, ultimately improving their quality of life. <https://bezerkpro.org>

Koreatown Youth and Community Center, Inc.

\$100,000

Los Angeles, CA

ArtsHERE funding will support the Koreatown Storytelling Program (KSP) in addressing the needs of limited-income, recently immigrated children, individuals, and families through traditional healing arts. Key activities include "El Mercadito Magico: Traditional Healing Arts in Koreatown" in October 2024 and creating a multimedia walking tour with a "storymap" of traditional healing artists. These initiatives aim to foster community engagement, trust-building, and cultural competency. KYCC is dedicated to communion and healing for the community, enhancing well-being through culturally responsive and inclusive programs. <https://www.kyccla.org>

Latino Center of Art & Culture

\$130,000

Sacramento, CA

ArtsHERE funding will support Latino Center of Art & Culture (LCAC) in conducting an organizational needs assessment, developing a five-year strategic plan, and launching a bilingual marketing and promotion effort, including fundraising collateral and a new website to improve accessibility and showcase the archival history of LCAC. The LCAC will use this support to strengthen organizational capacity through a comprehensive needs assessment and strategic planning process. LCAC is committed to securing sustainable funding ensuring continued support for operations. <https://thelatinocenter.org>

Colorado

Number of Grants: 2

Total Dollar Amount: \$260,000

KUTE (KSUT)

\$130,000

Ignacio, CO

This grant will support the expansion of activities and programs overseen by the KSUT administration and the Tribal Media Center. These initiatives aim to nurture creativity, foster authentic cultural expression, and provide creative media training among members of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and other tribal members in the Four Corners region. Key activities include production training programs in partnership with organizations such as the Colorado Office of Film, Television and Media, and expanded opportunities for critical media literacy and multimedia training with partners like Rocky Mountain Public Media and the San Juan College Native American Center. KSUT is dedicated to addressing issues of media representation and access to creative tools, preserving cultural artistry, and enhancing community health through innovative media programs. <https://www.ksut.org/>

Phamaly Theatre Company

\$130,000

Denver, CO

The ArtsHERE grant will support travel for the Hunter Heartbeat Method's creator, Kelly Hunter, to Denver. Hunter will instruct Phamaly staff and actors, culminating in 12-16 performances of a Hunter Heartbeat version of "Pericles" or "The Tempest" in Denver, Colorado Springs, and Boulder. This funding will also allow the theatre to offer free workshops to college students, high school students, and community members. This project aims to reach 80 individuals with severe autism and/or cognitive disabilities, over 300 audience members, actors with disabilities, and hundreds of students and community members. Funding will allow this work to continue far beyond the project period; Phamaly Theatre Company will be able to offer teaching in social skills, inclusion, and reaching communities never touched before, moving beyond traditional theatre.

<https://phamaly.org>

Connecticut

Number of Grants: 4

Total Dollar Amount: \$490,000

Afro Caribbean Cultural Center (ACCC)

\$130,000

Waterbury, CT

The ArtsHERE grant will support strategic planning, data collection, professional development, and marketing to deepen ACCC's understanding of the Afro-Latino diaspora of the region and state and build awareness of their work so they can serve more individuals. ACCC is a multidisciplinary center that integrates the arts, education, activism, and conscious cultural tourism to foster social transformation in the Caribbean Taino and Afro-descendent cultures of the region.

<https://www.taino-nation.org/>

Community Partners in Action

\$130,000

Hartford, CT

The ArtsHERE grant will expand the Prison Art Program's staff; support the development of protocol and handbooks for instructors, participants, and staff as part of long-term strategic succession plan; create marketing materials; and distribute art supplies in all CT prisons for their Prison Arts Program, which uses arts expression as a tool for personal, social, and institutional change since 1978. CPA has provided critical services that promote accountability, dignity, and restoration for youth and adults affected by the criminal justice system. <https://cpa-ct.org>

HartBeat Ensemble, Inc.

\$100,000

Hartford, CT

The ArtsHERE grant will develop HartBeat Ensemble's fee-for service storytelling program into an earned income venture. It will also enable the hiring of a Business Development Director and Artistic Producer to support the creation of provocative theater that connects people and communities across traditional barriers of race, gender, class and geography. HartBeat is an artist-led & artist-driven company dedicated to building community partnerships and integrating the arts into the local civic agenda. <https://www.hartbeatensemble.org>

NXTHVN, Inc.

\$130,000

New Haven, CT

The ArtsHERE grant will support NXTHVN's disability justice project with the formation of a working group, conduction of research and a full community audit, and implementation of new strategies as part of their work with the Dixwell and New Haven communities. NXTHVN creates educational and professional opportunities and delivers resources, knowledge and capital to underrepresented artists, curators, and audiences locally. NXTHVN works to position Dixwell and New Haven as epicenters for transformative art and entrepreneurship by facilitating meaningful exchange between creators, arts professionals, and community members who use the arts and innovative ideas to create a more equitable world. <https://www.nxthvn.com>

Delaware

Number of Grants: 1

Total Dollar Amount: \$89,190

4youth Productions (Four Youth)

\$89,190

Wilmington, DE

The ArtsHERE grant will help 4youth Productions implement a newly built three-year plan, which includes building capacity and expanding reach. Support will allow for expended staffing, professional development, program evaluations, and visual storytelling. Four Youth leads underserved students on a journey that inspires intellectual and creative growth by providing education in a stable, safe, and supportive environment where youth from diverse backgrounds thrive throughout their formative years. <https://www.fouryouth.org>

District of Columbia

Number of Grants: 1

Total Dollar Amount: \$130,000

Visionaries of the Creative Arts (VOCA)

\$130,000

Washington, DC

The ArtsHERE grant supports Visionaries of the Creative Arts (VOCA) development of a social impact curriculum, “The ISM Project,” based on VOCA’s hit production ISM, a play that featured powerful monologues by five Deaf BIPOC artists regarding their lived experience with various “isms” including racism, sexism, and audism. The curriculum will include cultural competency and resources for identifying “isms”. Creating a curriculum based on the ISM play can alter perspectives and beliefs towards “isms” and their associated biases. VOCA will also provide resources for trauma-informed care for students taking the workshop. VOCA’s mission is to present a visionary platform for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing (HoH) Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) artists to create, collaborate, and showcase their culturally distinctive works through various forms of artistic and linguistic expressions. <https://www.vocarts.org>

Florida

Number of Grants: 3

Total Dollar Amount: \$297,643

Arca Images

\$100,000

Coral Gables, FL

The ArtsHERE grant will support deepening Arca Image's connections with constituents through translations between English and Spanish languages plays, expanded outreach to Latinx communities, making productions available for special school-age programs and establishing an Outreach and Diversity Coordinator position. Arca Images creates, produces, and promotes original and contemporary Latinx theater to enrich the cultural landscape of Miami. Through this work, they engage diverse audiences with bilingual performances that reflect the experiences of the Latinx community. <https://arcaimages.org/>

Diaspora Vibe Cultural Arts Incubator, Inc.

