

select programs and services

The S.C. Arts Commission encourages public participation in the arts by providing services, grants and leadership initiatives in these key areas: **artist development, arts industry, learning, creative placemaking, folklife and traditional arts, and rural arts.**

Artist Development (#SCartists)

Support and assistance for S.C. artists, as they develop their skills as artists and/or entrepreneurs.

S.C. Artists' Business Initiative*

Grants and assistance for S.C. artists to develop knowledge and skills needed to build satisfying, sustainable careers.

Arts Accessibility*

Grants and assistance for awareness, training and other needs in developing accessibility for persons with disabilities.

Arts Daily on The Hub (SCArtsHub.com)

Online arts calendar for South Carolina arts happenings.

S.C. Arts Directory/Teaching Artist Certification

Juried list of S.C. artists available for lectures, demonstrations, or performances. Certified teaching artists are approved to offer classroom residencies and short-term teaching for SCAC arts education grant recipients.

Arts Grow SC

Landmark partnership with the S.C. Department of Education and other local, state, and national partners that addresses pandemic-related learning loss with the arts.

Arts Industry

Grants and assistance that help arts organizations increase capacity and develop professionally.

Arts Learning

Grants and assistance for arts education programs that support the academic, social, emotional and creative growth of students.

The ABC Institute

The Arts in Basic Curriculum Institute is a 35-year partnership that works to ensure S.C. K-12 students have access to a quality, comprehensive arts education.

S.C. Cultural Districts

The state's official designation program for communities with concentrated areas of arts & cultural venues, businesses, and assets.

"Driven by the Arts" License Plate

S.C.'s arts specialty license plate, designed to raise awareness for the arts and raise funds for arts education.



Emergency Preparedness (#ArtsReady)

Resources to assist artists and arts organizations in preparing for and recovering from disasters.

Emerging Artists*

Grant funding, mentorship, networking, and other professional support for S.C. artists in an early stage of career development.

Folklife & Traditional Arts*

Grants and assistance for traditional arts, the creative expressions of groups who share a common culture.

The Hub (SCArtsHub.com)

Statewide coverage of S.C.'s arts-related happenings: news, calls for art, resources, recognition, events from Arts Daily, etc.

Individual Artist Fellowships*

Recognition that rewards the commitment and artistic achievements of S.C.'s exceptional artists.

S.C. Novel Series

Biennial program to elevate the finest writers living and working in South Carolina with a cash award and a book contract with Hub City Press, a program partner.

Operating Support*

Support for organizations that provide ongoing arts experiences and services, whether to individuals or other organizations.

Poetry Out Loud

Nationwide recitation contest that encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation.

State Art Collection

Comprehensive collection of 466 works by 288 contemporary S.C. artists regularly exhibited around the state. Supported in part by the S.C. Arts Foundation.

S.C. Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts

Need-based online service that provides pro bono assistance to the arts community.

Training and Consulting

Assistance and resources to help arts leaders develop skills and strengthen organizational capacity.

* See back for more.

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Accessibility + Arts for All *(separate grants)*

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

Arts Project Support

Provides for a wide variety of quality arts projects and programs and/or for professional development opportunities to assist artistic and managerial staff.

Folklife and Traditional Arts

Ensures that South Carolina's living traditions remain vibrant and visible parts of community life.

General Operating Support

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

General Operating Support category designed as a simplified way for small arts organizations to apply for unrestricted support for basic operations.

Rural Libraries Public Engagement

Stimulates partnerships between libraries and artists and arts organizations and encourage rural/small communities to participate actively in artistic and cultural activities.

artist grants

Arts Project Support

Supports specific arts activities that promote individual artists' professional development or career advancement. Projects that promote excellence in an arts discipline and make such excellence accessible for general community-wide audiences are also encouraged.

Emerging Artist

Supports the artistic and career development of emerging South Carolina artists within the first five years of their careers.

Individual Artist Fellowships

Recognizes and rewards the artistic achievements of South Carolina's exceptional individual artists. Fellowship awards are made through a highly competitive process and are based on artistic excellence and commitment to discipline. The fellowship awards bring recognition that might open doors to other resources and employment opportunities.

Artists' Business Initiative

Encourages and enables the creation of new artist-driven, art-based business initiatives that will provide career satisfaction and sustainability for South Carolina artists.

Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Initiative

Assists in the transmission and reinforcement of cultural skills and knowledge by providing funds for a master artist's time and assisting an apprentice with the cost of travel and necessary materials.

select arts learning grants

Arts Education Projects

Funds efforts of schools, school districts, nonprofits (arts and non-arts), colleges, universities and government entities to use the arts to meet the educational, developmental or social needs of students. Grants may fund in-school, after-school or summer programs, and partnerships among community organizations, artists, and schools are encouraged.

Arts in Basic Curriculum Advancement

Supports schools and school districts committed to implementing standards-based arts curricula and to making the arts an integral part of the basic curriculum and daily classroom instruction.

District Arts Coordinator

Helps establish or expand the role of the district arts coordinator to ensure the development and/or implementation of a rigorous district-wide arts learning strategic plan.

District Arts Support

Supports school districts committed to implementing standards-based arts curricula and to making the arts an integral part of the basic curriculum and daily classroom instruction.

School Arts Support

Helps schools acquire supplies, materials, professional development, and tools/expertise to address arts learning loss gaps, innovate, and/or support arts integration initiatives in core subject areas.

Summer + Term Arts Education Project *(separate grants)*

Supports arts education programs for K-12 students between or during school years through both traditional and non-traditional providers.

awards *Nominations accepted from the public every fall.*

South Carolina Governor's Awards for the Arts

Recognizes outstanding achievement and contributions to the arts by S.C. individuals and organizations. Nomination categories:

- Arts in Education
- Organization
- Government
- Business/Foundation
- Individual
- Individual Artist

Jean Laney Harris Folk Heritage Awards

Recognizes practitioners of traditional art forms handed down through their families and communities and traditional arts advocates whose work furthers traditional culture in the state. A partnership with McKissick Museum at USC.

Both awards are presented in May during a broadcast of the **South Carolina Arts Awards** on South Carolina ETV.