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## Charles County Arts Alliance Awards \$65,741 in Grants for Arts Programs to Area Schools and Organizations



**Arts in Education Grant Recipients (Schools)**



**Community Arts Development Grant  
Recipients (Nonprofit Organizations)**

## 17 Schools and 16 Nonprofit Organizations Receive Funds for 2018-2019

On Saturday, November 17, 2018, the Charles County Arts Alliance awarded \$60,741 in Arts Grants to 17 area schools and 16 nonprofit organizations to enhance their programs in the fields of visual, performance and literary arts. The funds will be used to present a myriad of cultural programs and events in Charles County, as well as workshops, demonstrations, concerts, theatrical performances, international programs and literary development.

In addition, \$5,000 was awarded to the Charles County Board of Education to fund a project to bring in clinicians and artists to work with the middle and high school bands, orchestras, and choirs in preparation for performance assessment concerts. This program was funded with great success in the previous school year, with the decision between the Arts Alliance and the Board of Education to continue the same opportunity for a second year.

The Grants were presented at the Arts Alliance's Annual Grantee, Membership and

Public Gala, held at the Old Waldorf School. Over 100 guests joined in the celebration, enjoying music by the Gretchen Richie Jazz Cabaret and delicious food by Rucci's.

The Arts Grant Program has been the focal point of the Arts Alliance since the volunteer nonprofit organization was founded in 1987. The purpose of the Program is to enhance the quality of cultural life for the citizens of Charles County, and help make it a more vibrant, exciting and diverse place to live. The grants are awarded on an annual competitive basis following an application process and review by the Arts Alliance Grant Committee, comprised of Board members and local citizens.

Congratulations to the FY 2019 CCAA Grant Recipients:

### **Arts in Education Grants**

Archbishop Neale School  
Arthur Middleton Elementary School  
Benjamin Stoddert Middle School  
Dr. Gustavus Brown Elementary School  
Dr. James Craik Elementary School  
Dr. Thomas L. Higdon Elementary School  
Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Elementary School  
Gale-Bailey Elementary School  
Grace Christian Academy  
Grace Lutheran Church and School  
Henry E. Lackey High School  
J.C. Parks Elementary School  
Malcolm Elementary School  
Mary H. Matula Elementary School  
Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy Elementary School  
St. Charles Children's Learning Center  
Westlake High School

### **Community Arts Development Grants**

Charles County Department of Community Services,  
Aging & Human Services  
Charles County Freedom Landing  
Charles County Public Library  
Charles County Youth Orchestra  
Chesapeake Choral Arts Society  
College of Southern Maryland  
College of Southern Maryland Foundation  
Friends of Chapman State Park  
Korean American Cultural Arts Foundation  
Life Journeys Writers Guild  
Mattawoman Creek Art Center  
Music Teachers Association of Charles County  
Nanjemoy Community Center  
Port Tobacco Players  
Southern Maryland Carousel Group  
Steam Onward

The Arts Alliance sponsors many other programs throughout the year for local residents, such as five public gallery spaces, art boxes for elementary students, the ArtsFest annual arts festival, and its weekly free *Arts Newsflash* that keeps citizens informed of upcoming arts and cultural events and activities. For more information on the Arts Alliance, contact the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, [info@charlescountyarts.org](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org), or [www.charlescountyarts.org](http://www.charlescountyarts.org).