\$97,643

Miami, FL

The ArtsHERE grant will support DVCAI's capacity to increase arts participation across diverse Miami communities through additional staffing, creation of local arts committees, and offering a "Welcome to Miami Arts" program. Diaspora Vibe Cultural Arts Incubator supports the work of Caribbean and Latin American artists through exhibitions, residencies, and international exchanges. They aim to amplify the voices of diasporic artists and foster cross-cultural dialogues. <https://dvcai.org/>

NOMADstudio

\$100,000

St Petersburg, FL

The ArtsHERE grant will support community engagement activities and field research to create a playbook for their Studio on the Block MicroCamp program, a free small-scale pop-up art program which will support teen refugees from war-torn countries. The playbook will serve as both an internal training tool and an accessible resource for others, sustainably expanding the reach of the MicroCamp program. NOMADstudio creates place-based art studios that provide accessible, community-based arts education. They bring high-quality art experiences to underserved populations, fostering creativity and community engagement. www.nomadstudio.org

Georgia

Number of Grants: 3

Total Dollar Amount: \$330,000

Deep Center

\$100,000

Savannah, GA

The ArtsHERE grant will support the refinement of Deep Center's Critical Literary measurement tools and create a new system for using Critical Hope as an impact and youth success indicator to better assess their work. Deep Center empowers Savannah's young people to thrive as learners, community leaders, and artists. Their programs blend creative writing, art, and performance to address issues of social justice and equity. <https://www.deepcenter.org/>

drawchange

\$100,000

Atlanta, GA

The ArtsHERE grant will support the implementation of drawchange's new strategic plan, including the engagement of a consultant, developing an organizational needs assessment, increasing staff development, and conducting a research study on programmatic effectiveness. Drawchange empowers impoverished children by providing therapy-based art programs that promote emotional and cognitive development. Their work ignites imagination and inspires dreams through art. <https://drawchange.org/>

Southern Fried Queer Pride

\$130,000

Atlanta, GA

The ArtsHERE grant will support institutionalizing the organization's practices of equity and sustainability – centering the voices of disabled and low-income BIPOC LGBTQI+ members of the community – through an organizational needs assessment, strategic planning development, staff development, and leadership training. Southern Fried Queer Pride celebrates and empowers Southern queer communities through arts and advocacy. They create inclusive spaces for creative expression and social change. www.southernfriedqueerpride.com

Guam

Number of Grants: 1

Total Dollar Amount: \$130,000

Guam Unique Merchandise & Art (GUMA)

\$130,000

Hagåtña, GU

Funding from ArtsHERE will support four capacity-building initiatives, including an organizational needs assessment, expanding mentorship programs for business start-ups, reviewing and enhancing the incubator program for traditional artists, and developing a corporate giving campaign. Additionally, funds will be used to hire a part-time staffer and upgrade technology to improve operational efficiency. Guam Unique Merchandise is dedicated to fostering economic growth for cultural producers, artisans, and entrepreneurs by providing essential resources and support for sustained growth. <https://www.gumaguam.com>

Hawaii

Number of Grants: 2

Total Dollar Amount: \$260,000

Mana Maoli

\$130,000

Honolulu, HI

Funding from ArtsHERE will support Mana Maoli (MM)'s capacity-building projects, including strategic planning meetings, professional development workshops for instructors, and various community activities. These initiatives are designed to enhance arts services for underserved Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander youth at partner schools and online. MM is committed to fostering meaningful community engagement and increasing musical arts participation for underserved, low-income, and NH/PI youth across Hawaii. This support will empower our instructors, celebrate youth creativity, and build stronger connections within our community. <http://www.manamaoli.org>

PA'I Foundation

\$130,000

Honolulu, HI

ArtsHERE funding will support PA'I Foundation's capacity-building initiative, enabling staff and community members to participate in a series of cultural events and national conferences. These opportunities will allow Native Hawaiian artists, cultural practitioners, and performers to network with other native artists, Indigenous cultural organizations, and potential funders or buyers. Key events include the Santa Fe Indian Market, APAP Booking Conference, American Indigenous Tourism Conference, and 4 Days of Aloha. This grant will also facilitate the development of our strategic plan and provide essential tech training for our staff. PA'I Foundation is dedicated to expanding support for community artists through our new PA'I Arts & Cultural Center.

<https://paifoundation.org>

Idaho

Number of Grants: 2

Total Dollar Amount: \$198,598

Caldwell Fine Arts

\$68,598

Caldwell, ID

Caldwell Fine Arts will spread the arts beyond concert halls into diverse spaces and underserved places through programs including "Colors of Change" for incarcerated teens, "Beyond Limits" for individuals of all abilities, "¿Que viva la creatividad!" celebrating the Hispanic community, and "Arts Everywhere" bringing free art experiences to public spaces. The grant will also support the professional development of Caldwell Fine Arts' staff members by enabling their participation in the APAP Conference and SEW classes. <https://www.caldwellfinearts.org>

Global Lounge

\$130,000

Boise, ID

The ArtsHERE grant will support Global Lounge's capacity building by providing its first salaried position for Founder and Producing Artistic Director, Dayo Ayodele. This funding will enable increased partnerships with BIPOC, rural, and other underserved groups, enhancing programming access and quality, and developing essential organizational processes. Global Lounge is Idaho's only dedicated multicultural space, fostering cultural exchange and preserving diversity through artistic and educational programs in Boise. <https://www.globallounge.org/>

Illinois

Number of Grants: 2

Total Dollar Amount: \$222,400

Free Spirit Media

\$110,000

Chicago, IL

Free Spirit Media's ArtsHERE grant will fund a "Reimagining Evaluation" project to create new evaluation tools rooted in storytelling, reflection, social justice, and equity. Free Spirit Media partners with young storytellers to transform media and society, with programming that focuses on community-building, skill-sharing, and career and education pathways that support young people to envision and build their futures within the media industry and beyond.

<https://freespiritmedia.org/>

Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center

\$112,400

Urbana, IL

The Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center's ArtsHERE grant will support a five-year strategic planning process, including cultural strategy training and a study series for local artists and community leaders. Founded in 2001, UCIMC has transformed a historic post office into a community media and arts center, supporting various community programs and fiscally sponsoring over 60 organizations. The Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center's mission is to foster the creation and distribution of media and art that highlight underrepresented voices and perspectives, and to promote empowerment and expression through media and arts education.

<https://www.ucimc.org>

Indiana

Number of Grants: 2

Total Dollar Amount: \$215,000

ArtMix

\$85,000

Indianapolis, IN

ArtMix's ArtsHERE grant will support strategic planning as they continue their growth and expansion. It will also support ASL and Spanish language training for staff as demand for their programs continues to grow. ArtMix transforms the lives of people with disabilities through the creation of art. They serve more than 7,000 people of varying abilities through instructional art classes, arts-based workforce development, artist residencies and opportunities to sell, display, view, and purchase artwork. <https://www.artmixindiana.org/>

Indy Convergence

\$130,000

Indianapolis, IN

Indy Convergence's ArtsHERE grant will support the development of a strategic community engagement plan to better understand barriers impacting access to the arts and identify new value-aligned partnerships. Indy Convergence is an arts and community-based nonprofit that connects artists, communities, and their environment. They offer artist residencies, collaborative workshops, and community-focused programming that foster innovative experiences, ideas, and solutions. <https://www.indyconvergence.org>

Iowa

Number of Grants: 2

Total Dollar Amount: \$230,000

Azubuiké Arts

\$100,000

Davenport, IA

Azubuiké African American Council's ArtsHERE grant will help bridge the gap in arts and cultural engagement in the Quad Cities through strategic planning, cultural competency training, and marketing to underserved youth of color. Azubuiké provides inspirational and educational opportunities through the arts, aiming to reconcile the racial divides that exist in their community by giving underserved youth a voice to express themselves. <https://www.azubuikéarts.org/>

Iowa Arts in Education (ArtForce Iowa)

\$130,000

Des Moines, IA

ArtForce Iowa's ArtsHERE grant will support strengthening internal structures, integrating technology into programming, and fostering new partnerships with schools, youth service agencies, cultural institutions, and more. ArtForce Iowa creates opportunities for youth to transform through art, promoting personal and social development. They serve young people living in detention centers and offer free arts programming for refugee and immigrant youth.

