

BGCF365 - 2020/2021 Arts and Culture Grant Recipients

Organization Name	Mission	Grant Award Amount
Central Music Academy	<p>The Central Music Academy's mission is to provide economically disadvantaged children with free one-on-one musical training. At CMA, we believe that music can take you anywhere--it can change lives, transform communities and make the unimaginable possible. CMA is both a solid foundation and a springboard for our students to realize their untapped potential. The education they receive here provides stability and mentorship, developing musical skills but also increasing discipline, self-esteem and creative thinking that can be carried into their communities and through the rest of their lives—empowering them through music.</p> <p>To receive free lessons at CMA, students must be between the ages of 8 and 18 and qualify for free/reduced lunches at school. CMA is located in Lexington's West End, where more than 80% of students qualify for free/reduced lunch. Currently, 15% of CMA's students come from the West End, 80% from other parts of Fayette County, and 5% from adjacent counties.</p>	\$10,000
Allegro Dance Project, Inc.	<p>Our mission is to educate, entertain and inspire new audiences through our contemporary dance company and through our outreach program, serving children with special needs. WE MOVE TO MOVE YOU!</p> <p>Allegro Dance Project was founded to make the art of dance more accessible and to serve the most under-served youth population in our community. Our Inclusive Dance Outreach provides dance training for children with Down Syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorder, behavioral needs, developmental delays and other specific needs, with an additional focus on children from low-to-moderate income households. Weekly Adaptive Dance classes are also offered to provide the opportunity for yearlong study in a traditional studio setting.</p> <p>Finally, Allegro Dance Project presents exciting performance events each season featuring contemporary dance, original live music, and aerial/circus arts. Participants of our Inclusive and Adaptive programs are invited to perform alongside our professional company dancers.</p>	\$7,500
Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning	<p>The Carnegie Center is a community learning and literary arts center that empowers people to explore and express their voices through imaginative learning and the literary arts. While most program participants live in Lexington (85-90%), last year we also served people from 43 Kentucky counties. With our expansion to online programming during the pandemic, we've also attracted class attendees from 36 other states and Puerto Rico. Our programs serve a diverse community, including children and adults of all ages, races, and income levels. Programs are designed for beginning to mastery-level learners. The Carnegie Center is viewed as a neutral environment where the state's established and emerging literary artists feel welcome to express new and divergent concerns involving such issues as freedom of speech, racial injustices, and sexual orientation. We remove barriers to learning through free events and classes and scholarships to those with low fees.</p>	\$2,500
On the Move Art Studio	<p>On The Move Art Studio provides free art lessons to under-served youth. We bring art lessons to them in our vintage camper mobile art studio. Through art, we build our artists' resiliency by teaching problem-solving, critical thinking, and social skills in a supportive environment.</p> <p>We partner with area organizations to offer in-school and after school art classes in public schools. In addition, we provide lessons at the Fayette County Detention Center. Finally, we attend community events and summer camps.</p> <p>Primarily, we serve Fayette County and the surrounding counties.</p> <p>Our primary target audience is under-served youth, ages 5-18.</p>	\$2,500

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Lexington Philharmonic	<p>The Lexington Philharmonic (LexPhil) has been a catalyst for Kentucky culture and artistic expression for almost sixty years, serving central, eastern and southern Kentucky. LexPhil is a strong example of how a small orchestral organization can make a big impact by presenting the highest level of artistry and initiating diverse and engaging program and participation opportunities. LexPhil presented over 170 concerts and educational programs each year and offers extensive programs for children and students, impacting approximately 20,000 young people last year (pre-COVID-19).</p> <p>VISION: LexPhil believes in the transformative power of live orchestral music and envisions a culture of curiosity for the creation and performance of great music and the essential role it plays in a vibrant community and education system.</p> <p>VALUES: LexPhil is guided by an unwavering commitment to its core values of artistic excellence, innovation, collaboration and accessibility.</p>	\$2,500
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