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South Central Tennessee Development District Announces
Arts Build Communities Grants

The South Central Tennessee Development District is pleased to announce 11 Arts Build Communities Grant (ABC) grant awards for art projects from non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and cities located with the following Middle Tennessee counties: Coffee, Franklin, Giles, Hickman, Lawrence, Lincoln, and Maury. Tax-exempt or non-profit organizations, private educational institutions, entities of government (such as Parks and Recreation, public libraries, public schools), and colleges and universities could apply for funds.

The ABC grant program is designed to provide support for arts projects that broaden access to arts experiences, address community quality of life issues through the arts, or enhance the sustainability of asset-based cultural enterprises, and these grants benefit over 345,000 people, including 80,000 youth, across the state each year. The district sub-grants the funds through a competitive grant process, which took place via teleconference in August. Panelists included: John Dumont, Sarah B. Gilliam, Susan E. Jones, Ross Jaynes, Michael Dumont and Sherri Hunter.

The following organizations will receive ABC grant funds ranging from \$500-\$3,500 each for a total of \$28,570. Projects for 2022-2023 include:

- Building Block School for the Arts- Matinee Minis
- Carriage House Players- Drama Camp
- City of Winchester - Chocolate Walk
- Columbia State Community College Foundation- American Watercolor Society 155th International Exhibit
- Hands on Science Center- Space Mural
- Hickman County Economic & Community Development Association- Hickman County Youth in Arts
- James K. Polk Home & Museum- Art in the Garden
- Lynnville Area Arts Association DBA Southern TN Area Arts Repertory – Adult Musical Theatre Dance Class
- Main Street Lawrenceburg- Spread the Sunshine Mural
- Mt. Pleasant Forward Foundation- Mt. Pleasant Plein Air Art Festival
- Townsend Cultural Center- Art & Craft through the Eyes of the Community

The Arts Build Communities (ABC) grant program is funded through specialty license plate sales and administered in cooperation with the Tennessee Arts Commission and the South Central

Tennessee Development District. The short-term objective of this grant is to create decentralized decision-making and distribution process for allocated grant funds. The long-term objective is to build Tennessee's communities by nurturing artists, arts organizations (including local arts agencies), and arts supporters in each of its 95 counties. For more information, visit www.sctdd.org/arts-build-communities/

The South Central Tennessee Development District (SCTDD) is an association of 35 municipal and 13 county governments in southern Middle Tennessee organized to advocate and promote economic and community development within the region. SCTDD was founded in 1972 to assist its member local governments by providing technical assistance, planning, and general staff support, and to help local governments and other groups develop projects and activities to benefit the communities and citizens of the region. The professional staff employed by SCTDD provide planning, coordination, and technical services for economic and community development, human resources, research, and information. SCTDD is governed by a 53-member Board of Directors, which delegates authority and policy-making on a day-to-day basis to a twenty-four-member Executive Committee. The Executive Committee comprises thirteen county mayors, six municipal mayors, one state senator, one state representative, and three minority representatives.