<https://artforceiowa.org/>

Kansas

Number of Grants: 1

Total Dollar Amount: \$130,000

Wyandot Nation of Kansas

\$130,000

McLouth, KS

The ArtsHERE grant supports the Wyandot Nation of Kansas expansion of their community and stakeholder engagement efforts through a traveling monument, “Trespassers Beware! Fort Conley & Wyandot Women Warriors.” In collaboration with public art initiative Monumenta, Trespassers interprets the story of the Wyandot Conley sisters, whose physical and legal battle saved the Wyandot National Burying Ground (Huron Cemetery) from urban development and erasure. The Wyandot Nation is dedicated to preserving Wyandot history and culture, and continuing the Conleys’ legacy of protecting the Wyandot National Burying Ground in Kansas City, KS.

<https://www.wyandot.org>

Kentucky

Number of Grants: 1

Total Dollar Amount: \$76,150

Montgomery County Council for the Arts, Inc. (Gateway Regional Arts Center)

\$76,150

Mt. Sterling, KY

The ArtsHERE grant will support GRAC's Making Space Initiative — which fosters inclusivity, nurtures cultural exchange and dialogue, and serves as a resource for their underserved communities — through a logic model and needs assessment, cultural competency training, and community research. Gateway Regional Arts Center fosters creativity and community engagement through diverse arts programming. They enrich the cultural life of their region by providing opportunities for artistic expression and education. <http://www.grackentucky.org>

Louisiana

Number of Grants: 1

Total Dollar Amount: \$125,000

Dancing Grounds

\$125,000

New Orleans, LA

The ArtsHERE grant will support efforts to intentionally cultivate diverse leadership following the transition of their founding Executive Director to better serve their constituents. This will include coaching for the incoming co-directors, strategic planning, and expanded communications.

Dancing Grounds promotes health and wellness, develops young leaders, and encourages community engagement through dance. They strive to create inclusive spaces for movement and expression, particularly for marginalized communities. <https://www.dancinggrounds.org/>

Maine

Number of Grants: 1

Total Dollar Amount: \$110,500

Indigo Arts Alliance

\$110,500

Portland, ME

The ArtsHERE grant will enhance Indigo Arts Alliance's residency and community engagement programs, guided by a comprehensive strategic planning process, logic model, and community mapping to support their work in professional development and amplification of Black and Brown thought-leadership, vision and creative practice. As a Black-led organization, IAA cultivates and celebrates art as a key resource for healthy communities, connects global and local Black and Brown artists, provides an affirming environment for the creation of artwork across disciplines, and promotes engagement through participatory events that bring artists' and activists' work into public conversation on social justice, culture, and community. <http://indigoartsalliance.me>

Maryland

Number of Grants: 2

Total Dollar Amount: \$260,000

Ballet After Dark

\$130,000

Baltimore, MD

The ArtsHERE grant will support the implementation and evaluation of a new workforce development program for professionally trained dancers and movement specialists. BAD will be able to provide access to somatic dance and wellness practitioners by offering certificates in Somatic Wellness, a year-long performance contract with the BAD Ballet dance company, and a conditional offer of employment as a Somatic Dance Counselor. Ballet After Dark provides arts and cultural programs, comprehensive education, and activities that focuses on Black and Brown girls and youth impacted by sexual violence and various traumas heal their minds and bodies with performing arts, ballet techniques, dance therapy, and somatic interventions.

<https://www.balleteafterdark.com>

Community Building Art Works

\$130,000

Rockville, MD

The ArtsHERE grant will allow CBAW to bring in a consultant to conduct an organizational needs assessment and create a strategic plan for building a research-quality data collection and management system along with an infrastructure upgrade. This will enable clinical quality research to advance the field of knowledge around what community- based expressive arts can do to improve long-term health outcomes for veterans and other vulnerable populations. Using what was learned in field and community research, CBAW will improve engagement with and access to programs for BIPOC, disabled, rural, and economically vulnerable veterans. Community Building Art Works builds bridges between veterans and citizens through creative expression. CBAW uses the language of creativity to promote empathy, foster understanding, and create a vibrant, diverse community. <https://cbaw.org>

Massachusetts

Number of Grants: 4

Total Dollar Amount: \$497,500

Castle of our Skins

\$120,500

Roxbury, MA

The ArtsHERE grant will enable Castle of our Skins (COOS) to expand community engagement programming through staff expansion, website projects, program design and evaluation, and organizational accessibility training. COOS invites audiences to explore Black heritage and culture, spotlighting both unsung and celebrated figures of the past and present in classrooms, concert halls, and beyond. <https://www.castleskins.org/>

Company One, Inc.

\$130,000

Boston, MA

The ArtsHERE grant will support Company One Theatre's (C1) community organizing, training, and engagement strategies, including stakeholder trust-building and the creation of a multi-racial, socioeconomically diverse coalition for change. C1 builds community at the intersection of art and social change through theatrical events, public readings, conversations, workshops, and full-scale productions driven by issues of civic importance to Boston. <https://companyone.org/>

Front Porch Arts Collective

\$130,000

Boston, MA

The ArtsHERE grant will fund the development of a new strategic plan to transition the Front Porch Arts Collective into a permanent physical home and become an integral part of cultural place-making in the historically Black neighborhood of Roxbury. The Front Porch is a Black theatre company committed to advancing racial equity in Boston. Their artistic programming includes full productions, staged readings, concerts, developmental workshops, and other community appreciation events as well as mentorship of aspiring Black and Brown theater professionals. <https://www.frontporcharts.org>

Southeast Asian Coalition of Central Massachusetts, Inc.

\$117,000

Worcester, MA

The ArtsHERE grant will help establish the School of Traditional Southeast Asian Arts as a dynamic center for cultural exchange, learning, and immersion to support the Southeast Asian populations to thrive. Essential to the project is stakeholder participation, a consultant to guide the process, alignment with community needs, and incorporation of best practices in the design of the arts curriculum. The Southeast Asian Coalition of Central Massachusetts (SEACMA) assists the Vietnamese, Nepali, Cambodian, Burmese, Laotian, and Afghan populations to successfully integrate, thrive, and become contributing citizens while maintaining their unique cultural heritage. <https://www.seacma.org/>

Michigan

Number of Grants: 2

Total Dollar Amount: \$178,500

Floyd J. McCree Theatre (The New McCree Theatre)

\$75,000

Flint, MI

Floyd J. McCree Theatre's ArtsHERE grant will support the creation of a new strategic plan and community outreach initiatives to increase participation from younger audiences. Floyd J. McCree Theatre offers educational and cultural programs to enrich the community of Flint, focusing on producing works that reflect the African American experience, including an annual Black History film series and mainstage productions that address the historical and cultural experiences of African Americans. <https://www.thenewmccreetheatre.com/>

West Michigan Center for Arts + Technology

\$103,500

Grand Rapids, MI

West Michigan Center for Arts + Technology (WMCAT)'s ArtsHERE grant will support their Teen Arts + Tech Program expansion, enhancing curriculum development, stakeholder engagement, and strategic planning to reach neighboring school districts with underserved youth. WMCAT provides a culture of opportunity for individuals to achieve social and economic progress through visual arts and tech engagement, workforce development, and social enterprise programs.

