



COUNCIL ON CULTURE & ARTS | TALLAHASSEE/LEON COUNTY

FY24 Grant Program Report | NEA Awards | Approved 12.07.2023

For the FY24 COCA grant program, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) generously granted \$30,000 for use in support of COCA’s grant program for local community grants that do not qualify for-tourism development tax (TDT). Of this award, \$25,200 can be allocated for regranting to three organizations that did not apply for TDT-funded grants in the FY24 Cultural Grant program round.

COCA continues to work with the City of Tallahassee and Leon County to determine funding availability for the remainder of the FY24 City Grant awards.

Of the 24 remaining applications in this round, 100% of these organizations have received a Cultural Grant, Cultural Tourism Marketing Grant, or both a Cultural Grant and a Cultural Tourism Marketing Grant in the FY24 grant round.

Cultural Grant (Community) Program - Program Summary

Application Summary	Award Summary
28 applications received	15 applicants funded at 100%
All applications reviewed by COCA Grants Manager and Executive Director	10 applicants funded at 90%
1 application deemed ineligible for COCA funds and withdrawn	2 applicants funded at 80%
27 eligible applications reviewed by panel	0 applicants not funded
	27 awards totaling \$237,800
3 applications for the Cultural Grant (Community) Program only	1 recommended for funding at 100% 2 recommended for funding at 90% Adjusted by 10% for available NEA funding
	24 applications remain, totaling \$212,600

Grant program principles:

ACCESS: Offer opportunities for eligible organizations to apply for both of our grant programs.

EQUITY: Ensure funds are available for all programs and distributed through an equitable process that allows as many grantees as possible access to funds.

SUPPORT: Balance resource allocation to long-time grantees of the program with opportunities for new grantees

FLEXIBILITY: Balance the requirements of the programs with streamlined processes that will simplify the application process while keeping existing compliances in place. This will allow organizations the flexibility to respond to new programmatic realities and needs.

City Grant – NEA Funded

#	Organization Name	City Priority	Award
FY24CG2-03	PAS DE VIE, INC.+	TDT-ineligible, Underserved	\$10,000
		Adjusted for NEA funding	\$9,000

In order to present noteworthy performances, Pas de Vie must ensure that our performance venue, lighting and sets are of the highest quality. This will allow students to present their best performances that will expose the community to the art of dance and inspire current and future dancers. Reimbursement of the requested expenses associated with rental of Lee Hall Auditorium for The Nutcracker will enable Pas de Vie to expand its offerings to reintroduce events and performances that have not be possible due to the losses incurred as a result of the pandemic. Pas de Vie plans to resume joint performances of Peter and the Wolf with the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra, introducing local children and families to both ballet and symphonic performances.

FY24CG2-16	Cool Breeze Art and Smooth Jazz Festival Railroad Square, Inc.*	BIPOC, TDT-ineligible, Underserved	\$9,000
		Adjusted for NEA funding	\$8,100

The program is a series of Music Enrichment Cultural Workshops held in conjunction with Teenpreneur Foundation designed to afford inner-city youth instruction and participatory experience in instrumental music theory, composition, business ownership, and performance, instilling personal cultural pride through music enrichment and jazz appreciation. The scope or planned program activities consists of yearly youth music clinic/workshops focusing on American music history and the evolution of music from the past to today with a core skills set focus on the business of music and entrepreneurship.

FY24CG2-17	Florida State Fiddlers Association	TDT-ineligible, Underserved	\$9,000
		Adjusted for NEA funding	\$8,100

The Florida Youth Jam initiative is central to our mission of promoting traditional fiddle music in Florida. The Tallahassee Youth Jam is serving as a pilot program for this project which we hope will eventually be offered across the entire state of Florida. The Tallahassee Youth Jam will offer free bi-weekly workshops, teaching traditional music associated with our region (old time, bluegrass and Celtic music) to area youth. Instructors will be recognized tradition bearers and trained educators.

Total			\$25,200
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