



Sarah Huckabee Sanders
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Secretary

November 3, 2025

Senator Bill Gilmore, Senate Co-Chair
Representative Les Eaves, House Co-Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council
315 State Capitol
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Gilmore and Representative Eaves:

Attached please find a summary report of FY26 Arkansas Arts Council grants in compliance with ACA §19-4-2101.

These grants are funded through an annual State Partnership federal grant from the National Endowment for the Arts; Arkansas Conservation Tax appropriations; and a generous grant of \$175,000 from the Windgate Foundation, augmenting support for arts curriculum development and summer/after-school artist-in-residency programs. Other grants in this summary provide annual general operating support to established local arts organizations; major project support for local partnerships; and programs providing administrative and marketing skills to help visual and performing artists participate fully in Arkansas's growing creative workforce.

Applications this year were exhaustively panel- and staff-reviewed and represent the recommendations of the Governor-appointed Arts Advisory Council.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at brazier.watts@arkansas.gov, or by phone at (501) 324-9781.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Brazier Watts'.

Brazier Watts,
Acting Director, Arkansas Arts
Council

Cc: Donna Young, Chair, Arkansas Arts Advisory Council
Marty Ryall, Director, Division of Arkansas Heritage
Shea Lewis, Secretary, Arkansas Dept of Parks, Heritage & Tourism

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**DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS HERITAGE
ARKANSAS ARTS COUNCIL
FY26 Grant Funds
State/Federal/Private Foundation Dollars**

Grant Period: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

Provider/City	Area Served	Services Provided	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Funding Sources
Alma Education and Arts Foundation Alma	Northwest Arkansas	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$44,758	\$13,408	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
Argenta Community Theater North Little Rock	Statewide	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$76,792	\$24,085	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
Arkansas Arts Center dba AR Museum of Fine Arts Little Rock	Statewide	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$75,000	\$19,375	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
Arkansas Cinema Society Little Rock	Central Arkansas	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$41,730	\$10,328	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
Arkansas Craft School Mountain View	North Arkansas	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$48,981	\$16,942	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
Arkansas Repertory Theatre Little Rock	Central Arkansas	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$75,000	\$23,698	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
Arkansas Symphony Orchestra Little Rock	Statewide	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$75,000	\$19,375	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%

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Arts & Science Center for Southeast Arkansas Pine Bluff	Southeast Arkansas	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$58,876	\$20,913	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
Arts on Main Van Buren	Northwest Arkansas	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$63,372	\$21,510	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
Arts One Presents Springdale	Northwest Arkansas	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$36,237	\$10,262	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
Ballet Arkansas, Inc. Little Rock	Statewide	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$64,330	\$18,660	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
Brandon House Cultural & Performing Arts Center Little Rock	Central Arkansas	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$50,000	\$12,792	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
Community School of the Arts Fort Smith	Western Arkansas	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$49,300	\$12,577	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
Creative Arkansas Community Hub and Exchange Springdale	Northwest Arkansas	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$75,000	\$17,535	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
Fort Smith Regional Art Museum Fort Smith	Northwest Arkansas	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$43,325	\$12,786	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%

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Fort Smith Symphony Fort Smith	Western Arkansas	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$60,000	\$14,480	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
Hot Springs Doc. Film Institute Hot Springs	Statewide	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$35,443	\$10,409	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
Mount Sequoyah Center, Inc. Fayetteville	Northwest Arkansas	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$75,000	\$22,755	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
NWA Community Creative Center Fayetteville	Northwest Arkansas	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$50,743	\$16,587	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
Opera in the Ozarks Eureka Springs	Northwest Arkansas	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$65,695	\$20,092	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
RA-VE Cultural Foundation INC Bentonville	Northwest Arkansas	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$32,256	\$10,457	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
Sonny Boy Blues Society Helena	Statewide	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$56,408	\$15,532	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
South Arkansas Arts Center El Dorado	Southwest Arkansas	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$54,879	\$19,696	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%