<https://wmcats.org/>

Minnesota

Number of Grants: 2

Total Dollar Amount: \$260,000

Indigenous Roots

\$130,000

Saint Paul, MN

Indigenous Roots Cultural Center's ArtsHERE grant will support the continued growth of their grassroots efforts, helping to strategically restructure and revisit organizational procedures and policies. Indigenous Roots Cultural Center is a multidisciplinary, multigenerational, and multicultural space that cultivates opportunities for Native, Black, Brown, and Indigenous peoples through cultural arts and activism. <https://indigenous-roots.org/>

South Sudanese Foundation

\$130,000

Moorhead, MN

South Sudanese Foundation (SSF)'s ArtsHERE grant will support their initiative to expand culturally grounded arts programs and develop a strategic framework for sustainable fundraising, enhancing community engagement and long-term impact. The mission of SSF is to create a transformative community in Fargo-Moorhead where everyone thrives together. Since the pandemic, SSF has grown significantly, addressing the increasing needs of the refugee and New American immigrant population through high-quality programs and services. <https://ssffm.org/>

Mississippi

Number of Grants: 2

Total Dollar Amount: \$205,643

Gloster Arts Project

\$75,643

Natchez, MS

The ArtsHERE grant will support The Gloster Arts Project's REFRESH & REWIND initiative, a 5-year strategic plan based on consultant guidance and stakeholder feedback. Key components include establishing a new board of directors, developing a training program for staff and volunteers, and forming stronger partnerships with local organizations to ensure long-term impact and address evolving community needs. The Gloster Arts Project is dedicated to cultural enrichment and community development through the arts, providing accessible arts education and opportunities for youth to showcase their creativity. www.theglosterartsproject.org

Griot Arts

\$130,000

Clarksdale, MS

The ArtsHERE grant will support Griot's capacity-building strategy to strengthen organizational effectiveness by deepening community engagement, enhancing financial sustainability, and improving operational skills. Griot Arts Inc. helps youth and the community discover new opportunities in arts, education, and workforce development. Through this initiative, Griot fosters connections and a sense of belonging, creating a vibrant and inclusive environment for learning and growth. www.griotsarts.org

Missouri

Number of Grants: 4

Total Dollar Amount: \$482,500

Art as Mentorship

\$130,000

Kansas City, MO

The ArtsHERE grant will support the expansion of Art as Mentorship's programs to serve underserved youth through trauma-informed music education and mentorship. This will include strategic planning, leadership and organizational development, and outreach efforts. Art as Mentorship's mission is to empower young people to write their own success stories through access to mentorship, real-world skill development, and mental health support.

<https://artasmentorship.org/>

Creative Reaction Lab

\$130,000

St. Louis, MO

With the ArtsHERE grant, Creative Reaction Lab will scale the reach and impact of its Artwork for Equity program by providing more platforms to amplify marginalized voices and opportunities for community awareness and engagement. Creative Reaction Lab educates and equips Black and Latinx youth to become leaders in designing healthy and equitable communities. Its programs focus on addressing systemic injustices through creative solutions and community engagement.

<https://crxlab.org>

Kimbilio

\$92,500

Saint Louis, MO

The ArtsHERE grant will support strategic planning, board recruitment, and program development to help Kimbilio continue to nurture and sustain its community of writers from the African diaspora. Kimbilio is dedicated to supporting and empowering Black fiction writers through networking, artistic and professional development, resources, and outreach. Its community fosters literary excellence and promotes diverse voices in literature. <https://kimbiliofiction.com>

Mattie Rhodes Center

\$130,000

Kansas City, MO

Funding from ArtsHERE will support Mattie Rhodes Center's four annual exhibitions that portray Latino cultural themes with additional programming as well as other activities to stoke stakeholder and cultural engagement. Founded in 1894, Mattie Rhodes Center is a non-traditional arts organization that provides bilingual, culturally-competent programming in the arts and social services. As the only community-based Latino visual arts organization in Kansas City, Mattie Rhodes Center is a critical conduit to communicate Latinos' rich history and to educate the community about the complexity and uniqueness of Latino populations.

<https://www.mattierhodes.org>

Montana

Number of Grants: 2

Total Dollar Amount: \$145,000

Equinox Theater (Verge Theater)

\$65,000

Bozeman, MT

ArtsHERE funding will support Verge's "Pause and Effect" program, which provides theater classes to incarcerated individuals at Gallatin County Detention Center, the "Pay What You Wish" registration program, and the new Children's Theater Program. These initiatives aim to eliminate barriers to the arts, offer therapeutic theater experiences, and foster a supportive community for marginalized youth. Equinox Theater is dedicated to making theater accessible to all, serving diverse populations with innovative programs that enhance communication, empathy, and emotional well-being. <https://www.vergetheater.com>

The Myrna Loy

\$80,000

Helena, MT

ArtsHERE funds will support The Myrna Loy's initiative to deepen ties with the urban Indigenous community, create a rural-urban artistic exchange, and strengthen cross-sector partnerships with Indigenous organizations. The project includes bringing Indigenous artists and culture-carriers to Helena, conducting healing-based cultural events, and offering cultural training for staff and community groups. The Myrna Loy has built strong relationships with major Indigenous partners in Helena, including the Helena Indian Alliance, Leo Pocha Clinic, and the Indian Education Office. This initiative will enhance physical and mental health, cultural healing, and community connectivity for Helena's Indigenous population. The Myrna Loy is committed to deepening ties with the urban Indigenous community, fostering a rural-urban artistic exchange, and strengthening cross-sector partnerships to authentically collaborate with Indigenous artists across Montana, thereby enhancing health, well-being, and cultural centeredness. <https://themyrnaoy.com/>

Nebraska

Number of Grants: 1

Total Dollar Amount: \$65,000

The Union for Contemporary Art

\$65,000

Omaha, NE

The Union for Contemporary Art will leverage ArtsHERE funding to provide DEIA training to help staff, teaching artists, and its board better understand the challenges and engage the needs of the community they serve. Located and intentionally founded in Omaha's Black community, the Union makes the arts accessible by providing free arts education programming for youth, annually producing 1,000 pounds of produce to address food insecurity, and moving the arts into the neighborhood through public art, youth events, and community collaborations that prioritize public engagement. <https://www.u-ca.org>

Nevada

Number of Grants: 2

Total Dollar Amount: \$142,126

Arts for All Nevada

\$76,200

Reno, NV

ArtsHERE funds will support a two-year expansion of the Artist in Residency program, which will provide art workshops to students in Title I, disadvantaged, and at underserved schools. The project, starting in October 2024, aims to serve grades K-5, integrates literacy and language arts components and includes five hours of art instruction per student. Arts for All Nevada is dedicated to ensuring equitable access to arts education, enhancing educational outcomes for underserved students, and fostering community engagement through the arts.

