



# METRO ARTS

NASHVILLE OFFICE OF ARTS + CULTURE

## FY27 Thrive Grantees

| Project Title                                                                            | Applicant Name     | Organization (if applicant)                         | Fiscal Sponsor                 | Amount      |
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| "The End of the Tour"- Workshop Production                                               | Mary McCallum      |                                                     | Verge Theater Company          | \$15,750.00 |
| A Moment to Breathe: Art, Wellness & Community Healing                                   | LeAndra Richardson |                                                     | North Nashville Arts Coalition | \$15,000.00 |
| A.D.O.T. Art Department of Transportation                                                | Adam Nicholson     |                                                     | Transit Now Nashville          | \$15,750.00 |
| Alternative Currents: 2026–2027 Exhibition Series at Neue Welt                           | Mauro Barreto      |                                                     | Tri-Star Arts                  | \$15,750.00 |
| Arte para todos: Participatory community-based workshops exploring traditional art forms | Brenda Perez       | Workers' Dignity Project                            |                                | \$15,000.00 |
| Arts and Community for the Unhoused                                                      | Mark Campbell      | Room In The Inn                                     |                                | \$5,000.00  |
| Arts’N Antioch Creative Community Arts Series                                            | Jasmine Parkerson  |                                                     | The Forge                      | \$15,750.00 |
| BACKSTAGE Presents: A Year of Artistic Inquiry                                           | Phylicia Roybal    |                                                     | DancEast Collective            | \$15,750.00 |
| Bashville Stampede                                                                       | Quincy Ellison     |                                                     | DancEast Collective            | \$15,750.00 |
| Birth and Bloom-Blending floral art design with group pregnancy education                | Rolanda Lister     | Building Life Opportunities and Options for Mothers |                                | \$15,000.00 |
| Cloth That Remembers- A Community Batik and Mudcloth Workshop Series                     | Elisheba Mrozik    |                                                     | North Nashville Arts Coalition | \$15,750.00 |
| Color the Future: Community Creative Wellness Program                                    | Janai Pledger      |                                                     | The Forge Nashville            | \$15,750.00 |
| Common Threads: Sharing Histories Through Song                                           | Kyshona Armstrong  |                                                     | Unmanageable                   | \$10,750.00 |

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| Connecting Through Rhythm and Breath                                                                            | Liz Johnson            |                               | The Forge                                    | \$12,900.00 |
| Country Needs More Conga: Explorations of Latin Rhythms in Music City                                           | Yamil Jimenez          |                               | Tennessee Performing Arts Center             | \$15,750.00 |
| Creating Connection: A collaborative expressive arts experience for individuals and families impacted by cancer | Jessie Eppelheimer     | Gilda's Club Middle Tennessee |                                              | \$15,000.00 |
| Creation Myths: Queer Southern Stories of Belonging and Becoming                                                | Lane Scott Jones       |                               | The Porch                                    | \$15,750.00 |
| Creative Youth Society: Engaging Visual Storytelling + Print Media                                              | Courtney Mauldin-Jones | Bhegani Education             |                                              | \$15,000.00 |
| Divine Intervention Zines                                                                                       | Rhu Blue               |                               | Global Education Center                      | \$15,750.00 |
| ERA (Expression through Recreation and Arts)                                                                    | Caleb Rogan            | Rocklife Youth                |                                              | \$15,000.00 |
| Esencial                                                                                                        | Stephany Medina        |                               | Unmanageable                                 | \$15,750.00 |
| EXPAT                                                                                                           | Arash Shoushtari       |                               | Kindling Arts                                | \$15,750.00 |
| Expressions of Belonging: An Inclusive Sculpture Initiative                                                     | Kelly O'Connor         | Progress Inc.                 |                                              | \$15,000.00 |
| Felt, Experienced, and Connected                                                                                | andee rudloff          |                               | The Forge                                    | \$15,750.00 |
| Germantown Stories: Art, Place, and Community                                                                   | Valeria Eadler         |                               | Historic Germantown Neighborhood Association | \$15,750.00 |
| I Can Draw, You Can Draw Too                                                                                    | Erihii Nyamor          |                               | North Nashville Arts Coalition               | \$10,750.00 |
| IndigeNash, Indigenous Arts Festival                                                                            | Trenton Wheeler        |                               | The Forge Nashville                          | \$14,750.00 |
| JOCK NIGHT: Queer Masculinity in the Digital Age                                                                | Daniel Jones           |                               | Kindling Arts                                | \$15,750.00 |
| Keep Heritage Alive: New Voices of Jefferson Street – Community Story Activation Project                        | Keith Benion           |                               | Mentor to Motivate (MTM)                     | \$15,750.00 |
| KOA - World of Butterflies                                                                                      | MIKE QUIÑONES GONZALEZ |                               | LA MISIÓN CONARTE                            | \$15,750.00 |
| Kwanzaa Nashville's Umoja (Unity) Night                                                                         | Maria Hall             |                               | The Village Cultural Arts Center             | \$15,750.00 |
| La Cara Productions Bilingual Music Industry Mixers - English/Spanish                                           | Rick Rodriguez         |                               | Music Neighbors                              | \$15,750.00 |

