


**METRO ARTS**  
NASHVILLE OFFICE OF ARTS + CULTURE
**Metro Arts FY26 Thrive Grant Awards**

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Applicant or Organization Name</b>	<b>Total Grant Amount</b>
1979	Jessika Malone	\$15,750
"Chipping Away" Documentary Screenings and Interactive Community Conversations	Mark Schlicher	\$15,750
"Plates & Palettes: Nashville's Global Feast"	Israel Garcia	\$15,750
"there goes the point" Dance Film	Delaney McKay House	\$15,750
"Flowers as Art" community workshop series with Building Life Opportunities and Options for Mothers (BLOOM)	Building Life Opportunities and Options for Mothers	\$15,000
"Write What You Know"	Christan Riley	\$15,750
23rd and Osage Block Party	D'arayah Brown	\$15,750
37208 Fund Art Zone	Shawna Clay	\$15,750
A Love Ever on the Altar	Meaghan Hall	\$15,750
A love letter to my community	Safiyat Aminu	\$5,230
A Reason To Believe	Andee Rudloff	\$15,750
A Shared Table: An Art Exhibition	Friends Life Community	\$15,000
ABC Amigos: Animals That Bring Us Together	Mike Quinones	\$15,750
Afterlife (working title) -- An Immersive Performance Art Experience	Sarah Saturday	\$15,750
Amm Skellars' Full Length Musical	Hannah Dorfman	\$15,750
Amplifying Healing Through Written Word Performance	Silent No Longer Tennessee	\$6,667
Art of Belonging	The Branch of Nashville	\$15,000
Arte para todos: Building community through participatory art workshops	Workers' Dignity Project	\$15,000
Asian and Pacific Islander Arts and Cultural Programming	API Middle Tennessee	\$15,000
Black Mythology Project: Performance Art Activation	Stephen Joel Watts	\$15,750
Black on Buchanan	The Equity Alliance	\$15,000

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Blackout Cypher	Gideon's Army	\$15,000
Blood on My Hands, Fish in My Veins	Sai Clayton	\$15,750
Bringing Art and Health Together through Storytelling and Theater	Cynthia Harris	\$15,750
Bubblegum's House of Broken Hearts	Jack Stell	\$15,750
C.O.D.E.: Cultural Origins Design Exchange	Kamilah Sanders	\$15,750
Celebration of Cultures: CARNIVAL!	NIA House Montessori School	\$13,800
Chinese Drumming Infusion - stimulates creativity, outreach communities and connecting local arts and culture	Jen-Jen Lin	\$15,750
Creative Pulse: Arts'N Antioch 2026	Saraya Charlton	\$15,750
Def as Resistance — The Rhythm of Women	Nesrin Simsek	\$15,750
Disappearing Act	Hayley Maurer	\$15,750
Divine Intervention Zines / DIZines	Rhu Blue	\$15,750
Drummer Boy	Windship Boyd	\$15,750
Emociones De Colores	Andrés Bustamante	\$15,750
Ephemera of Desire	Rachael Steward	\$15,750
From Here: an AAPI Showcase	Chris Kang	\$15,750
Germantown Sculpture Garden Celebration	Germantown Historic Neighborhood Association	\$15,000
Intro to Interactive Media Art 101	John Holmes	\$15,750
It Ain't Over - Comedy for Seniors	Leslie Townsend	\$15,750
Liminoid AI: An Experimental Exhibition introducing Multimedia Techno-Whimsy	Chris Bandy	\$10,750
MADE Foundation: Render Exhibition	Taylor Fair	\$15,750
Nashville Music Boost: Industry Insights & Nashville Beat Battle Series	Jarrel Pierson	\$15,750
Nashville Women in Jazz, Redefining the Standards : A Concert Series	Alayna Anderson	\$15,750

Nashville Youth Jazz Ensemble Community Concert Series	Nashville Youth Jazz Ensemble	\$10,900
Nocturne Dance	Delaine Dobbs	\$15,750
Northeast Star Collective: A Community Story in Four Acts	Christina Odessa Thomas	\$15,750
Oasis Advocacy Calendar 2027	Oasis Center, Inc	\$15,000
One Humanity, Many Colors Community Art workshops	Ruben Torres-Rodriguez	\$15,750
Our Place Nashville Partners with GlassvilleTN	Martha Morales Purucker	\$15,750
OutGaze Spoken Word Showcase & Anthology	Déjana Matthews	\$15,750
Paint The Way: Nashville	Acacia Barron	\$15,750
Paz Suay: Anew Blossoming	Maria de la Paz Suay Tejon	\$15,676
Play It Forward Recording Sessions and Mix It Up Showcase Concert Series	Music Neighbors	\$15,000
Project V.O.I.C.E. - Voices of Immigrants Communicating Empowerment	Nashville International Center for Empowerment	\$15,000
Revival sessions: Creating songs of the people	Timoth "Trina" Hewell	\$15,750
Rocklife Youth Film Festival	Rocklife Youth	\$15,000
Satellite Dance Presents: Dark Side of the Moon	Satellite Dance Inc.	\$15,000
Seen and Heard	Choosing Justice Initiative	\$15,000
Senior [seated] Dance Class	Lyle Oberman	\$15,750
Silver Songs	Timbre Cierpke	\$15,750
Songs for Today: Everybody Has A Story	Allison Jiménez Brazzel	\$15,750
Souls of St. Cloud Hill: Living History Tour	Deyonna Fairbanks	\$15,750
Spin & Spark	Aimee Watson	\$15,750
Stay in Touch	Hannah McCarthy	\$15,750
Stitch Society- The Prom Dress Project	Leah Langley-McClean	\$15,750
Stories That Stand: Pop-Up Performances and Women's Storytelling Across Nashville	Nina Adel	\$15,750

Summer of Soul'd: Community Art Block Party	Soul'd Creative Collective	\$15,000
The Art of Care	Anne Veal	\$15,750
The Banjo Knows the Way	Amanda N. Ewing	\$15,750
The Hero's Journey	Erihii Nyamor	\$15,750
The L.O.V.E. Academy Youth Empowerment Camps	Kim Albritton	\$15,750
The McGruder (Art) Access (Art) project	Courtney Adair Johnson	\$15,750
The Mink Slide Feature Film Experience: From Page to Stage	Owen Woodard	\$15,750
The Nashville Bi Diaries Project + Trans Day of Visibility Community Portrait Project	Emily Allen	\$15,750
The Nashville Cypher Story	Miriam Kraatz	\$15,750
The Nina Project	Cory Roroya	\$15,750
The Quiet Voice's (TQV) Youth Summer Arts Workshop Series	The Quiet Voice	\$10,000
The Sound Builders Lab	Justin Merritt	\$15,750
Touched By Sun: Wellness Series	Crystal Moise	\$15,750
Unbroken: A Radical Celebration of Black Girl Magic	Simone McCord	\$15,750
Urban Writers Rounds	Thalia Ewing	\$15,750
Voices In Verse	Randy Taylor	\$15,750
Voices of Resilience	Urban Green Lab	\$15,000
Voices Unheard - Art for Change	Daniel Holmes	\$15,750
Watercolor Exploration, Enthusiasm and Exhibition	Marie Hindman	\$15,750
X-PACs: Portable Shelter Solutions For The Unhoused	Danielle Myers	\$15,750