<https://www.artsforallnevada.orgz>

Social CirKISH Foundation

\$65,926

Las Vegas, NV

ArtsHERE funding will support Social CirKISH's capacity-building project, which includes expanding its Circus Arts program to Knudson Academy of the Arts, a Title 1 middle school in the Las Vegas Valley. Up to 45 students per academic year (2024/25 & 2025/26) will benefit from free after-school arts programming, focusing on marginalized youth. This expansion will enable Social CirKISH to build long-term relationships with students, fostering meaningful community change and providing continuous programming through 2030/2031. <https://www.cirkish.org/>

New Hampshire

Number of Grants: 1

Total Dollar Amount: \$76,069

Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire

\$76,069

Portsmouth, NH

The ArtsHERE grant will support training and research on audience demographics; expanding and diversifying audiences; meetings and program assessments with stakeholders; development of programs; and marketing/fundraising strategies to support the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire's work to promote awareness and appreciation of African American history and life to build more inclusive communities today. Their arts programming includes visual arts, poetry, design, and hosting performances. <http://blackheritagetrailnh.org>

New Jersey

Number of Grants: 2

Total Dollar Amount: \$182,000

Next Generation Foundation for Street and Club Dance Culture

\$65,000

North Bergen, NJ

The ArtsHERE grant will allow Next Generation Foundation for Street and Club Dance Culture to invest in strategic planning, leadership/staff development, and community engagement. Working with stakeholders, NXGN will develop a strategic plan, with implementation, financial modeling, and evaluation resources that empower majority Black and Brown street/club dance artists of all generations to preserve the authenticity of street/club cultures. The plan and training sessions will center the equitable transfer of history, knowledge, entrepreneurship, and creativity to underserved, low-income communities in the urban centers of NJ, NY—Jersey City and all boroughs of NYC. NXGN empowers the street dance community through cultural education, professional development, mentorship, and provides quality events and safe creative spaces to learn, grow, and thrive. <https://www.nxgnfoundation.org/>

Sam & Devorah Foundation for Trans Youth

\$117,000

Chatham, NJ

The ArtsHERE grant will allow the Sam & Devorah Foundation for Trans Youth to scale up to serve more transgender and nonbinary youth across the country. The foundation uses art, advocacy, mentoring, and other resiliency tools to empower trans/nonbinary young people to envision a positive future for themselves and their communities. With this grant, the foundation will embark on several capacity-building projects including a new strategic plan, visual rebrand, and new website in order to achieve equity goals and understand how their programs can better meet the needs of trans/nonbinary young people. <https://www.samdevorah.org/>

New Mexico

Number of Grants: 2

Total Dollar Amount: \$230,000

AfroMundo

\$130,000

Albuquerque, NM

AfroMundo will use the ArtsHERE grant to sustain and expand their arts and civic engagement programs for New Mexico's Afro-diasporic communities. The project includes strategic support such as field research, strategic planning retreats, and leadership development to enhance organizational capacity. Additionally, they will improve communication through event documentation, website updates, and translation services to ensure accessibility. AfroMundo is committed to promoting arts and civic engagement among New Mexico's Afro-diasporic communities, ensuring their traditions and experiences are represented and celebrated.

<http://afromundo.org>

Working Classroom

\$100,000

Albuquerque, NM

This grant will support Working Classroom's strategic initiatives, including continuing and deepening stakeholder engagement, exploring distributed leadership models, and expanding long-term financial capacity. The project involves hiring a development position, building donor relationships, and organizing operational policies. Additionally, the feasibility of transitioning to a co-op model, unionizing the workplace, and offering professional development for staff and artists will be explored. This initiative will ensure community wellbeing and sustainability for under-resourced BIPOC arts and culture workers. Working Classroom is a BIPOC-led arts nonprofit in New Mexico, serving multiracial, multigenerational communities, and aims to address economic justice by providing retirement benefits, supporting trauma-informed practices, accessibility training, and integrating local/traditional healing arts practices. <https://www.workingclassroom.org>

New York

Number of Grants: 5

Total Dollar Amount: \$492,840

Fourth Arts Block, Inc.

\$106,020

New York, NY

The ArtsHERE grant will support the FAB NEXT initiative including a listening tour, training and peer learning, and a strategic plan for Fourth Arts Block's programming, communications, and fundraising. Through FAB NEXT, FAB aims to deepen their practice of engaging low income and POC residents, support other local culturalists to do the same, and strengthen their capacity to build upon the work accomplished to date. FAB is a team of artists and organizers working to preserve, strengthen, and grow the cultural vibrancy of the Lower East Side in NYC, using arts strategies to resist cultural displacement, build collaboration, and increase equity. <http://www.fabnyc.org>

Intertwine Arts, Inc.

\$77,425

New York, NY

The ArtsHERE grant will support the creation of an accessible arts submission process for disabled artists and provide training to grow curation and installation skills for staff and leadership. This would enhance processes for art exhibition, support integrating disabled/chronically ill artists into prominent arts spaces, help identify and change barriers to exhibition of art by people with disabilities and increase public access to art by people with disabilities. Intertwine Arts inspires creativity, joy, and self-confidence through free-form weaving for people of all ages with disabilities or chronic illness. <http://www.intertwinearts.org>

Iroquois Museum

\$83,340

Howes Cave, NY

The ArtsHERE grant will support the development and implementation of an effective promotional plan that will steadily grow and diversify Iroquois Museum (IM) visitation while serving as a sustainable model that can be built upon beyond the grant period. The project also includes developing a strategy to raise awareness of the IM as a resource that offers unique arts experiences and initiates intercultural dialogue. The IM is an educational institution dedicated to fostering understanding of Iroquois culture using Iroquois art as a window to that culture.

<https://www.iroquoismuseum.org>

Musicambia

\$109,055

Brooklyn, NY

The ArtsHERE grant will support the creation of the Musicambia Handbook, Songbook, and Way (Summer Training Workshop). The bilingual Handbook and Songbook will be used as curriculum for the Way, a future training workshop for emerging professional musicians interested in serving incarcerated people. These new tools will ensure best practices are documented and shared among the Teaching Artists that lead Musicambia's work. Musicambia develops music education programs and performances inside prisons and jails throughout the United States. Through working closely with incarcerated people on songwriting, performing, instrument lessons, and music theory, their musicians cultivate artistic communities that nurture the humanity of all involved.

<https://musicambia.org>

The Laundromat Project

\$117,000

Brooklyn, NY

The ArtsHERE grant supports the Laundromat Project (LP) with the implementation of two of their 2024 Strategic Plan capacity building objectives including staff investment and asset/space development for artists and the neighborhood they serve. The LP's vision is to build a holistic foundation that provides social and economic security to artists and neighbors and fosters greater well-being and transformation. The LP advances artists and neighbors as change agents in their own communities. <https://laundromatproject.org/>

North Carolina

Number of Grants: 3

Total Dollar Amount: \$347,002

NorthStar Church of the Arts

\$129,359

Durham, NC

The ArtsHERE grant will support professional development for board and staff, hiring new personnel, and conducting a marketing campaign to engage more artists, individuals, local businesses and organizations in their efforts to address systemic barriers and promote equitable access to the arts. NorthStar Church of the Arts provides a creative community hub where working artists can flourish creatively while making an impact on Durham's social landscape. They are committed to fostering a vibrant, inclusive space for artistic expression and community building.

www.northstardurham.com

Southern Documentary Fund

\$87,643

Durham, NC

The ArtsHERE grant will support data analysis and environmental scans to develop an informed strategy that will build partnerships, identify new funding practices, and serve more underrepresented artists in the South. The Southern Documentary Fund supports documentary filmmakers in the American South by providing funding, resources, and mentorship. They amplify diverse voices and stories through the power of documentary films. southerndocumentaryfund.org

The Beautiful Project

\$130,000

Durham, NC

The ArtsHERE grant will support strategic planning activities, focusing on financial sustainability, organizational growth, and executive leadership transition to deepen The Beautiful Project's position as a regional hub for visual arts. The Beautiful Project is a community-based arts organization that uses storytelling and visual arts to advance the healing and representational justice of Black girls, gender-expansive youth, and women. www.thebeautifulproject.org

North Dakota

Number of Grants: 2

Total Dollar Amount: \$197,250

Kori Art

\$87,250

Grand Forks, ND

Kori Art's ArtsHERE grant will support staff development, leadership training, stakeholder and community engagement activities, and translation services to ensure inclusivity and accessibility for individuals with limited English proficiency. Kori Art is a culture and art-based organization that amplifies community togetherness via international arts performances, training, workshops, and festivals led by New Americans and immigrant artists to connect, preserve, and share their cultural heritage. <https://www.kori-ko.com/kori-art>

Sacred Pipe Resource Center

\$110,000

Bismarck, ND

Sacred Pipe Resource Center's ArtsHERE grant will strengthen the capacity of Sacred Pipe Resource Center's Arts Council by supporting targeted focus groups, data collection, and visioning around expanded arts programming. Sacred Pipe Resource Center is dedicated to addressing and supporting the social, cultural, emotional, mental, spiritual, and physical needs of Native people of all Tribes living in the Bismarck-Mandan and surrounding area. They provide liaison services between Native and non-Native people to foster a cohesive community.