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| La La Librarian- Get Ready to Rock! Get Ready to Read!                                             | Jada Cato               |                                              | Excellence In Motion                | \$15,750.00 |
| Land, Lineage, and Liberation: Re-Membering Northview Through Art, Story, and Creative Placemaking | Joseph Bazelais         |                                              | LG Foundation                       | \$15,750.00 |
| Last Rite                                                                                          | Eve Petty               |                                              | Kindling Arts                       | \$15,750.00 |
| Legacy Makers: Artists, Community, and Value                                                       | Haniyfa Muhammad Branka |                                              | COOP Gallery                        | \$15,750.00 |
| Leveraging Thrive: Germantown's 2027 Spring Block Party                                            | Richard Audet           | Historic Germantown Neighborhood Association |                                     | \$15,000.00 |
| Lost in Translation                                                                                | Sai Clayton             |                                              | COOP Gallery                        | \$15,750.00 |
| Made Here: A Producer-in-Residence Project and Community Showcase Series                           | TRAVIS LOPES            |                                              | God's Hope for Uganda Families Inc. | \$15,750.00 |
| Mapping Home: A Community Cartography Project                                                      | Jennifer Carland        |                                              | Nashville Civic Design Center       | \$15,750.00 |
| MARIPOSAS                                                                                          | Andrés Bustamante       |                                              | Aventura Community School           | \$15,750.00 |
| Masc Manifesto                                                                                     | Beasley Turner          |                                              | Kindling Arts                       | \$15,750.00 |
| MashUp Weekend 2027: The Age of Metamorphosis                                                      | Brian Marshall          | MashUp! Nashville                            |                                     | \$15,000.00 |
| Material & Immaterial                                                                              | John Holmes             |                                              | Buchanan Arts                       | \$15,750.00 |
| Nashville ABCs: A Community Phonics & Early Literacy Initiative                                    | Tiffeni Fontno          | Learning A TO Z Club                         | A to Z Learning Limited             | \$14,250.00 |
| Nashville Artist Digital Opportunity (NADO): Online Digital Business Hub for Emerging Artists      | KEVPOP (Kev Page)       |                                              | The Forge Nashville                 | \$15,750.00 |
| Nashville Intercollegiate All-Stars Jazz Ensemble                                                  | Marc Widenhofer         |                                              | Nashville Jazz Workshop             | \$11,250.00 |
| Nashville Music Boost: Nashville Producer Accelerator                                              | Jarrel Pierson          |                                              | Helping Music Foundation            | \$15,750.00 |
| Nashville Resonance: Harmonizing Country-Latin Legacies on a Mobile Narrative                      | Jeremias Garcia         |                                              | La Misión ConArte                   | \$15,750.00 |
| Nashville Women in Jazz, Beyond the Bandstand                                                      | Alayna Anderson         |                                              | North Nashville Arts Coalition      | \$15,750.00 |
| One More Day                                                                                       | Greta McClain           | Silent No Longer Tennessee                   |                                     | \$14,600.00 |