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Symphony Orchestra of NW Arkansas Fayetteville	Northwest Arkansas	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$75,000	\$23,085	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
Thea Foundation North Little Rock	Statewide	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$66,725	\$21,441	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
The Foundation of Arts Jonesboro	Northeast Arkansas	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$69,895	\$18,976	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
The House of Songs Bentonville	Northwest Arkansas	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$41,415	\$13,170	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
The Muses, Inc (Muses Creative Artistry Project) Hot Springs	Southwest Arkansas	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$39,288	\$11,920	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
Tricycle Theatre for Youth Bentonville	Northwest Arkansas	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$68,201	\$17,646	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
Western Arkansas Ballet Fort Smith	Western Arkansas	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$31,962	\$10,643	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
Westwind School for Performing Arts North Little Rock	Central Arkansas	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$50,000	\$13,540	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%

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Wildwood Park for the Arts Little Rock	Statewide	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$38,702	\$12,533	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
Oxford American Little Rock	Nationwide	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$75,000	\$16,775	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
Texarkana Regional Arts & Humanities Council Texarkana	Southwest Arkansas	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$68,295	\$16,825	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
Texarkana Symphony Orchestra Texarkana	Statewide	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$75,000	\$20,150	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
TheatreSquared Fayetteville	Northwest Arkansas	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$75,000	\$19,925	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
Walton Arts Center Fayetteville	Northwest Arkansas	Provides general operating funds for administrative expenses	\$75,000	\$17,450	State General Revenue-23% State Special Revenue from Conservation Tax-77%
ALLPS School of Innovation (Fayetteville School District) Fayetteville	Northwest Arkansas	For artist residencies in area schools	\$18,700	\$18,700	Windgate Foundation Funds-25% Federal Revenue-75%
Arkansas Children's Hospital Foundation Little Rock	Statewide	For artist residencies provided to young patients and their families	\$40,000	\$40,000	Windgate Foundation Funds-25% Federal Revenue-75%

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Arkansas Symphony Orchestra Society, Inc. Little Rock	Statewide	For artist residencies in area schools	\$39,896	\$36,497	Windgate Foundation Funds-25% Federal Revenue-75%
Arts on Main- (Center for Art & Education) Van Buren	Northwest Arkansas	For artist residencies in area schools	\$40,000	\$36,200	Windgate Foundation Funds-25% Federal Revenue-75%
Batesville Area Arts Council Batesville	Northwest Arkansas	For artist residencies in area schools	\$20,000	\$19,800	Windgate Foundation Funds-25% Federal Revenue-75%
Canvas Seven Foundation Little Rock	Central Arkansas	For artist residencies in area schools	\$40,000	\$35,000	Windgate Foundation Funds-25% Federal Revenue-75%
Chamber Music Society of Little Rock Little Rock	Central Arkansas	For artist residencies in area schools and teacher training	\$10,000	\$10,000	Windgate Foundation Funds-25% Federal Revenue-75%
Cre8ive Arts Network Mulberry	Northwest Arkansas	For artist residencies in area schools and teacher training	\$16,000	\$15,520	Windgate Foundation Funds- 25% Federal Revenue-75%
Arkansas Learning Through the Arts Hot Springs Village	Central Arkansas	For artist residencies in area schools	\$40,000	\$34,200	Federal Revenue-100%

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Methodist Family Health Foundation Little Rock	Central Arkansas	For artist residencies provided to young patients	\$15,050	\$14,448	Federal Revenue-100%
Museum of Discovery Little Rock	Central Arkansas	For artist residencies at the museum	\$40,000	\$36,600	Federal Revenue-100%
Sonny Boy Blues Society Helena	Statewide	For artist residencies in schools	\$40,000	\$39,200	Federal Revenue-100%
South Arkansas Arts Center El Dorado	Southwest Arkansas	For artist residencies in area schools and teacher training	\$40,000	\$36,600	Federal Revenue-100%
Texarkana Regional Arts & Humanities Council Texarkana	Southwest Arkansas	For artist residencies in area schools and teacher training	\$40,000	\$34,200	Federal Revenue-100%
TheatreSquared Fayetteville	Northwest Arkansas	For artist residencies in area schools	\$40,000	\$36,600	Federal Revenue-100%
UA Foundation – UAMS Little Rock	Central Arkansas	For artist residencies in area schools and teacher training	\$40,000	\$39,600	Federal Revenue-100%

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Walton Arts Center Fayetteville	Northwest Arkansas	For artist residencies in area schools and teacher training	\$40,000	\$37,000	Federal Revenue-100%
TOTALS			\$2,717,254	\$1,138,498	