<http://www.sacredpipe.net>

Ohio

Number of Grants: 2

Total Dollar Amount: \$260,000

Healing Broken Circles

\$130,000

Columbus, OH

Healing Broken Circles' ArtsHERE grant will support the creation of new collaborative partnerships, upgrading communications materials, and increasing staff technical skills in event production and promotion. Healing Broken Circles provides opportunities to heal, learn, and thrive for those of us impacted by the justice system, through programs and events that offer creative outlets, social-emotional support and opportunities to deepen societal awareness of the destructive impacts of mass incarceration. <https://www.healingbrokencircles.org/>

Marion Voices Folklife + Oral History

\$130,000

Caledonia, OH

Marion Voices Folklife + Oral History's ArtsHERE grant will support a solidarity-building listening tour across North-Central Ohio engaging allied arts & culture organizations to share strategies & grow a regional folklife network, plus updates to their strategic plan & website as they expand their work regionally. Marion Voices is a folklife & cultural arts organization committed to social justice. Partnering directly with community culture-keepers in Marion County, they offer K-12 folk arts programs, exhibits, festivals, folklife documentation, and more to grow more just, more abundant cultural arts livelihoods across diverse communities. <https://marionvoices.org>

Oklahoma

Number of Grants: 2

Total Dollar Amount: \$195,000

Art Maker, LLC (Dance Maker Academy)

\$65,000

Pawhuska, OK

Art Maker will leverage the ArtsHERE grant for strategic planning, program development, and outreach activities to promote Osage and Indigenous culture through dance, drama, and the fine arts. Located in a small rural town on the Osage Nation reservation, Art Maker helps preserve Osage culture and traditions while offering its students experiences that expand their view of the world and what they can accomplish. <https://www.osageballet.com/artmaker>

RACE Dance Collective

\$130,000

Oklahoma City, OK

RACE Dance Collective will leverage ArtsHERE funding to relocate and expand its RACE the Space adult dance training facility in an under-resourced and racially diverse community with limited access to the arts. The expansion will broaden arts participation by offering dance classes that go beyond traditional Eurocentric genres to include popular styles such as Hip Hop, Heels, and Kpop. RACE Dance is an organization deeply committed to equity, helping promote social awareness and change through dance performance, education, and community engagement.

<https://www.racedance.com>

Oregon

Number of Grants: 2

Total Dollar Amount: \$260,000

Native Arts and Cultures Foundation

\$130,000

Portland, OR

This grant will support Native Arts and Cultures Foundation (NACF)'s artists-in-residence and community engagement project, a capacity-building initiative aimed at expanding our national and local engagement. Key activities include free use of the Center for Native Arts & Cultures by Native artists and organizations, a writers-in-residence and mural project featuring Native literary artists, ongoing Native-centered arts exhibitions, educational workshops, and cultural convenings. This support will significantly grow our programming capacity and foster long-term systemic change through impactful community involvement. NACF is dedicated to honoring the original inhabitants of the land and enhancing Native community engagement. <https://www.nativeartsandcultures.org/>

Prismid Sanctuary

\$130,000

Portland, OR

The ArtsHERE grant will support PRISMID's capacity-building project, which includes evaluating the reach and impact of our programs and training staff and leadership in inclusive communication and restorative justice. Culturally attuned evaluation processes will be implemented to ensure programs effectively meet community-identified needs, while DEI and restorative justice training sessions will build relational trust and inclusivity. PRISMID is a BIPOC artist and community-led nonprofit dedicated to increasing access to free arts and cultural programming and providing wellness resources to those most impacted by racial discrimination and systemic violence. <https://www.prismid.org/>

Pennsylvania

Number of Grants: 4

Total Dollar Amount: \$446,000

Centro de Cultura Arte Trabajo y Educacion (CCATE)

\$117,000

Norristown, PA

The ArtsHERE grant will help to strengthen ties with Norristown's Latino immigrant community through initiatives are designed to increase arts participation for underserved groups, amplify diverse community expressions, and foster an environment of artistic co-creation and learning. Initiatives include expansion of REVARTE e-Magazine, a community podcast, and an art gallery enhancement program. CCATE's mission is to ignite social transformation by developing talents and empowering the dreams of the Latinx immigrant community through culture, art, training, and education. <https://www.ccate.org>

Creative Citizen Studios

\$95,000

Pittsburgh, PA

The ArtsHere grant will support capacity-building efforts by measuring the effectiveness of current outreach programming and refining operations procedures and protocols to ensure organizational capacity to meet current and future demand through additional manpower. As a direct result, initiatives and programs will expand to meet the increasing community need. Creative Citizen Studios (CCS) uses art to bring people of all abilities together. They work with artists with intellectual and developmental disabilities to make, exhibit, and sell their work and provide weekly art classes, workshops, and exhibit opportunities to help promote artists while connecting them with a larger community. <https://www.citizenstudios.org/>

Philadelphia Folklore Project

\$117,000

Philadelphia, PA

The ArtsHERE grant will fund community engagement and participatory planning to design and implement a new Community Curation model for the Philadelphia Folklore Project. A Community Curation model will shift the balance of power so that community members have clear avenues to propose and lead programs, and staff serve to support rather than direct. The Philadelphia Folklore Project works to sustain vital and diverse living cultural heritage in communities in our region through collaborative projects, research, documentation, and education, prioritizing folk and traditional arts in service of social change. <https://www.folkloreproject.org>

Ridgelines Language Arts

\$117,000

Aaronsburg, PA

The ArtsHERE grant supports Ridgelines' capacity to better support, train, and grow their corps of Teaching Artists (TAs) who provide expert language arts programs for marginalized groups in rural central Pennsylvania. This includes providing support for professional development and research, half-day trainer conferences, gatherings, and building internal capacity. Ridgelines Language Arts provides expert language arts instruction to those impacted by stigma and injustice in rural ridges and valleys of central Pennsylvania. <https://www.ridgelineslanguagearts.org/>

Puerto Rico

Number of Grants: 1

Total Dollar Amount: \$70,000

Taller Comunidad la Goyco, Inc.

\$70,000

San Juan, PR

The ArtsHERE grant will support a capacity building project allowing Taller Comunidad to work on longevity through planning, training, and assessment. Following an initial year of planning and training, the organization will launch a series of monthly fairs to showcase artist work and offer workshops and presentations. Taller Comunidad intends to increase audiences by 10% and effectively communicate the results of cultural programming tied to health and wellbeing, as well as the environment in our urban coastal community. Taller Comunidad La Goyco, Inc. was born from community organizing, anchored in the diversity that characterizes our environment and committed to the sense of solidarity that represents the highest ideals of coexistence.