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| One rhythm many voices                                                                     | Nesrin Simsek           |                               | Kurdish Culture and Music Association | \$15,750.00 |
| Petrablitch: An archive of Indigenous World Building                                       | Joe Clemons             |                               | The Forge                             | \$15,750.00 |
| R.E.A.C.H. Through Beats                                                                   | Ricardo Johnson         |                               | Free Fyre                             | \$15,750.00 |
| Reverb: A Nashville Black Music Archive                                                    | Brian Garrett           |                               | Excellence In Motion                  | \$15,750.00 |
| Rooted & Remembered: A Community Arts Journey into Birth, Body, and Black Maternal Healing | Tanzye Hill             |                               | The Forge Nashville                   | \$15,250.00 |
| Roots & Belonging: An Intergenerational Diaspora Arts Experience                           | Rudrapriya Shanker      |                               | Healing in the Margins                | \$15,750.00 |
| Sanctuary Songs: Live From the Neighborhood                                                | Christa Wells           |                               | Healing in the Margins                | \$15,750.00 |
| Seated Dance Class                                                                         | Lyle Oberman            |                               | DancEast Collective                   | \$15,250.00 |
| Shop Talk: The People's Playlist                                                           | Terri Davis             |                               | North Nashville Arts Coalition        | \$15,750.00 |
| Silver Sparkles Queer Joy Project                                                          | Steven Houtschilt       |                               | Global Education Center               | \$15,750.00 |
| Social Fix Sing-Along Series                                                               | Jeremy Cox              |                               | Kindling Arts                         | \$15,750.00 |
| Songwriting In Community: Stories of Motherhood                                            | Allison Jimenez Brazzel |                               | Tennessee Performing Arts Center      | \$15,750.00 |
| Stitched Stories: The Cloth of Jefferson Street                                            | Sandra Chandler         |                               | The Forge Nashville                   | \$15,750.00 |
| Stories for Health Equity                                                                  | Benaías Esayéas         | Black Mental Health Village   |                                       | \$15,000.00 |
| Stories That Move Us: A Generations in Motion Senior Day Art Parade                        | Kilwantae Matlock       | Senior On The Move            |                                       | \$15,000.00 |
| Studio to Hired: A Nashville Artist Career Launch Program                                  | Dhara Patel             |                               | The Aloe Family                       | \$15,375.00 |
| TAL Arts Education & Artist Advancement Initiative                                         | Stephanie Helmey        | The Tennessee Art League Inc. |                                       | \$15,000.00 |
| The 37208 Fund ART ZONE                                                                    | Shawna Clay             | The 37208 Fund                | Corner to Corner                      | \$15,750.00 |
| The Art of Belonging: Creating Calm, Connection, and Community Through Sensory Arts        | Rainbow Mosho           |                               | Healing Arts Project, Inc. (HAPI)     | \$12,750.00 |

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| The Banjo Knows the Way: A Journey Through Craft, Sound, and Cultural Reclamation | Amanda N. Ewing         |                                                                  | Friends of the William Edmondson Homesite Park & Gardens   | \$15,750.00 |
| The Black Girl Times Community Art Project: Rest, Joy, and Resilience             | Britney Drake           |                                                                  | Soul'd Creative Collective                                 | \$15,750.00 |
| The Black Opry Hall of Fame                                                       | Holly G                 |                                                                  | Unmanageable                                               | \$15,750.00 |
| The Children's Book Project                                                       | Brandon Van Leer        |                                                                  | Creative Girls Rock                                        | \$15,750.00 |
| The Expressive Body                                                               | Emma Morrison           |                                                                  | DancEast Collective                                        | \$15,750.00 |
| The Focus Project: Youth Storytelling Council                                     | Sean Smith              |                                                                  | Southern Word                                              | \$15,750.00 |
| The Glass Reflections Project with Glassville TN                                  | Martha Morales Purucker |                                                                  | Actors Bridge Esemble                                      | \$14,750.00 |
| The Power Mag                                                                     | Mariah Phillips         |                                                                  | Mosaic Changemakers                                        | \$15,750.00 |
| The Rest is Commentary                                                            | Alex Shor               |                                                                  | Franklin Light Opera                                       | \$15,750.00 |
| The SpinLab Pro Track                                                             | Aimée Watson            |                                                                  | Helping Music Foundation                                   | \$15,750.00 |
| This Isn't Music — The Quartet Premiere                                           | Violetta Zironi         |                                                                  | Blueprint Ensemble                                         | \$15,750.00 |
| Visual Voices: Youth-Led Photography & Storytelling Project                       | Laurence Andrews        |                                                                  | DYMON in the Rough (Dynamic Young Minorities of Nashville) | \$15,750.00 |
| Voices of Resilience                                                              | Todd Lawrence           | Urban Green Lab                                                  |                                                            | \$15,000.00 |
| WINDOWS / MIRRORS: Black Queer Becoming Across Nashville and the Diaspora         | Delanyo Mensah          |                                                                  | MashUp! Nashville                                          | \$15,750.00 |
| Woven Theatre Company 10th Anniversary Season                                     | William Odum            |                                                                  | Arts and Business Council of Greater Nashville             | \$10,750.00 |
| Young Men of Distinction: Designed for the Future                                 | Brittany Paschall       | Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. (Nashville Capitol City Chapter) |                                                            | \$15,000.00 |

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| <b>Thrive Total</b> | <b>\$1,301,875</b> |
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