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Charles County Arts Alliance Awards Over \$76,000 in Grants



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



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

40 Organizations Receive Funds to Enhance Their Art Programs

On Saturday, November 16, the Charles County Arts Alliance held its Annual Gala to award \$71,334 to 21 area schools and 18 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 two previous school years, with the decision between the Arts Alliance and the Board of Education to continue the same opportunity for a third year.

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 2020 Grant Recipients:

Arts In Education Grants

Archbishop Neale School

Arthur Middleton Elementary School
Benjamin Stoddert Middle School
Berry Elementary School
Charles County Board of Education
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 Lutheran Church and School
Indian Head Elementary School
J.C. Parks Elementary School
John Hanson Middle School
J.P. Ryon Elementary School
Malcolm Elementary School
Mary B. Neal Elementary School
Mary H. Matula Elementary School
North Point High School
St. Charles Children's Learning Center
St. Charles High School
Walter J. Mitchell Elementary School

Community Arts Development Grants

Charles County Department of Aging and Human Resources
Charles County Freedom Landing
Charles County Public Library
Charles County Youth Orchestra
Chesapeake Choral Arts Society
Children's Voices of Southern Maryland
Christ Church, La Plata
College of Southern Maryland
College of Southern Maryland Foundation
Friends of Chapman State Park
Ivy and Pearls of Southern Maryland Community Charities
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
Steam Onward

The mission of the Charles County Arts Alliance is to stimulate, promote, encourage and provide recognition of the arts and the creative spirit in Charles County. Funding for the grants was provided by the Maryland State Arts Council and, in part, by the Charles County Charitable Trust. For more information about the Arts Alliance, visit www.charlescountyarts.org.