<https://www.lagoyco.org/>

Rhode Island

Number of Grants: 1

Total Dollar Amount: \$101,400

Puerto Rican Institute for Arts and Advocacy

\$101,400

Pawtucket, RI

The ArtsHERE grant will support PRIAA's strategic planning, staff training, community engagement, marketing, and partnerships with heritage organizations and a network for the apprenticeship program. Founded in 1994, PRIAA is dedicated to promoting and facilitating civic and cultural awareness of the Puerto Rican culture, as well as other Latino/a/x heritages, through performance, workshops, visual art, literature, crafts and the Afro-ancestral arts. By bringing the best of the Caribbean arts and authentic folklore to Rhode Island and the New England region, PRIAA advocates for cultures that contribute to the social, political and economic well-being of an entire nation. <https://www.priaa-ri.org>

South Carolina

Number of Grants: 2

Total Dollar Amount: \$208,753

The Catawba Cultural Center

\$120,453

Rock Hill, SC

The ArtsHERE grant will support an expansion of educational offerings provided by the Catawba Nation Cultural Division, to include Cultural Arts Apprenticeships and accessible cultural how-to videos, which can be shared with Catawba Nation members who are unable to attend classes in person. The Catawba Nation Cultural Division is dedicated to preserving and promoting the rich cultural heritage of the Catawba people. They aim to educate both tribal members and the public about their traditions and history. <https://www.catawba.com/>

The Watering Hole

\$88,300

Columbia, SC

The ArtsHERE grant will support hiring a Programs and Capacity Assistant to help create and implement strategic planning, staff training, and stakeholder engagement activities. The Watering Hole Poetry Organization centers nurturing Southern poets of color by providing workshops, retreats, and networking opportunities. They create a supportive community for poets to develop their craft and share their work. <https://twhpoetry.org/>

South Dakota

Number of Grants: 2

Total Dollar Amount: \$220,000

Cheyenne River Youth Project

\$110,000

Eagle Butte, SD

The Cheyenne River Youth Project's ArtsHERE grant will support assessment, planning, and capacity building as the grassroots nonprofit organization prepares to construct and open the first facility dedicated solely to arts and culture on the Cheyenne River Reservation. The Cheyenne River Youth Project offers Lakota youth and families access to the culturally relevant, enriching, and enduring opportunities they need to build stronger, healthier communities and a more vibrant future. <https://lakotayouth.org>

First Peoples Fund

\$110,000

Rapid City, SD

The First Peoples Fund's (FPF) ArtsHERE grant will support programmatic assessments, the creation of data collection tools, and the evaluation of new and expanded programs at FPF and the Oglala Lakota Artspace on Pine Ridge Reservation. First People's Fund honors and supports the cultural, artistic, and ancestral practices of Native artists, families, and communities, helping them to thrive, heal, and carry forward Indigenous creative expression, teachings, and lifeways. <https://www.firstpeoplesfund.org/>

Tennessee

Number of Grants: 2

Total Dollar Amount: \$260,000

Native American Indian Association of Tennessee, Inc.

\$130,000

Nashville, TN

The ArtsHERE grant will support enhancement and expansion of the Arts & Culture Education program through an organizational needs assessment, strategic planning, community engagement, and field research to improve cultural representation. The Native American Indian Association of Tennessee preserves and promotes the cultural heritage of Native Americans in Tennessee. They aim to foster understanding and appreciation of Native American traditions through educational programs and cultural events. www.naiatn.org/

The Bottom

\$130,000

Knoxville, TN

The ArtsHERE grant will support hiring a Strategic Development Expert to identify a comprehensive development plan and data collection system to ensure their position to grow a strong, sustainable and diverse arts and culture community. The Bottom is a community space that centers supporting Black creativity, culture, and commerce by providing resources and opportunities for Black artists and entrepreneurs, fostering community and economic development. thebottomknox.com

Texas

Number of Grants: 6

Total Dollar Amount: \$639,803

Art Spark Texas

\$105,903

Austin, TX

With ArtsHERE funding, Art Spark Texas will conduct participant-informed research on how to re-engage and better serve young adults with disabilities. Through that project, it will build staff expertise, leverage arts through its programs, and increase accessibility and inclusion for individuals with disabilities. Art Spark Texas challenges perceptions of how people contribute by creating arts-inspired, inclusive communities of artists and individuals with and without disabilities. <https://www.artsparktx.org>

Arts Connect Houston

\$130,000

Houston, TX

The ArtsHERE grant will leverage a decade of Arts Connect Houston's (ACH) data and experience in arts education to develop replicable, community-driven benchmarking tools, focused on providing more students, especially those from underserved communities, with high-quality arts education. ACH unites the Greater Houston community to ensure equitable access to the arts for all students. With 95 arts and culture partners, they provide comprehensive arts education to over 200,000 students annually. <https://www.artconnecthouston.org/>

Babes Fest, Inc. (Future Front Texas)

\$130,000

Austin, TX

The ArtsHERE grant will help Future Front Texas codify its community curator program, to deepen staff capacity and create a public curriculum from community design within the arts and culture sector. This program provides traditionally overlooked creatives, artists, and cultural workers in Texas with the opportunity to explore equity-driven curatorial structures, program design-thinking and community-led creative work. Future Front focuses on supporting women and LGBTQ+ creatives in Texas through programs, workshops, and exhibitions that provide platforms for underrepresented voices in the arts. <https://futurefronttexas.org>

RSA of Dance & Performing Arts

\$125,000

Houston, TX

The ArtsHERE grant will expand RSA's Arts to Infinity program, an initiative for youth from under-resourced communities that combines dance education, performance opportunities, community development, and holistic wellness programming for families. The mission of RSA of Dance & Performing Arts is to provide quality arts education, mentorship, and experiences to underserved youth, ages 3 and older. The organization focuses on community development and youth engagement, promoting the arts as a means of personal and social growth.

<https://rsaofdance.com>

Teatro Dallas

\$74,000

Dallas, TX

The ArtsHERE grant will support strategic planning, board development, innovative marketing strategies, and stakeholder engagement to better reach the shifting demographics and Spanish-

speaking communities of North Texas. For over three decades, the organization has addressed systemic barriers within the arts, particularly those affecting low-income, bilingual families and underrepresented artists. Through high-quality theatrical programming, Teatro Dallas employs the power of theater to empower the Latinx community, celebrate diverse traditions, and strengthen the community. <https://teatrodallas.org/about/>

The Welman Project

\$74,900

Fort Worth, TX

The ArtsHERE grant will support strategic planning and cultural competency training to help The Welman Project open its tool library and makerspace as part of the future Fred Rouse Center for Arts and Community Healing, which was formerly used as a KKK auditorium, in a majority Hispanic community. The Welman Project connects teachers and schools with surplus materials from businesses, promoting creative reuse and sustainability in education. It aims to enrich arts learning experiences while reducing waste and fostering environmental stewardship.

