



METRO ARTS

NASHVILLE OFFICE OF ARTS + CULTURE

FY27 Thrive Recommendations for Funding

Project Title	Applicant Name	Organization (if applicant)	Fiscal Sponsor	Amount
"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

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 QUINONES 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

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

One rhythm many voices	Nesrin Simsek		Kurdish Culture and Music Association	\$15,750.00
Petraglitch: 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

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

Thrive Total	\$1,301,875
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