<https://www.thewelmanproject.org>

Utah

Number of Grants: 2

Total Dollar Amount: \$195,000

Mundi Project

\$130,000

Salt Lake City, UT

This grant will support The Mundi Project's two key initiatives: creating a strategic plan and providing professional development. Project 1 involves partnering with a consulting firm to develop a three-year strategic plan, enhancing leadership, operations, service, and community engagement. Project 2 includes comprehensive professional development in community music education, trauma-informed practices, accessibility, and cultural competency for staff, board, teaching artists, and volunteers. These initiatives will strengthen the organization's capacity, cultivate an inclusive culture, and improve program delivery to better serve diverse communities. The Mundi Project is dedicated to serving underserved populations through music education and community engagement. <https://www.mundiproject.org/>

Queer Spectra Arts Festival

\$65,000

Salt Lake City, UT

This grant will support Queer Spectra's strategic planning process, involving all staff, board members, volunteers, artists, and community stakeholders. The initiative includes hiring a consultant, increasing staff hours, and hiring an additional part-time staff member to ensure successful execution. Field research will be conducted to deepen community engagement and inform programming expansion to rural Utah regions, support economically disadvantaged artists, and enhance accessibility. Queer Spectra Arts Festival has sustained the only interdisciplinary arts programming centered on LGBTQ individuals in Utah since 2019. This strategic plan will enable Queer Spectra to continue creating safe and nuanced spaces for queer artists and attendees, fostering deeper community engagement and support. <https://www.queerspectra.com/>

Vermont

Number of Grants: 2

Total Dollar Amount: \$225,300

Clemmons Family Farm, Inc.

\$130,000

Charlotte, VT

The ArtsHERE grant will support overall marketing strategies, research and promotion of the farm to Black artists and scholars on faculty at New England universities to use sabbatical time in residence at the historic Clemmons farm. Clemmons Farm serves as an educational prototype and a model for preserving African American owned agricultural land, culture, and heritage assets in the U.S. Clemmons Family Farm is an African American women-led arts and culture organization that empowers Vermont's Black artists and culture bearers with opportunities for professional development, advocacy, visibility, networking, paid engagements, collective healing, and safe haven for creativity that helps them to thrive. <https://www.clemmonsfamilyfarm.org/>

Special Needs Support Center

\$95,300

White River Junction, VT

The ArtsHERE grant will enable SNSC to build capacity in the arts-focused organizations within the Upper Valley (NH and VT) by developing and implementing disability-friendly practices, training staff, and consulting. SNSC is a group of individuals, families, and professionals throughout the Upper Valley and beyond who proudly work together to create a community where people with disabilities, across the spectrum and throughout their lifespan, can live their best lives.

<https://snsc-uv.org/>

Virgin Islands

Number of Grants: 1

Total Dollar Amount: \$117,000

Lion Haven

\$117,000

Christiansted, VI

The ArtsHERE grant will support community engagement and promotional activities towards the transformation of Mon Bijou's basketball court and parking lot into an interactive bicycle park aimed at empowering youth through cultural engagement and skill development. The project provides a safe and culturally enriching environment for youth, fosters community pride and unity through collaboration, and lays the foundation for long-term community development and empowerment. Lion Haven provides a safe place after school for underserved youth to learn, grow and thrive while meeting the needs of the island community. <http://www.lionhaven.org>

Virginia

Number of Grants: 2

Total Dollar Amount: \$247,000

Oakwood Arts

\$123,500

Richmond, VA

The ArtsHERE grant allows Oakwood Arts (OA) to restructure their OA JET film training curriculum, optimizing the use of film projects to prepare BIPOC participants for industry careers while meeting the needs of independent film productions. This refined curriculum, emphasizing a culture of partnership, will generate significant social impact and economic opportunity by leveraging resources that foster sustained, meaningful community engagement and creative empowerment within the OA community. OA makes art and careers in creative industries accessible to all through community engagement, inspiring programming, and experiential education.

<https://oakwoodarts.org/>

Tidewater Arts Outreach

\$123,500

Norfolk, VA

The ArtsHERE grant supports three capacity building projects: program evaluation to measure the success of Tidewater Arts Outreach (TAO) current program design and marketing efforts; strategic planning and Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) training; and a fundraising feasibility study. TAO brings joy to older adults and those living in isolated circumstances and enhances their well-being through creative engagement with the arts. <https://tidewaterartsoutreach.org/>

Washington

Number of Grants: 1

Total Dollar Amount: \$130,000

Indigenous Performance Productions

\$130,000

Olympia, WA

Funding from ArtsHERE will support three key initiatives: conducting an organizational assessment and developing a new five-year strategic plan; commissioning research on the needs of the Indigenous performing community; and expanding career resources for Indigenous and intercultural artists through a virtual resource center. These efforts will ensure sustainable growth, provide critical data for program creation, and offer ongoing support tools for emerging and mid-career artists. Indigenous Performance Productions is committed to maximizing the impact of our programming and meeting the needs of the communities we serve through strategic planning, research, and enhanced digital resources. <https://www.indigenousperformance.org>

West Virginia

Number of Grants: 1

Total Dollar Amount: \$112,478

Positive People Association

\$112,478

Huntington, West Virginia, WV

The ArtsHERE grant will build upon Positive People Association's (PPA) capacity to facilitate community-based arts, strengthen processes, and document their current practice that's yielding important engagement in the face of the emerging gentrification of this historically Black community in Huntington, WV. The project includes support for staff capacity building, strategic planning, and digital marketing. PPA is committed to community development in the Tri-State Area of WV, OH, KY, specifically catering to youth and families in underserved neighborhoods. Through collaboration and inclusivity, PPA endeavors to create a resilient community where every member can unlock their full potential. <https://www.facebook.com/PositivePeopleArtsRUs>

Wisconsin

Number of Grants: 2

Total Dollar Amount: \$260,000

Ko-Thi Dance Company

\$130,000

Milwaukee, WI

Ko-Thi Dance Company's ArtsHERE grant will support strategic planning, leadership and cultural competency training, community engagement sessions, audience development, and professionally translated materials to increase arts participation and accessibility among Milwaukee's diverse communities. Ko-Thi Dance Company preserves, teaches, documents, interprets, and performs dance and music rooted in the cultures of the African Diaspora. Their programming inspires the community to celebrate themselves through African dance and music.

<https://www.ko-thi.org>

Mahogany Black Arts & Cultural Center

\$130,000

Racine, WI

Mahogany Black Arts & Cultural Center's ArtsHERE grant will support a five-year strategic plan, community outreach, board development, and technological investments to grow and manage a member database. Mahogany Black Arts & Cultural Center is dedicated to the preservation, research, and exhibition of Racine County Black Cultural History. They run programs including an oral histories project, the Wisconsin Black Art & Culture Expo, and a multidisciplinary, emerging artist fellowship. <https://www.mahoganygallery.com/mbacc>

Wyoming

Number of Grants: 2

Total Dollar Amount: \$197,000

Laramie Public Art Coalition

\$130,000

Laramie, WY

The ArtsHERE grant will support Laramie Public Art Coalition's collaboration with Monument Lab and the transformation of a decommissioned railroad car into "High Iron," a traveling piece of commemorative public art. High Iron will engage and serve diverse populations across Wyoming, centering the voices and lived experiences of those connected to the transcontinental railroad. The project will bring public art and programming to Laramie, Cheyenne, and Rawlins, with plans to expand to additional communities. LPAC is committed to celebrating immigrant and BIPOC communities while promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion through community-led initiatives. LPAC will use this support to strengthen organizational capacity and sustainability, allowing them to focus on critical arts-centered work. <https://www.laramiepublicart.org>

Pinedale Fine Arts Council

\$67,000

Pinedale, WY

This grant will support our capacity-building project aimed at enhancing organizational sustainability, staff development, and promotional efforts. Additionally, funds will help us to expand a part-time employee's role, cover extensive marketing costs, celebrate our 50th anniversary with new branding, and develop a local radio show/podcast. The Pinedale Fine Arts Council is dedicated to increasing arts participation in our community and offering more opportunities for engagement. <https://pinedalefinearts.com>